

# St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School

## Summer Newsletter 2022



## Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

Dear Parent / Carers:

Well we have finally reached the end of the academic year! School staff have continued to work hard on enhancing our curriculum and are delighted with the opportunities that we have been able to offer to the children in our care. These have included a wide range of events including film making, visits to the pantomime, a wide range of trips and also experiencing a performance of the BBC orchestra.

Following two very difficult years our children have also been amazing in terms of their commitment to ensuring they achieve the very best they can in terms of outcomes. We are exceptionally proud of them.

Every year the governors and senior leaders of the school identify priorities for the forthcoming year. This is what we will be working on during the

academic year 2022 –  
2023



Mrs Grimmer  
Head Teacher



### Priority 1

We want to ensure that all our children, whatever their level of need, can access the curriculum and make excellent progress. We will therefore be looking at our SEND children in particular, EAL learners and Pupil Premium.

### Priority 2

Children are able to remember more curriculum content in the areas of art, history, geography, science and design technology

### Priority 3

Children have more opportunities to positively impact on their school, local community and beyond by demonstrating our core Christian values

### Priority 4

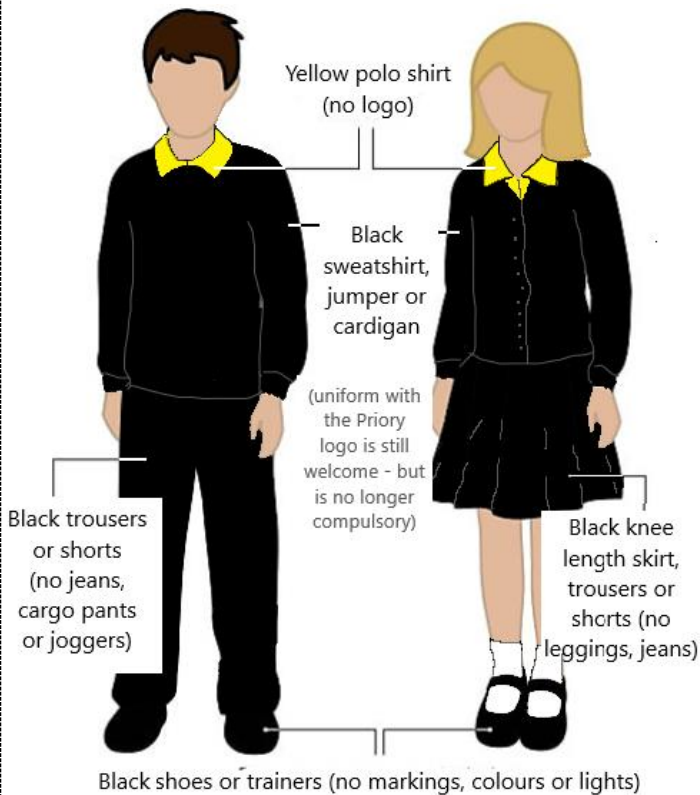
The environment for learning both inside and out demonstrates a wide range of opportunities for children to be successful learners

### Priority 5

Ensure that early intervention systems are in place to ensure wellbeing for all

## Uniform

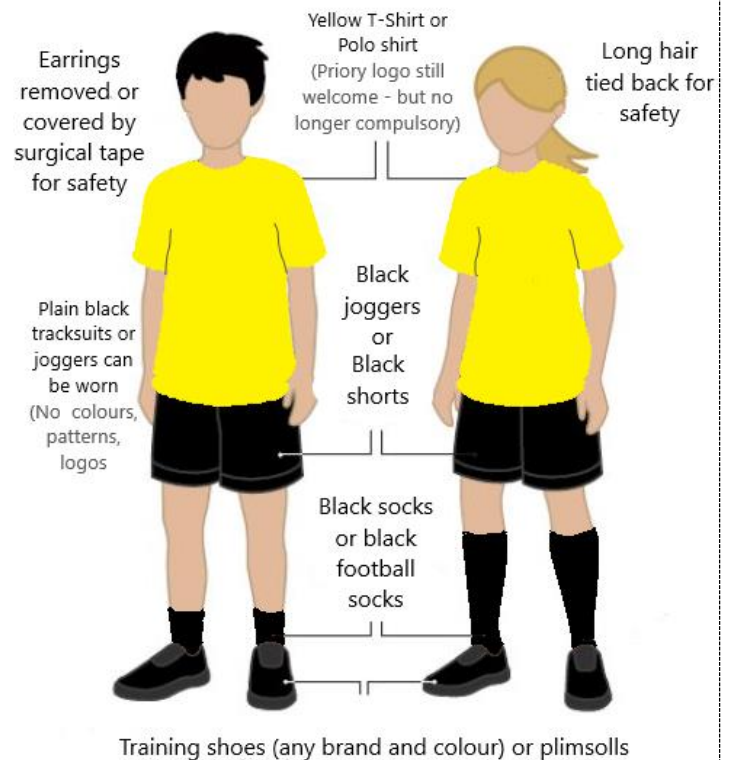
Following the parental survey in the Autumn Term I would just like to remind all parents that there is a change to the uniform. Please see below. The intention behind this is to ensure that our children continue to look smart but they are comfortable to learn. We are also aware of the financial pressures on families and would like to try and help wherever we can.



