



SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER

Headteachers' Welcome:

Wishing You a Wonderful Summer!

Wow, what a truly fantastic year we have had together! As the summer holidays begin, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone in our wonderful Priestsic family.

To our amazing pupils:

You have filled our classrooms with laughter, kindness, and fantastic learning. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, big smiles and everything you have achieved this year. You are all absolute superstars!

To our wonderful parents and carers:

Thank you so much for your unwavering support this year. It has been such a pleasure working alongside you to give our children the best possible start in life. We truly appreciate everything you do.

To our leavers:

We wish you the absolute brightest future! You have done us—and yourselves—so proud. Remember to keep being wonderful and keep being you. Take those special Priestsic values with you as you step into your next big adventure. We will miss you so much!

To everyone returning:

We already cannot wait to see your smiling faces back in September! Have a safe, happy and sunny summer break!

With our warmest wishes,
Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Small



Building Update

Exciting School Updates!

We are delighted to share some exciting news about our school building! To help us keep improving our support for our pupils, we are building a couple of brand-new breakout spaces. Work will begin over the summer holidays, and we hope to have them fully ready just after Christmas.

While this building work is underway, there will inevitably be a little bit of temporary disruption around school. Please rest assured we will do everything we can to keep this to an absolute minimum so it doesn't affect our pupils' daily routines.

Regarding the renovation work on our school house, we don't have any new updates to share just yet, but we will be sure to keep you posted as soon as we know more!



We are grateful for everyone's generosity, with lots of people bagging themselves prizes for being top fundraisers from our sponsored marathon! Watch this space for the new scooter and bike parks. Mrs Small received a cheque for £122.00 for school from the summer fair from 'Inner Wheel' - an active women's community organization focused on friendship, local fundraising and international service.



Dates for the diary:

Inset Days in the 2026-2027 academic year
1st September 2026
2nd September 2026
16th October 2026
4th January 2027
28th July 2027

School restarts for pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2026.



Attendance Summer 2

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 2 is 91.4%. We've had 122 pupils with 100% attendance up until week ending 17th July 2026.

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



In the new academic year, we will continue 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.

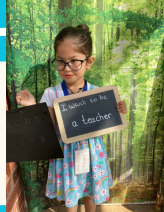
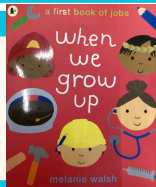
We kindly ask all parents/carers to ensure children arrive at school on time every day. Please remember to inform school of any absences.

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.

Aspirations Week

Foundation 1

We looked at different types of aspirational roles. The children acted out taking on these roles through role play and with small world resources. We had a dress-up day where the children came as an aspirational role. We looked at if they would wear a uniform for that role. The children drew a picture of someone they aspire to be. We read stories and non-fiction texts about different roles.



Foundation 2

During Aspirations Week, we learnt about a range of different jobs and careers. The children enjoyed listening to stories and watching videos about different occupations. They also had their photograph taken in front of our rainbow display with the caption, "When I grow up, I want to be a..." On Friday, the children came to school dressed as their dream job and looked fantastic. We also created a class mind map, sharing our aspirations and discussing the new skills we would like to learn, such as writing our full name, counting to 100 and tying our shoelaces.



Year 1

In Aspirations Week in Year 1, we came dressed up as the favourite job roles that we would love to do when we grow up. How excited we were!

We had a special visitor in class. Kerry, who is Joshua's Mum came to talk to us all about Collins Construction Company. We enjoyed learning all about the different construction vehicles that are used and we asked lots of good questions about the work that they do. Kerry was so kind to us, we all got a bag with a colouring book and sticker!



Year 2

Year 2 loved taking part in Aspirations Week! We had lots of fun learning about different jobs and thinking about what we might like to do when we grow up. We enjoyed a musical theatre workshop where we learned part of a song from Matilda, found out all about jobs in construction, and learned about Grace Darling and how her bravery and determination helped her achieve amazing things.

