

# St Nicholas Priory

C.E.V.A.



Primary School

Spring Newsletter

## 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 Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to our Spring newsletter. It is great to see a little more sunshine.

Thank you very much for all your responses to the police questionnaire. You will see in this issue of the newsletter, the feedback and how your suggestions have been taken forward.

We would like to thank parents for choosing St Nicholas Priory as a place to educate your child. We believe that it is crucial to a child's development that we work together in partnership. As such we are very interested to hear views from parents and will be providing a number of opportunities for you to comment on aspects of school life via links in the newsletter and on Class dojo.

As a church school we have many important Christian values that we are developing with the children, the most important being - to be of service. The children have been incredible in responding to collective worship where we have discussed issues which are happening locally and internationally. Coming together during the act of worship is an important opportunity to encourage children to become positive advocates for change and to make a difference. Just recently Mrs Miller and the Community Heroes organised a very successful Cozy Cafe where it was great to be able to welcome lots of parents. Thank you very much to all of those who supported the event. Priory Parliament also hosted a day for children from Filby school. These two groups are working together to take

action for the homeless and also to raise funds for Turkey and Syria.

We believe in being a truly inclusive school where everyone is valued and welcome. The behaviour of our children is excellent however behaviour, as with other aspects of developing the whole child, is sometimes something that we need to support through our clear boundaries, restorative approaches and Zones of Regulation. We are hoping to organise a cafe soon with advice and guidance for parents on strategies for behaviour.

I do hope that you will enjoy reading our newsletter and celebrating all of the incredible experiences and learning that your children have been doing.

Take care and very best wishes

Maria Grimmer



## Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Letters have gone out for Parent's Evening. There may still be some spaces available if you have not booked a day and time slot, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

7th March – YR, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

8th March – YR, Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y5

9th March – Y1, Y3 and Y6

## News from Year 2

This term has been packed with fantastic learning. The children have learned about appliqué and how to sew, working together to create a quilt. They were all careful with the needles and very proud of being able to attach their material onto the quilt.



*Haydnn sewing his own appliqué patch to a quilt.*

In geography they compared Great Yarmouth to different areas in Africa, looking at human and physical features and in science they compared different materials to find out what each one can be used for.



*Harry finding different materials around the classroom and identifying what they are made from.*

## Policing in the Community

In December, Priory helped to set the neighbourhood policing priorities. The next priority setting meeting is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

The following priorities were agreed at the last meeting in December 2022

## North Yarmouth – Anti Social Behaviour in the Newtown area

Targeted engagements across the area including:

□ Patrols in Newtown who had been affected by Youth ASB, PC Smith worked alongside schools to help identify those involved and this resulted in 10 Acceptable Behaviour Contacts (ABC's) being issued.

▪ Various "pop-up" events including a safety talk with children at Northgate Primary School, joint patrols and engagement surgery with housing officer, engagement event at local supermarkets.



*George and Yohan assisting PC Babalola Salami*

□ Foot Patrols around Middlegate and Tolhouse street with BBC Norfolk

## South Yarmouth- Anti Social Behaviour around the Middlegate stairwells focusing on Tolhouse Street

▪ Environmental Visual Audit conducted alongside Councillors, Norfolk Fire, and members of Great Yarmouth Borough Council

▪ Operation with plain clothed officers around all 36 Stairwells in Middlegate and Tolhouse street to tackle ASB reported. This resulted in 7 ASB letters being sent.

▪ Community walk arounds with the Community Champions from St Nicholas Priory



## Market Place- Street Drinking in the Market Place and Cemetery.

▪ Continued public reassurance around street drinking enforcing the PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER with 1 person being

reported for breaching with another 10 people being warned and educated regarding the PSPO in February

- Partnership working with outreach worker from the council around homelessness
- Regular patrols of St Georges Park and surrounding areas following feedback from local residents regarding street drinkers congregating in the park drinking and behaving in an anti-social manner extra patrols have been conducted with all beat managers getting involved patrolling at different times both day and night



Please see below the link to a questionnaire to help us set the upcoming neighbourhood priorities for the next 3 months.

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- <https://forms.office.com/e/t9Ht33WAUc>

## Parking on the school run

In the interests of safety for all our children, we would like to remind parents and carers that when dropping children off at school by car there is prohibited parking – where there are yellow lines or yellow zig zags.



This means you can't even stop to let passengers out of the vehicle or may face a fine or penalty charge notice. The police and traffic wardens regularly monitor the St Nicholas Road entrance.