Uniform with the school logo on is also acceptable but not essential at St Nicholas Priory. We do have a few exemptions regarding uniform

- No jeans, leggings, cargo pants
- No dungarees, gingham or pinafore dresses
- No jewellery except stud earrings and a watch
- No unnatural hair colours, Mohawk haircuts, or hair shavings
- No large, colourful hair bows or headbands, small bows in black, yellow or white accepted.

We do ask for clothes to be from the school range, these are generally very affordably priced and available in multi packs too. This also applies to PE kit.



Wearing the correct PE kit enabled the children to take part fully and comfortably in the PE sessions. It is important that children all wear the school PE kit so they are recognisable when attending outside school grounds PE sessions or representing the school in our interschool sporting events.

PE school logo t-shirts (£5) are available from the school office (payment via online) but not essential, yellow polo shirts/ yellow T-shirts accepted

## Next Term

We are looking forward to being able to return to more face-to-face events. Your child's class teacher will be making contact with you within the first two weeks to update you as to how your child is settled. You will also get a chance to meet the teacher.



Due to the success of the Pod over the last few years we are delighted to be welcoming builders into school over the summer to complete the building work for this high needs unit. Work on enhancing the outdoor areas for the children to develop their learning will also continue.

### Summer school

For the first time we are delighted to be able to offer places for an activity summer school as we develop our partnership with Premier Sports.

### And Finally

As always, at the end of an academic year, it is inevitable that we will say goodbye and good luck to staff members who leave the school to take on new posts or pursue personal ambitions.

We say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Maas who is going on a sabbatical for a year. We are looking forward to welcoming her back in September 2023.

We would also like to wish all of our year 6 children the very best of luck as they prepare to start High School. Always remember that challenges and difficulties sometimes happen. It's how we work through them that matters! I hope you all start Year 7 with positive attitudes to your learning and remember to take our Priory values with you of



Kindness, Hope, Aspiration, Forgiveness and Love, Trust.

We would also like to bid a fond farewell to the parents who have Year 6 children but no younger siblings at the school. Thank you for your cooperation and the excellent working relationships that you have developed with the school over the years.

All that remains for me to do is to thank both our school and wider community for all your support and to wish you a safe and happy holiday. We will all be looking forward to welcoming you on September

### Who's Where Next Year ?

Please find listed below the classes for the new academic year: -

#### The Pod

Mrs Michelle Rust  
Ms Lauren Thompson  
Mrs Vicky Church  
Mrs Joanne Carty  
Mrs Lisa Gooch

#### Reception

Mr Oliver Hawksley  
Mrs Kirsty Leggett  
Mrs Annie Dyble Barrows  
Mrs Hannah Powley  
Mrs Janine Harman  
Mrs Rebekah Allen  
Mrs Catarina Lopes

#### Year 1

Ms Jenna Ray  
Ms Sarah Horspole  
Mrs Chloe Mangili  
Mr Chris Dunne  
Mrs Tammy Smith





## Year 2

Mrs Cheryl Allibone  
Mrs Gemma Scupham  
Mrs Debbie Mancini  
Mrs Tracey Middleton  
Mrs Fiona Pasha  
Mrs Trina Salter  
Mrs Cristina Pires

## Year 3

Ms Amber De Pasquale  
Ms Keeley Walsh  
Ms Frankie Johnson  
Ms Shamoli Begum  
Ms Chloe Taylor



