

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

Easter Newsletter 2025



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.

A very warm welcome to the Spring edition of our Priory newsletter.



What another exciting and busy term we have had. A huge thank you to everyone who made the World Book Day so special. It is exceptionally important that every child can participate in all school events and the effort that was made to ensure we had enough

costumes was superb. Building on this we have an appeal for some additional costumes for our older children ready for next year. I hope that the parade will be an important part of the celebration of reading for years to come.

Enabling our children to have a sense of what they would like to achieve in the future is also very important and this year. Miss King and volunteers were able to organise a spectacular Careers event where children had an opportunity to experience a wide range of opportunities such as becoming a car mechanic, hairdresser, engineer or entering one of the public services.

We think that your children are amazing and there has been much to celebrate across the curriculum from the visit of the Skipping Ninja, our children performing on the stage at Lowestoft Marina Theatre and the singers at the Norwich Festival of the arts. All of this is in addition to them working extremely hard on their school work. All these opportunities are made possible by the generous giving of

time from both our school staff and also parents who support all events. A huge thank you to our incredible parents who enabled all children to have free skipping ropes and Song School jumpers. We also have parents and volunteers in school who are doing an incredible job as Parent Tutors. Our Priory community is nothing short of awesome. I really hope that you feel that our school is a welcoming place and that we are a listening school.

I have read all the parent survey comments and really appreciate the time you take to share your views. It is only by working in partnership that we can make our school even better.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Ms Brewster who works in the finance office and wish her well for her future.

Our central school vision is to be of service to others, compassionate and approachable. As we approach the Easter holidays, and on behalf of all in school community, I would like to thank you for your constant engagement and support. Happy holidays.

Maria Grimmer



News from Year 1

Year 1 have had a super Spring term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session with the Skipping Ninja and worked really hard to improve their skills. The following day, they all looked fantastic in their costumes as they paraded around the Market Place for World Book Day.



Ari (1A) with the Skipping Ninja

Ed from Mini Monsters brought lots of mini-beasts in to meet the children including a giant African land snail and a bearded dragon. The children loved meeting and holding the different creatures Ed brought in.



They have learned about days of the week and months of the year, created artwork using different mediums, investigated different materials to find the best ones to build a house with and made jam sandwiches to investigate quarters.

Please can we ask that you continue to practice phonics with your child over the Easter holidays. If you need any resources to support with this, please speak to Mrs Allibone or Miss Horspole.

We have lots of exciting things lined up for the Summer term and will share information about this after the Easter break.

Year 5 News

Year 5 had a very positive start to the half-term. 5B started swimming lessons, and all of the children who entered the water have increased in water-confidence already! When the Skipping Ninja visited the school, a number of children became 'Skipping Ninjas' because of their amazing skipping skills - there were quite a few hidden talents among the year group.

In addition, all of the children also took part in an engineering workshop, which was led by Into University. They collaborated with one another to create roller coasters and their teamwork was fantastic. Well done Year 5!

P.E. News

The school was visited by a World Record-holding Skipping Ninja and he led assemblies for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. After that, he led workshops throughout the day for all of our children, with a lot of them learning new skipping skills. All of the children were given a free skipping rope to take home so they could continue to be physically active and practise their skipping skills. These were purchased by the Priory Family Friends Association so a huge thank you to them!





Nicky displaying her skipping skills

Year 3 will have a 'fun' water-based session at the end of this term, before they start their swimming lessons in the Summer Term. As swimming is part of the National Curriculum, as set out by the Government, all children are expected to take part in them.

Finally, the Olympians celebration was held in school, with two children from each year group being recognised for their amazing sportsmanship. Well done to the children for displaying these qualities, but also to their parents who encourage these attitudes as well.

Breakfast Club and Song School

All children at St Nicholas Priory are able to attend Breakfast Club **FREE!**



Breakfast Club offers a range of foods daily including toast, cereal, fruits and yogurts.

There is no need to book ! ... just come along and get a free breakfast and join in the morning fun.



