



School Newsletter



SUMMER 2 EDITION

As we come to the end of this academic year, we would like to thank our amazing pupils, families and staff for being such an important part of the Priestsic family. This year has been challenging for all, but it has shown what a fantastic community we are all lucky enough to be a part of. As our wonderful Year 6 pupils move onto secondary school, we wish them nothing but happiness. You are ready for the next part of your exciting journey, and it has been a privilege to have been on that journey with you. Have a lovely summer break, and we'll see you all in September!

Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Small

Dates for the diary:

- Monday 1st September 2025 - Admin Day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 - Inset Day
- Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Start of the new school year for pupils
- Monday 3rd November 2025 - Inset Day
- Monday 5th January 2026 - Inset Day
- Monday 27th July 2026 - Inset Day

Artist in Residence

We have been lucky enough to secure the time, skills and talents of an artist in residence, photographer Dean Leivers. Dean has been working with Year 3 on a photography project based on our School Values.

The results of this fantastic project will hopefully be displayed around school in the near future. Watch this space!



Sports Day

This week, all children from Foundation 2 to Year 6 have competed in Sports Days. They all tried their best and represented school brilliantly!

Well done to all!



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Transition

Year 6 visited their secondary schools last week on very successful transition days. They have met their tutors and have taken part in various lessons that they will experience next year as Year 7s. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 cohort and all they have achieved this year - we are looking forward to their final week filled with fun activities before we say a sad farewell next Friday.

Pupils in Foundation 2 have taken part in their graduation before they continue their journey into Year 1.



Sport Competitions

This term, we participated in a Year 3/4 Next Level Sports Handball tournament. Not only did our fantastic children show impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, but they also demonstrated great skill and teamwork. Their efforts culminated in a fantastic 1st place finish for our school. Well done to these children for working so hard and bringing the trophy back to our school!



We also had a friendly Year 6 girls' football match. It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic and supportive group of girls having an absolute blast playing football. For some of these girls, this was their first ever football match — but they could have fooled us, displaying such passion and a fantastic willingness to get involved. Go Priestsic!



Our final football match of the 2024-2025 academic year has been played by our football team — and what a match it was! This friendly against Dalestorth's B team was full of goals, skills, and thrills. Thank you for being part of history as we close out our first year of having a Priestsic football team for a number of years. You have paved the way for many future Priestsic teams to find their own joy and success playing football for our school.



If anyone would like to make any donations towards Mrs Stamp's Kindness Garden, please speak to the office. Many thanks.



Bikeability

During Summer 2, Year 6 pupils have taken part in the Bikeability scheme. Bikeability gives children the skills and knowledge to be safe on our roads whilst out and about on bikes.

'It was good because I got to do level 2. I really enjoyed it. I learnt how to safely bike on the roads and signal' - Alfie Year 6



Celebrating Attendance at Priestsic:

Key Stage 1 superstar class with the highest consistent attendance for the academic year goes to...

Year 1 - Miss Flint

Lower Key Stage 2 superstar class with the highest consistent attendance for the academic year goes to...

Year 3 - Mrs Harrison/Miss Jackson

Upper Key Stage 2 superstar class with the highest consistent attendance for the academic year goes to...

Year 5- Mr Clay

☆ All 3 classes will be rewarded with an extra playtime and ice-lollies
Well done to all!

AREP

As a school, we are really excited to announce our new Anti-Racism Education Programme. Children across all year groups will be part of a 6 week programme in the Autumn term. This will be taught through 3 books which are age appropriate. Mrs Bates' class have been lucky enough to be part of the programme this year and they are now experts on the amount of melanin we have in our skin and what job this does. Here are a selection of some the books that will be used:



Learning Cafe

We would like to thank all the adults of our Year 1 and 2 children for coming to our learning cafés this half term. The children loved showing you some of the things they had been learning and introducing you to our new garden we have been working so hard on. We have had some really lovely feedback from the adults who attended, so thank you. We will most definitely be doing more things like this next academic year.

Remember to make sure you are on Class Dojo! Speak to the class teacher if you need any support.



We would like to extend our thanks to the members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year. Our Mrs Dudley in the office -what will we do without you! Thank you for looking after all of us so brilliantly for 27 years. You will be very much missed! Happy retirement! A special thank you to Hazel, our site manager, who is also retiring. We wish you a long and relaxing retirement. Thank you for all you've done. Mr Broughton is also off to pastures new. We will all miss your enthusiasm and making our PE lessons such fun and finally, all the best to Miss Palmer who is off to start her teaching qualifications. Good luck!

Health and Well-being Week:

Foundation 1 talked about healthy food and what we need to eat to keep healthy. We enjoyed milk and fruit as a healthy snack as part of a well balanced diet.



Foundation 2 enjoyed learning some basic kick boxing moves!



Year 1 harvested the carrots that we had planted in the Spring and used them to bake healthy carrot muffins in DT during Health and well-being week in school.



In Year 2, we have learnt all about a healthy balanced diet and the importance of exercise. We enjoyed pulling the carrots we have grown in our garden, washing them and then using them as part of our healthy lunch for Mr Grinling.



Year 3 did archery in PE and learnt about how to keep safe in the sun over summer linking to our Light Science learning. We created sun safety posters.



During Health and Wellbeing week, Year 4 looked at the eat well plate and the different types of food including the difference between a healthy meal and an unhealthy meal.

Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in Chance to Shine Cricket in partnership with Trent Bridge over this half term as extra sessions outside where they have developed their skills and confidence as cricketers. During their PE sessions, they had a carousel of activities, including: archery, frisbee and Nerf gun battles.



What an egg-citing time!

In Year 2, we have been learning all about life-cycles in Science. We had a very egg-citing delivery of 10 eggs in an incubator. We were all very lucky to see the eggs hatch into cute, fluffy chicks. We learnt if they were boys or girls by the colour of their fur and enjoyed having lots of cuddles and fun letting them out in the classroom so they could flap their wings and run around.