## Year 4

Ms Angela Louro  
Ms Abigail Patterson  
Ms Jen O' Callaghan  
Ms Fiona McClements  
Mrs Clare Goffin

## Year 5

Ms Emma King  
Ms Lucy Baldwin  
Mrs Terri Penney  
Mrs Pauline Aislabie

## Year 6

Mrs Amy Richardson - *Assistant Head teacher with responsibility for year 5, 6, assessment and curriculum*  
Mr Matthew King  
Ms Beth Noble  
Mrs Susan Miller  
Mrs Karen Mason  
Mrs Sheree Wallis

## Additional support class

Mrs Clarke  
Mrs Goffin

## Night at the Oscars

On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 59 children from across the school were selected for an Oscars -Outstanding Behaviour Award.



4 children from every class were voted for by their class friends and the school staff. Children were selected for a variety of reasons but the same qualities influencing their nominations shone through again and again! Kind, helpful, works hard, a good friend, compassionate, respectful, give 100% and determined.

The ceremony was held in the Minster. A red carpet, fairy lights and giant Oscar banners transformed the Minster into a glitzy awards venue for the 250 guests. There were many school staff, governors and a guest appearance from Great Yarmouth's Mayor – Graham Plant





**Great Yarmouth Mayor - Graham Plant with Head Teacher Maria Grimmer (photo supplied by Tommy Grimmer)**

The children were invited onto the stage as their personal nomination was read out to the audience. They were presented with a golden Oscar trophy and certificate by the Head Teacher – Mrs Grimmer.



**Mariella and her family celebrating with her Oscar (photo supplied by Tommy Grimmer)**

The festivities were captured by photographers Tommy Grimmer and Hannah Jayne. Portraits and family photos were sent home to every child free from the school.

The evening ended with light refreshments and a chance for families, staff and governors to socialise and chat about how fantastic the children are.



**The Oscar winners (photo supplied by Tommy Grimmer)**



## Olympian Sporting Awards

This year we held our first Olympian Awards for children who have demonstrated the 12 ideals of a successful athlete: Self-Confidence, Motivation, Respectfulness, Self-Discipline, Optimism, Teamwork, Focus, Resiliency, Competitive Spirit, Natural Leadership, Passion and Sportsmanship. Two children were selected by the School staff and our Premier Sports coach – Mr Hunter.

The ceremony held at the Minster recognised the children's achievements with a trophy and certificate.



Lealand receiving his trophy and certificate  
(photo supplied by Hannah Jayne)

Light refreshments were served following the ceremony to finish off a fantastic evening.



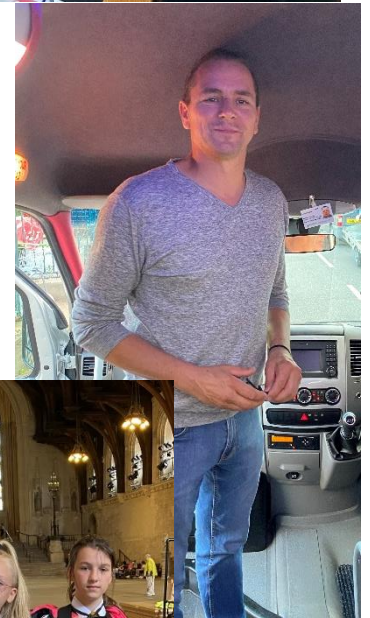
Our Olympian winners for 2022  
(photo supplied by Tommy Grimmer)

## Priory Parliament

On the 6th July the children from our very own Priory Parliament travelled to London for a tour around the Houses of Parliament. The children were absolutely fascinated by this historic and spectacular building. They even managed to visit the public gallery of the House of Commons to watch a debate.



Thanks to Ms Jarmey's organisation, support from the guide Helen and Stuart Mangili who sponsored the mini bus hire, a fabulous day was had by all.



Visitor passes in Westminster Hall



## News from Reception

This term has been another exceptionally busy one for us in reception. We have been on some amazing trips to places like the town hall which all the children loved. We have had some inspiring visitors from our local community such as the fire brigade and local police officers and the children got to see things like a police car and fire engine first hand.