We also spent time thinking about our own skills and qualities and how these could help us in the future. To finish the week, the children came to school dressed as the jobs they would like to have when they are older and loved sharing their ideas with their friends. We then created some fantastic artwork based on our future careers. It was a really fun week that inspired us to dream big!

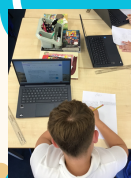
Year 3

Year 3 started aspirations week with a visit from a florist who helped us create our own gorgeous floral arrangements. We came dressed as jobs we aspire to do in the future and researched the different skills we might need to achieve our dreams. We also researched Jessica Ennis-Hill and her incredible achievements.



Year 4

For aspirations week, year 4 researched the jobs we were aspiring to do when we grow up. We made a poster about the salaries and job descriptions, and the skills and qualifications we would need for these jobs. We also did a Dragons Den style pitch where we invented a product that would solve a problem, and presented out ideas to the rest of the class.



Year 5

As part of Aspirations Week, Year 5 learnt about a range of different careers. We had a talk from musicians, who are part of Voice Choice Project; a practical session from a cardiac nurse, who taught pupils about CPR and explored different courses and career options. at West Notts College.



Year 6

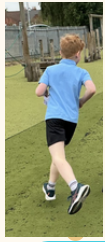
During Aspirations Week, we had a fantastic opportunity to visit Takeover Radio at Sutton Community Academy. During the day, the children learned how to use GarageBand to create their very own jingle for the radio station. They also researched and planned what they wanted to say before having the exciting opportunity to go live on air! As well as developing their confidence and communication skills, the children were able to showcase their creativity by designing a new logo for Takeover Radio. It was an engaging and memorable experience that gave everyone a valuable insight into radio production and broadcasting.



Health and Wellbeing Week

Marathon

A massive well done to all pupils for completing your sponsored marathon during Health and Wellbeing week! Pupils completed 26 laps of their running area! All children demonstrated resilience and self-belief!



Foundation 1

We have looked at ways to stay healthy and completed some exercise challenges. We have made fruit milkshakes. We have looked at ways to look after ourselves and stay healthy during the heat and discussed sunscreen, hats, sunglasses. We have been learning how to correctly wash our hands to ensure we wash off all the germs and have taken care of our dolls.



Foundation 2

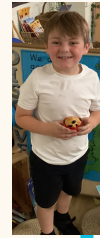
During Health and Well-being Week, we focused on keeping our bodies and minds healthy. The children enjoyed taking part in daily warm-ups and exercises inspired by Joe Wicks, as well as mindfulness and yoga sessions to help them relax and practise calming breathing techniques. They also designed, made and evaluated their own healthy pizzas. They also made their own worry doll to whisper their worries too.

The children had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, showing great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the afternoon. We finished the week with our sponsored marathon, where the children showed wonderful resilience and perseverance.



Year 1

In health and well being week in Year 1 we have been designing and making a healthy carrot muffin for Peter Rabbit! We harvested the carrots that we planted, tasted other fruits and vegetables to include, then designed and made our own carrot muffins!



Our inspirational person in Year 1 is... Florence Nightingale! We learned all about her work as a nurse and the amazing changes that she made long ago. We used books, pictures and video clips as different sources of information and we drew our own sketches of the lady with the lamp.

Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant time taking part in Health and Well-being Week! We got active by completing our sponsored marathon challenge, enjoyed a football session with Elite Kicks and had lots of fun trying out games that were designed and run by the Year 6 children. We also learned about healthy eating by creating our own healthy eating plates and making a healthy lunch for Mr Grinling.

We found out about Marcus Rashford and how he has helped children across the country, which inspired some great discussions. We also spent time looking after our mental wellbeing through mindfulness and yoga activities. It was a fun and busy week that helped us think about the different ways we can keep both our bodies and minds healthy.



