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Priory Junior School, Priory Road, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 3LE
Head Teacher: Mr. J. Cross

Newsletter – 22.5.26

Key Dates:

Thursday 18th June – OPAL Parents' Morning

Tuesday 23rd June: Sports' Day

Wednesday 24th June: Friday 26th June: Y6 Bushcraft Residential

Tuesday 30th June: 4TW National Justice Museum Trip (Attendance Award)

Wednesday 1st July: Y3 Creswell Craggs Trip

Wednesday 1st – Thursday 2nd July: Carlton Academy Transition Day (Y6)

Thursday 2nd – Friday 3rd July: Carlton-le-Willows Transition Day (Y6)

Thursday 2nd July – Whole School Transition Day (Meet your new teacher)

Friday 3rd July: INSET DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL

Thursday 9th July – Whole School Transition Day (Meet your new teacher)

Tuesday 14th July: Y6 Production

Friday 17th July: Reports out to parents

Monday 20th July: Y6 Prom

Despite the rather wet weather this week, the children have made the most of every opportunity to enjoy themselves, with plenty of muddy, puddly fun bringing smiles across the school. We were also delighted to come together for our Celebration Assembly, where we recognised children who have been showing our PRIDE values in action — a huge well done to all those celebrated. Finally, congratulations to our Year 4 children, who completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week with great focus and determination; they should be very proud of all their hard work. As always, it's a pleasure to share with you some amazing things that are happening at Priory, so I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter this week.

OPAL Parent Play Day – Wednesday 18th June

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our **OPAL Parent Play Day** on the morning of **Thursday 18th June**. This will be a lovely opportunity to hear more about our OPAL journey so far, see the children's play in action and find out what is coming next as we continue to develop our outdoor play provision. Families will have the chance to tour our play zones, watch the children using equipment and loose parts creatively, and





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join us for our whole-school morning play. There will also be information in the hall about how families can support OPAL through donations, fundraising ideas or future volunteer days. We look forward to sharing this exciting part of school life with you.

OPAL

The wet weather has certainly not stopped the children making the most of OPAL playtimes this week. In fact, it has added even more excitement, with brushes, soap and water becoming a brilliant part of the children's creative play. As the photos show, the children have been working together, inventing their own games and finding new ways to use the resources available to them. The "music studio" area has also been a real success, giving children the chance to explore sound, rhythm and performance as part of their play.

We are also very excited to share the amazing new swings in the front garden, which have already been a huge hit. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying them so much, while also continuing to think about how to use our OPAL spaces safely, respectfully and imaginatively.



Y6 Bakery Project

As part of their learning, Year 6 have been putting their mathematical skills into practice through the exciting Y6 Bakery Project. The children have planned their own products, used ratios to work out ingredient quantities, calculated costs, and explored profit and loss to help create their bakes.

The finished products - ranging from cheesecakes to Gluten Free Rocky Road - will be available for pupils to purchase on **Thursday 18th (sold by 6B)** and **Friday 19th June (sold by 6F)** during break times. This will replace the usual Snack Bar on these days.

Prices will range from **£1.00 to £2.00**. Please send children in with money if they would like to purchase one of the delicious bakes. All money raised will support our fundraising for OPAL - our next step is for a sandpit.





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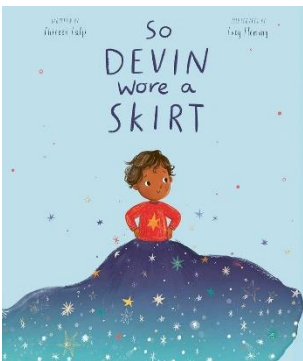
Remember: all parents are invited to the OPAL parent meeting at 9:15am on Thursday 18th June 2026, where Y6 will be involved in selling cakes and preloved toys.

The Bank and Shop is Open



We are very excited to open the shop again, giving children the opportunity to spend their well-earned PRIDES on a range of treats and rewards. PRIDES are our school currency, awarded when children show fantastic effort, learning behaviours and our PRIDE values in action: Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality. Children can choose whether to spend their PRIDES in the shop or continue saving them in the bank, helping them to think carefully about their choices while celebrating the hard work, kindness and determination they show across school. A huge well done to everyone who has earned PRIDES this term — we hope the children enjoy choosing their rewards!

What I'm reading this week



This week, I have been reading *So Devin Wore a Skirt* by Shireen Lalji, illustrated by Lucy Fleming. This is a warm and thoughtful picture book about Devin, who is getting ready for a special family celebration and discovers an outfit that makes him feel wonderful. The story gently explores the importance of being yourself, feeling accepted and having the confidence to express who you are. It is a lovely book for opening up conversations with children about individuality, kindness and celebrating difference, linking beautifully with our PRIDE values of Respect and Equality.

Wellbeing



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This week's wellbeing signpost is NottAlone, a local website offering mental health advice and help for young people across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. It brings together information, guidance and links to support in one place, making it easier for children, young people and families to find the right help when they need it. There is a dedicated section for parents and carers, with advice on a wide range of topics including anxiety, low mood, bereavement, bullying, friendships, self-esteem and online safety. At Priory, we know that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health, and resources like NottAlone can help families start conversations, find reassurance and know where to turn for further support.

<https://nottalone.org.uk/>

As always, thank you for your continued support. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying another busy week in school, showing our PRIDE values in their learning, play and friendships. We hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr Cross