Reception children with the visiting fire engine and crew

We also celebrated the Queen's jubilee this term, we learnt about the life of the Queen and then had a party to celebrate with food and games. The children also had a day to fully explore music where we looked at different instruments and even put on a performance for year one. We also got to have a celebration this term where we said thank you to the young readers from year 3 who came to help our children with reading this year. Afterwards, we had cake and squash to say well done and thank you for your help. The children have been working incredibly hard as we were in the full flow of end of year assessments. Thanks to all the hard work of the children and staff during the summer term the children made exceptional progress this year and they should all be very proud of their achievements. Look out Year 1 here we come!



Reception children visiting a local Mosque

## News from Year 1

Year 1 have had an intense summer term packed with phonics and lots of activities! All the children absolutely smashed their phonics screening test and tried their absolute hardest, we couldn't be prouder of them! This term we have learnt about British wildlife and the circus and were lucky enough to visit the farm, climb climbing walls, sing at the Drill House, compete at sports day, visit the Minster and the Mosque, just to name a few!







Children singing with a professional singing teacher at the Drill House

We wish all of our amazing kids all the luck in the world as they enter Year 2 and have a great summer holiday!



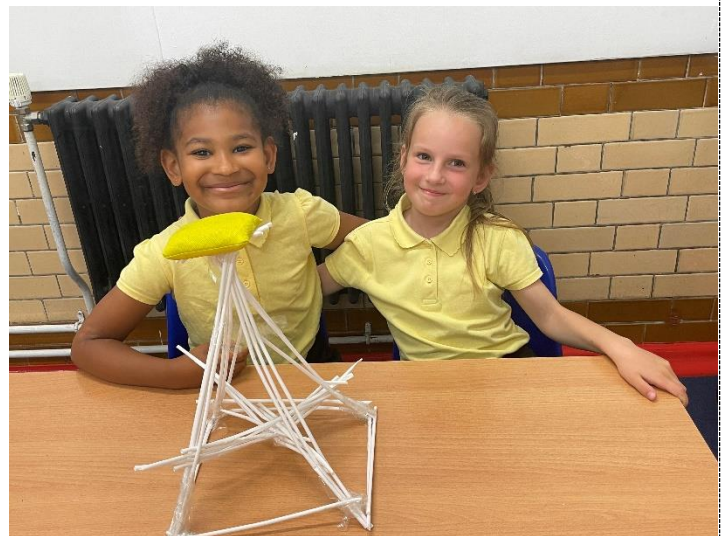
Reign captaining his team at sports day!

## News from Year 2

This term the children in Year 2 have worked incredibly hard and achieved some amazing things. They have completed their SATs tests and enjoyed a party as reward for their fantastic attitudes towards the tests.

We had a visit from the fire brigade who showed the children the different equipment they keep on the fire engine and what it is used for.

There have been several trips and visits including different sports activities and a singing day. The children who took part in these events came back with huge smiles on their faces and behaved impeccably. We were very proud of them for representing Priory so beautifully. Whilst some of the children were on a trip, the remaining children took part in a morning of art and STEM challenges trying to make a tower with straws and tape that would be strong enough to support a beanbag.



Keynara and Sofija building the strongest tower they could from paper straws and tape.

We held our sports afternoon with children taking part in six different sporting events. Everyone tried their hardest and lots of fun was had by all. We have had a fabulous summer term and the children are very excited to be moving to KS2 in September.



## News from Year 3

Year 3 has had an amazing summer term learning about Romans and exploring art. We have had two fantastic trips. One to the beach to inspire our postcard writing and another to the Time and Tide Museum to explore the life of a Roman. The children have made incredible progress this year embracing all new learning opportunities with many taking on exciting roles such as teaching the Reception Phonics and many more extending their learning to participate in a plethora of after school activities. A huge well done to all of year 3!



Year 3 Children learning about Roman life

## News from Year 4

The Year 4 children have had an amazing Summer Term!

They started the term with additional swimming lessons at the Phoenix Swimming Pool, which they absolutely loved. In the final session they played lots of fun games in the water, displaying the confidence that they have gained in the water.

Later on, some of the children took part in a rock-climbing wall activity and wowed both themselves and the staff by climbing higher than they thought

they possibly could. In July, five pupils from Year 4 took part in a performance Poetry Slam competition in Norwich. They won the award for the 'most imaginative use of vocabulary'. Finally, towards the end of the Summer Term the children showed themselves to be fantastic musicians when they took part in a Music Day - we have some budding superstars in the year group!



