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Newsletter – 14.7.26

Key Dates:

Tuesday 14th July: Y6 Production

Friday 17th July: Reports out to parents

Monday 20th July: Y6 Prom

It has been a little while since our last newsletter, so please accept my apologies for the gap. As ever, school life has been incredibly busy, with so much taking place both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for taking the time to read and keep up to date with everything happening at Priory. In this edition, we will be sharing some of the many highlights from recent weeks, celebrating the achievements of our children and looking ahead to the exciting events still to come.

Nott Alone Trip



Four pupils from Years 5 and 6 recently represented our school at the NottAlone Mental Health and Wellbeing Event. They enjoyed taking part in a range of activities designed to promote positive mental health, resilience and wellbeing, while also learning about the many local organisations that are available to support children and families. The children came back with lots of useful information, free resources and ideas that they are excited to share with their classmates.





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Mapperley Golf Club Trip – Attendance Award



A huge well done to 4B, who recently enjoyed a very special visit to Mapperley Golf Club as a reward for their fantastic attendance.

The children began the day with breakfast before having the opportunity to test their skills on the golf simulator. They then received expert coaching from the club professional, learning more about the game and practising in and around the putting green.

We could not have been prouder of the children. Their behaviour, manners and enthusiasm were exceptional throughout the visit, and they represented Priory brilliantly. They listened carefully, encouraged one another and made the most of every opportunity.

A very big thank you to Mapperley Golf Club for welcoming us so warmly and providing this wonderful experience completely free of charge. It was an incredibly generous gesture and a memorable reward for a thoroughly deserving class.

Well done, 4B—you were absolutely fantastic!

A Brilliant Season for Our Girls' Football Team

A huge well done to our amazing girls' football team following the end of a brilliant season!

The girls have represented Priory superbly throughout the year, showing fantastic determination, teamwork and respect in every match. Their confidence and skills have continued to grow, and it has been wonderful to see them support and encourage one another both on and off the pitch.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and of the positive attitude they have shown throughout the season. A big thank you also goes to everyone who has coached, supported and cheered the team on along the way, especially Mr. Foster.

Well done, girls—you have been fantastic ambassadors for Priory!





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Talking of Mr. Foster – Staffing Updates

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to share a couple of important staffing updates with you.

On Friday, we will be saying goodbye for now to Miss Gilbert as she begins her maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the very best as she starts this exciting new chapter, and we hope she enjoys every moment of the special journey ahead.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Foster, who will be leaving Priory to take on a new challenge much closer to home. Mr Foster has made a valuable contribution to school life, and we would like to thank him for everything he has done during his time with us. He has led our sport, our house captains and our after school clubs brilliantly... and now we're going to need to find someone new to lead the 5k race in the Autumn. Let me know if you fancy it before it falls on my shoulders!

Please see below for our staffing structure and plans for the next academic year.



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Staffing – 2026/27				
Y3	3F	Charlotte Farnsworth (1.0 FTE)	3TM	Jo Tilling (0.6 – M, Tu, W) ** Hannah Mahmood (0.4 – W, Th, Fr)
	Support: Sally Page (4), Kirsty Wood (3)			
Y4	4W	Helen Wright (0.6 – M, W, Th) Jack Cross/Holly Edwards* (0.4 Tu, Fr)		
	Support: Katy Ross – 1:1 KY (2), Simon Rocco (4)			
Y5	5D	Josie Day (0.8 – Mo, Tu, Th, Fr) Cara Russell (0.2 – We)	5B	Paige Bracken (1.0)
	Support: Cara Russell (4), Annie Hill (2)			
Y6	6B	Lucy Arkley-Brown (1.0 FTE)	6F	Christie Brown (0.6 – M, Tu, W) Lisa Burger (0.4 – Th, Fr)
	Support: Sarah Morley (4), Olga Pottle (4), Mel Simpson (3)			

End-of-Year Reports

End-of-year reports will be sent home on Friday.

Year 6 reports will be sent slightly later, on Tuesday 21 July, due to a delay in receiving the SATs results. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

What I'm Reading

This week, I am reading *You Belong Here* by M.H. Clark—a beautifully illustrated and reassuring picture book about belonging, love and finding our place in the world.

The book travels through nature, showing how animals, plants, the moon and the stars all belong somewhere special. At the heart of the book is a simple but powerful message for every child: you are important, you are loved and you belong exactly where you are.

It is a calm, comforting read with a message that connects wonderfully with our Priory values, particularly Respect and Equality.

Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read and for your continued support.

Our next newsletter will be the final one of the academic year, when we will look back on some of the highlights from the year and celebrate all that our children have achieved.

Mr Cross





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FREE ENTRY

 **PRIORY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 17TH JULY
3:30PM - 5:30PM

TICKET 1524396

Stalls

Games, Rainbow Raffle, Cakes, 3D
Printed toys, Water or Wine, Facepaint &
Glitter Tattoos, Burgers and Hotdogs,
Stocks plus many more.

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FOUNDED IN 1893

AFFILIATED TO THE
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2026 SUMMER SHOW

AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS
LOWDHAM

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
31ST AUGUST
1PM**

ENTRANCE TO SHOW GROUND
£3

Children under 16 yrs. of age
FREE

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YOUNG PEOPLE CLASSES

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - £2.50. 2nd - £2.00 3rd - £1.50.

Age **must** be stated and exhibits can only be judged in the appropriate age group.

5 Years and Under

- 72. A folded paper mirror butterfly painting
- 73. A necklace using dried pasta
- 74. An animal made from fruit and/or vegetables
- 75. 3 decorated cup cakes (can be shop bought plain cakes)

The **LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW WINNER CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 5 years and under classes.

6 - 11 Years

- 76. A miniature garden in a seed tray
- 77. A decorated stone
- 78. A ginger bread family presented on a paper plate
- 79. A diorama of a favourite story using a shoe box

The **MCALPINE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 6 - 11 years classes.

12 - 16 Years

- 80. A homemade card to celebrate a special occasion.
- 81. A dream catcher using any materials
- 82. 3 chocolate brownies (own recipe)
- 83. An arrangement of summer flowers/ foliage in an unusual container

The **LOWDHAM SILVER PLATE** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 12 - 16 classes.

The **VIV BUSHELL TROPHY** will be awarded to the young person who has grown the best Teddy Bear sunflower (provided by the Society).