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed celebrating health and well-being week by taking part in sports day and the sponsored marathon. We enjoyed a relaxing yoga session with Miss Bailey and looked at how we can move our body in a fun way with dance-along videos like just dance and beat saber. Year 3 also looked at the book 'The Magical Yet.' We worked at recognising that if we work towards our goals with a can do attitude, they will happen. We just haven't reached our goals, "yet!"

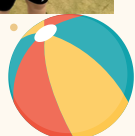


Year 4

We created a 3 course healthy meal, using the eat well plate, with a £10 budget, and researched on Tesco's website the different price of ingredients.

We explored different ways to stay healthy and how to look after our mind and body.

We also completed the marathon, and did yoga to promote wellbeing.



Year 5

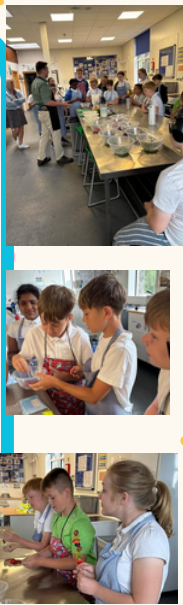
During Health and Well-being week, Year 5 explored the work of famous gymnast, Simone Biles, and how she overcame challenges demonstrating our school values of resilience and perseverance. Pupils designed their own gymnastics routine to showcase important events in her life and performed these in the hall to their peers. We had a yoga workshop with Miss Bailey, and developed different techniques to help relaxation. We also took part in a football workshop developing our fitness and football skills.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic morning at Quarrydale! The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including running races, tug of war, exotic fruit tasting, and making delicious fruit kebabs.

It was wonderful to see the children's determination and enthusiasm during the races, as well as their willingness to be adventurous and try a variety of new fruits. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes, teamwork, and resilience throughout the morning. Well done, everyone!



Voice Choice

We were really excited to welcome a team of musicians from Nottingham's Voice Choice company who specialise in lively, energetic, enjoyable workshops based around music and drama. They worked with a large group of year 5 children in a project creating musical pieces for a show and tell performance to their peers



Mini Police - Year 5

Our Year 5 Mini Police pupils have enjoyed learning about the role of the police while developing teamwork, confidence and leadership skills. Through a range of engaging activities, they have explored how to make a positive difference in school and the wider community. They have completed their own court case, putting into action all that they have learnt.

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to Wollaton Hall where we explored the museum looking at fossils and many areas of natural history. The children were amazed at the different exhibits and we loved seeing Titus the T-Rex!

Sport Competitions

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 children who represented the school at the Next Level Games athletics competition. The children performed brilliantly across a range of events, showing fantastic determination, teamwork and resilience throughout. Their hard work and positive attitudes paid off as they were crowned the overall winners of the competition! A fantastic achievement and a well-deserved result. Well done to everyone involved – you represented our school superbly!

Our girls had a fantastic time taking part in a friendly football tournament. It was a brilliant way to celebrate and give a great send-off to our Year 6 girls, who have shown incredible commitment by attending training every Friday throughout the year. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, supporting one another and representing our school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of how much they have developed and the positive attitudes they have shown throughout the year. Well done, girls – you should all be very proud!



Priestsic Primary School

Priestsic Breakfast Club

IN THE HALL FROM 7.45AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

F1-Y6

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Run by experienced school staff
- Porridge, cereal, bagels and more
- Fun games and activities
- A slow, relaxing start to your child's day
- Delivered to classrooms at 8:40am

7.45am onwards £3 per session

For more information please speak to Mrs Carter or the office staff. admin@priestsic.notts.sch.uk

Priestsic Primary School

After School Club

RUN BY SCHOOL STAFF EVERY MONDAY TO FRIDAY

F1-Y6

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- A hot menu
- Daily reading & homework help
- Structured activities - baking, crafting etc

3:20pm - 6:00pm £10 per session
3:20pm - 4:30pm £5 per session
4:30pm (after a sports club) - 6:00pm £5 per session

Universal credit and tax free child care can be used towards the cost.

For more information please speak to Mrs Hewitt or Mrs Darrington or email admin@priestsic.notts.sch.uk