Erika and Cheyenne rock climbing

We are extremely proud of all of the children in Year 4, who have shown amazing resilience and behaviour throughout the year. This was celebrated with the children voting for who should receive an Oscar Award, and these were presented at the Minster. A new award for Olympians, celebrating sporting achievements, was awarded to those children in the year group who have displayed great teamwork and upheld the sporting ethos.

Finally, the children took part in the national Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check which was introduced

this year. All of the children practised their times tables throughout the year, with 39% answering 20 of the 25 questions correctly - well done Year 4!

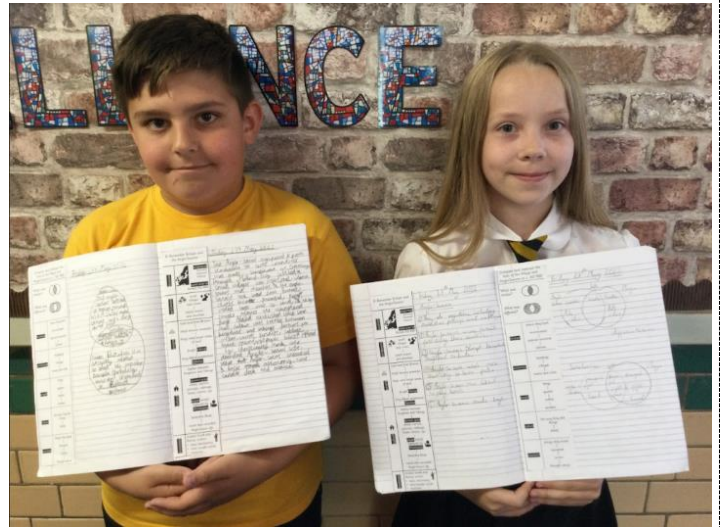
We have had an amazing year with all of the children in Year 4 and would like to say a big thank you for all of your support!

## News from Year 5

Y5 have been extending their knowledge within their foundation subjects this term. Within history children have learnt about the ancient Mayan civilisation and their way of life, comparing this to Anglo Saxon Britain. Children have been scientists investigating the Earth and beyond, learning facts about the different planets. During music sessions children have had an expert music teacher come in to teach keyboard sessions which have extended children's musical skills. Children have been developing the art and design skills making some outstanding sketches and deciding which material would be best to make a lunch bag.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Greenlees have both been working with Y5 this term to ensure that children are Y6 ready and also getting to know them before September.

Y5 have taken part in swimming lessons throughout the summer term working hard to achieve their goal of being able to swim 25m by the end of KS2. Other sporting events this term have included taking part in the tournament at North Denes and rock climbing at school. The highlight of this term has been the Y5 and Y6 sports day at the Wellesley. Children were put into teams across the two year groups and worked tirelessly at all activities. They encouraged their teams and others and it was a great morning with The Spy Kids being crowned the eventual winners. Well done to all!



Emmi and Darawan showing some amazing work

## News from Year 6

This term Y6 have successfully completed their end of primary (KS2) school assessments. We were so proud of each and every one of them during the test week in May. They all tried hard and took on the challenge with perseverance and determination. The children enjoyed a trip to the beach to celebrate the end of SATs.

Following these tests Y6 have enjoyed a number of events; celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in our afternoon party, taking part in a sports tournament at North Denes, rock climbing in the school playground, taking part in swimming lessons at the Phoenix swimming pool, the Lost and Found film premiere at Cinema City, Norwich, Great Yarmouth Race course visit, Mrs Miller and Mrs Greenlees' writing group visiting John Grant school and attending the UEA, to name a few. The UEA will make a further visit to school at the end of term to complete a presentation for our primary students.

A couple of highlights this term have been our Y5 and Y6 Sports Day at the Wellesley and Mr Stephens from Charter Academy visiting to teach singing and violin. The children have enjoyed Mr Stephens' lessons and have had an insight to what they will learn when at high school.



We look forward to the children visiting their new high schools in the next few weeks and also our end of year trip to Hautbois.



Frankie Dettori, Mrs Miller and her maths group enjoy a day at the races (with maths)!

## Diary dates



### Autumn Term

**School opens on:** Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

**School closes on:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**School opens on:** Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**School closes on:** Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

### Spring Term

**School opens on:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**School closes on:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

**School opens on:** Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

**School closes on:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term

**School opens on:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**School closes on:** Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**School opens on:** Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**School closes on:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## The school is closed to pupils on the following dates due to staff training:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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