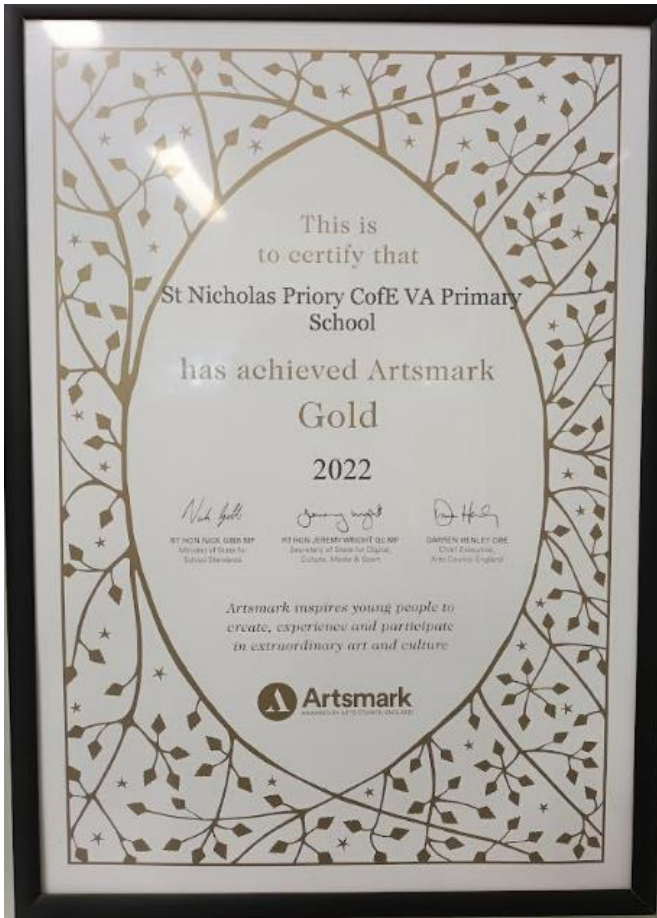


There is **free parking** in the Market Place during drop off (8.30 – 9.00) and collection (3.00 – 3.30) times.

## Arts Council Award

In January, the school was awarded a Gold Artsmark award. The award, from Arts Council England, recognises our school's commitment over time to giving our children the cultural and creative curriculum they deserve. As part of this, our school is working with ENJOY, who

help our school to access free creative experiences for the children.



## Reading at Priory!

Readers at Priory have excelled this term with how many reading books they are taking home, how often they are writing in their reading records and the level of book they are challenging themselves with! The children are making huge progress as readers!

Remember to keep up the good work at home by reading with your child, asking them questions on the books and getting them to read as much as they can whilst you are out and about. Every little helps!

We use the Accelerated Reader program to track how much everyone has read.



*Gabriele, Willow, Amy, Gabriele, Maria, Sirin and Ingrid*

The three Priory pupils who have read the most words in total this year are:

Tamiry Pinto - 1,464,410

Ingrid Manof - 1,187,104

Chloe Allen - 556,819

Well done to these three for their hard work!

This term KS2 Book Club has started with Miss Horspole! We meet every Monday in the library from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

We are currently reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty and learning about life in Victorian times.



## Christian Ethos and Church School

This half term the children have been exploring the value of 'forgiveness'. Children have seen the importance of forgiveness through bible stories, group discussion and self-reflection. Children have also been considering the importance of being a Global Neighbour and considering ways in which we can help people across the world in response to events in the news.

We have also welcomed Father Tracy to the Great Yarmouth Minster this half term and have enjoyed his contributions to our Collective Worship and his help with visits to the Minster and RE days.



*Welcome to the Minster Team Father Tracy*

This half term we have applied for the RE Quality Mark award and Global Neighbour Bronze award and are excited to await the results of both.

## News from Year 3

It has been another exciting half term for year 3 with the inclusion of swimming lessons into our curriculum. Every year 3 child has impressed the team with their dedication to improving their swimming ability. We couldn't be prouder!

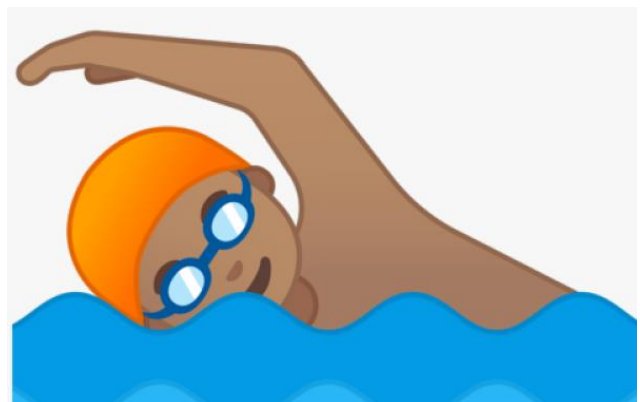
In writing the children have written an information text about saving animal habitats and have written a letter to stop deforestation.

We have made movable toys, catapults and see-saws in our mechanism unit, created 3D sculpture in art, explored magnets and force in science and learned the importance of cooking healthy foods.

Well done year 3, you have all worked super hard and we can't wait to explore the Romans with you in the summer term!

## News from Year 4

The highlight for Y4 this term has been swimming at the Marina Centre and Charter high school. They have loved this experience and although apprehensive, the majority of children went in the water and showed improved confidence with their swimming.



A number of children took part in the Bikeability scheme and were awarded Stage 1.



