

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

Head Teachers' Welcome

What a busy and wonderful half-term we have all shared together!

There has been so much happening across the school. Our Year 2s fell in love with some incredibly cute ducklings, and the whole school celebrated Earth Day 2026. Year 5 had fantastic visits from the Notts Mini Police, and children took part in important workshops with the NSPCC.

We also want to say a huge well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils. They showed incredible determination and resilience during their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of every single one of them.

Thank you for all your support this half-term. We hope you and your family have the loveliest break. Enjoy the sunshine!

Our Curriculum Driver



This half term, the whole school has been taking part in a 6-week programme as part of the Anti-Racism Education Project. The children have been learning about the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating our differences. As part of this, they explored the science behind melanin and learned how it affects the colour of our skin, helping them to understand and appreciate why people look different. It has been a valuable opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of equality and to recognise that everyone should be treated with fairness and respect.



Attendance Awards

We understand that children can be poorly so with this in mind there'll be a weekly raffle for two five pound vouchers for 100% attendance, a half-termly £10 voucher raffle for 100% attendance and an end of the year prize for all attendees over 97% with each receiving a super reward, extra play and ice lolly treat in recognition for their superb attendance!

Dates for the diary:

June:

- Monday 1st June - Return to school for pupils
- Thursday 4th June - Community Dental checks in F2 and Y1
- Wednesday 10th June - The Great Project begins in Y6
- Friday 12th June - Whole School Photo Day
- Friday 12th June - Y5 to Halle Orchestra at Royal Concert Hall
- Monday 15th June - Artist experience in Y4
- Monday 15th June - People we love event KS2
- Wednesday 17th June - F1 Open Evening 3:30-4:30
- Thursday 18th June - Y4 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Thursday 18th June - People we love event EYFS and KS1
- Tuesday 23rd June - F2 New Starter Open Evening 3:30-4:30
- Wednesday 24th June - F2 New Starter Open Evening 3:30-4:30
- Monday 29th June - Y6 Maya Day
- Tuesday 30th June - F2 graduation

July

- Monday 13th July - Health and well being week
- Friday 24th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 24th July - Last Day for pupils



Attendance Update

Thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance and punctuality this term. Regular attendance and arriving at school on time are essential in helping children settle positively into their day and making the most of their learning opportunities.

Our whole school attendance for Summer Term 1 is 94%. We've had 213 pupils with 100% attendance up until week ending 15th May 2026.

Our target remains at 97% or above. Good attendance is key to children making strong progress and enjoying all aspects of school life.

This term, we are continuing to closely monitor both attendance and punctuality. Children who arrive late can miss important morning routines such as phonics sessions, and key learning at the start of the school day.

We kindly ask all parents/carers to ensure children arrive at school on time every day. Please remember to inform school of any absences.

If you require any support regarding attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for working in partnership with us to support your child's education and wellbeing.

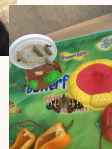
Walesby

At the start of the Summer Term, Year 5 took part in their residential visit to Walesby Forest. We explored Clumber Park on the way, enjoying a picnic in the sunshine before heading to Walesby Forest Activity Centre, in the heart of Sherwood Forest. During our time there, children took part in crate stack, archery, assault course, night line and Jacobs Ladder. All children demonstrated independence, resilience and self belief as they pushed themselves and overcame their own personal challenges.



Notts Mini Police

Year 5 have started sessions run by our local policing team in Sutton in Ashfield. During these sessions, we will learn who our local policing team are and take part in a range of sessions helping to develop our confidence and understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Sessions include: discussions around online bullying; practical sessions on road safety; learning about hate crime and anti social behaviour and how they impact our local area, finishing with a mock trial and court case.



Foundation 2 - Mini beasts

As part of our minibeast theme, we had a visit from White Post Farm with a variety of minibeasts for us to look at closely. We even had the chance to hold some of the tiny creatures! We have been mesmerised by the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. We have seen first-hand the changes a caterpillar goes through and watched butterflies wriggle out of their chrysalises and dry their wings. We are now waiting for a beautiful sunny day to release them.

Foundation 2 - Castles and St George

As part of our castles theme, we explored life in a castle and compared it to our own lives today. We also celebrated St George's Day, and Foundation 2 was filled with knights, princesses, and even dragons! We explored floating and sinking and designed and made a boat for the castle moats!



Foundation Stage New Starters

Foundation 1 New Starters Open Evening Wednesday 17th
June 3.30-4.30 - please see your letter for further
information and other transition dates

Foundation 2 New Starters Open Evening Tuesday 23rd June
3.30-4.30 - please see your letter for further information and
other transition dates.

Language Support

If you have any concerns regarding your child's speech,
communication, listening, understanding or attention, please
speak to your child's teacher or see Miss Allsop in
Foundation 1 (our school Language Lead). You can also get
further support and advice by ringing Speech and Language
Therapy on 03001233387 and selecting option 1.

Year 5 Maths Competition

Year 5 pupils have taken part in a Maths Competition hosted
by Sutton Community Academy. The competition consisted of
a preliminary round in school, where the best team from each
class then represented Priestsic at the finals at SCA. Both
winning teams represented our school brilliantly and showed a
huge amount of resilience to compete in some very tough

After School Sport Clubs

Our after-school sports clubs have been a great success this
half term, with excellent attendance and enthusiasm from
pupils across the school.

Summer 1 clubs have been:

- Tuesday – Year 1/2 Multi-Sports
- Wednesday – Year 3–6 'The Strong Kids Club'
- Thursday – Year 3–6 Football
- Friday – Year 5/6 Girls Football

Thursday's club will become a football club for year 3-6 in
Summer 2.

Children must re-sign up for clubs each half term to secure
their place. The sign up forms will be on class dojo pages from
20th May and will close on the 27th May.

We look forward to another active and exciting half term of
sport!

Year 2 Life Cycles

As part of our science learning we were lucky
enough to have a very egg-citing delivery as we
welcomed some very special visitors! The
children loved watching our duck eggs hatch
into beautiful ducklings and were fascinated by
the changes they could see each day. We had
great fun choosing names for them and enjoyed
watching them grow, waddle around, and even
take their very first swim. They quickly became a
much-loved part of our whole school -
particularly by the staff, so it feels very quiet
without them now they have moved on to live
on the farm!



Sport Competitions

A great effort from some of our year 3 and 4 children,
who attended a Wilson Shield U9s tournament on the
27th April. You gave it your all and represented
Priestsic brilliantly – showing sportsmanship,
kindness and an abundance of self-belief.

A huge well done to the amazing children that
attended the boccia competition on 28th April! You
were superstars and it was great to see you all enjoy
yourselves so much.



A huge well done to our girls
football team! After a very close match they secured
a 1-0 victory against Woodland View in Huthwaite.
Neveah scored the winning goal after some brilliant
teamwork. You are a credit to yourselves and to the
school! Well done!