Y4 continue to work hard on their Times Tables, through quizzes, games, reciting and TTRS. If your child would like to do this at home and they don't know their login, please let us know.



last 1000 years, to judge which they feel has had the biggest influence of life today. They will also be writing letters, with the intention to supporting the local area through taking part in a beach clean, and writing a story based around the Royal family.

# Y6 SATS

As it is getting ever closer to May, and the SATs tests for the children, it is vital that they continue to work hard in every lesson as well as ensuring that attendance is as high as possible, as this will give them the best chance to perform their best on the day.

## Y6 Newsletter

It has been an incredibly busy time for everybody in Year 6, and the children have been working extremely hard. So far this term, the children have learnt about earthquakes, volcanoes and mountains; how the human body works; researched the life and achievements of Queen Victoria for a biography

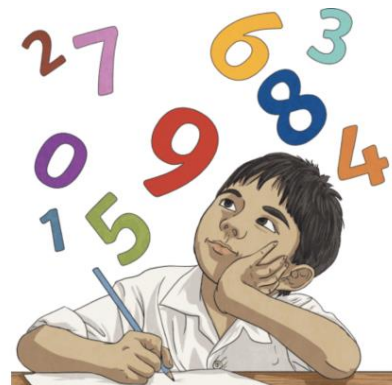
text and written newspaper reports.

This term the children will also be discovering the achievements of significant monarchs spanning the



## Maths competitions

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, six children from Y5 and six children from Y6 travelled to Norwich to take part in a maths competition, hosted by the Norwich school. The children competed against over 50 teams from schools all around Norfolk in a variety of maths challenges. The children were a credit to the school and their results showed an improvement for both year groups. A big well done to all of the children who took part!



## News from Year 1

Year One have been busy bees learning all about Mary Anning, a famous palaeontologist and David Attenborough, a natural historian. The children have loved looking at fossils and learning about discoveries made.



*Anastasia weighing out the sugar*

We have also enjoyed baking this term, weighing out all the ingredients and baking biscuits that we took home and ate! Yum!

## Cozy Cafe

On Friday 10th February the Community Heroes held the first Cozy Cafe. This was enjoyed by all. The adults were able to enjoy a game of bingo and quiz whilst the pre-school children were playing with toys and games.



The children also organised snacks, alongside hot and cold drinks.



The next Cozy Cafe will be on Friday the 24th of March at 9.30. We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for the preschool children alongside bingo and Easter quiz for the adults.

## News from Year 5

Year 5 has had another very busy half term. In RE we have been learning about the use of songs and artwork in Christianity. As part of our learning, we visited the Minster to look at the stained-glass windows for some inspiration before creating our own stained-glass artwork. As part of Geography the children explored St George's Park and created their own maps of the area. Finally, seven children from year 5 competed in a dodgeball competition. They



won ten of their twelve matches, winning the competition overall.



*Year 5 children sketching their maps in St Georges park*

## Dodgeball

Throughout the year, the school participates in local sporting competitions. This term, teams from both year 5 and year 6 represented the school at a dodgeball competition. Both teams were praised for their sportsmanship throughout the competition. All the children involved played exceptionally well, with both teams winning ten out of twelve games. Congratulations to the year 5 and the year 6 team who both won their competitions.



*Year 5 dodgeball team after winning the competition.*

## Meet Joleen - Multiply's Project Lead!



"I manage the Multiply project, supporting my great team with designing and delivering various activities and courses within the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

I'm a parent of two children and know the benefits of feeling confident with maths-related activities to help my children progress in their learning, so I hope you'll join me at some of St Nicholas Priory schools' events!"

The Multiply Project is a **FREE**, fully-funded programme so if are interested in taking part or finding out more, please contact the Joleen at [joleen@eastcoast.ac.uk](mailto:joleen@eastcoast.ac.uk)

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

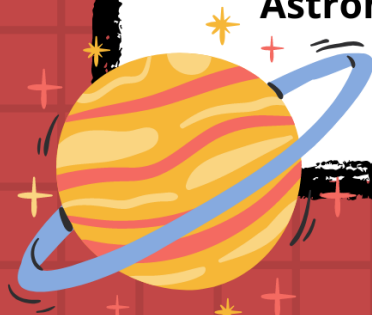
Join our free\* after school club to learn more about university topics and practise your English and Maths skills!

Primary Academic Support: **Tuesday or Wednesday**

afternoons, 3:30-5:00pm

Our topics this year are:

**Astronomy, Anthropology, and Nutrition!**



Get support with your homework from our tutors!



Ask an adult at home to get in touch if you'd like to join!



Year 6 students can apply to have a student mentor!



Contact us:

Call 01493803026

Email: [yarmouth@intouniversity.org](mailto:yarmouth@intouniversity.org)

Find us: **Market Gates Shopping Centre, Great Yarmouth NR30 2BG**

\*eligibility criteria applies, please get in touch to find out more

# Term Dates

## Spring Term

**School opens on:** Monday, 20th Feb 2023

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

## Summer Term

**School opens on:** Tuesday, 18th 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 21st July 2023

## Additional closures

**School closed on:** Monday 8th May 2023 for the King's Coronation

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

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

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



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