Breakfast Club and Song School starts at 07:30 and the gates are **locked** shortly after this time.

Any children arriving late should press the Kitchen Buzzer on the loading bay gate and wait. Breakfast Club is always very busy and staff will come to let late arrivals in as soon as they are able **Please be patient as this will be a few minutes.**

News from Year 2

This half term Year 2 has been super busy with exciting learning within the curriculum and with an array of activities and experiences alongside that.

In our learning, we have explored the history of flight, looked at rainforests in geography and had fun with collage in art. We have written stories exploring the culture of Great Yarmouth and have continued our journeys to become super readers and mathematicians!



The Science Show

Alongside our day-to-day learning, we have had a visit from the skipping Ninja, enjoyed parading around the market in our wonderful costumes on World Book Day, were excited by the bangs and experiments at the science show and even enjoyed a visit from RaiseKids who gave us an immersive Easter experience!



Year 2 children with the 'Skipping Ninja'

We also celebrated our successes and progress with our parents at the Olympian Awards and at parent's evening.

This has been a very successful half term for year 2 and we can't wait for the summer term for more exciting learning and extracurricular fun

Priory Family Friends: Supporting Our School Community



Priory Family Friends are a dedicated group of parents who work tirelessly to enhance school life for our children. Over the past few months, we have been working hard to have made a real difference in so many ways. We are hoping you have noticed some of these.



Christmas fayre at the Minster Dec 2024

We have hosted some fantastic fayres, which has brought families together while raising vital funds. Due to fundraising efforts and gaining support from local companies, Priory family friends have been able to support the purchase of new school jumpers for the Song School. Wetsuits for Year 1 children, a wellie rack and the purchase of skipping ropes for every child following the visit from the amazing Skipping Ninja.

Beyond these fantastic contributions, Priory Family Friends have also helped with donations for World Book Day, ensuring every child could take part in the joy of reading, and supported various other initiatives that continue to enrich our school environment. Let's not forget the amazing Christmas fayre and Christmas dinner both held at the Minister. What an amazing memory.





Father Simon, Priory Friends, staff and volunteers getting ready for Christmas Lunch 2024, 'Harry Potter style', at the Minster

Priory family friends are looking to create a strong, supportive school community where every child benefits.



The Easter Bunny making an appearance in 2024 with a chocolate Easter Egg for every child at Priory

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered, or supported these efforts in any way. Your kindness and commitment make a world of difference!



Song School News



34 members of Song School from Years 2-6 have recently taken part in the Norfolk County Music Festival in Norwich.



The children sang beautifully, gaining a 'Highly Commended Plus' award. We were incredibly proud of them all, they were a credit to Priory.

News from Year 6

This term has been another exciting and busy term in year 6. As we approach May, all of year 6 are working extremely hard towards their SATs having completed a very successful mock SATs week.

Our year 6s have been busy showing a variety of talents from our dancers performing in the Schools Dance Festival: Once Upon a Story Time to our singers taking part in the Norfolk County Music Festival in Norwich. All of those who performed did a fantastic job and we are very proud of them.

We have also had the excitement of the careers morning, the science show and The Skipping Ninja which will now be a focal point for our newspaper report.



Skye Azevedo & Paula Kereviciute in the Police van on the careers morning

A highlight however was definitely World Book Day and seeing everyone dressed up!



Sara Santana & Kayla Wilder Pollard on world book day.

We want to encourage all of our year 6s to have a restful Easter break with some revision. They will all receive a revision pack which we would like them to work through as well as having a look at the following links. They can also access work on google classroom, go onto TTRS and read their book.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z4mktcw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z4296rd>

Being a Church School

This half term we have focused on the value of 'Forgiveness' and why it is important to forgive in our day to day lives.

To celebrate Easter KS1 have enjoyed a crafting session and mini Easter Service while KS2 celebrated with service full of song, poetry and prayer both at The Great Yarmouth Minster.

Year 2 and year 4 have welcomed RaiseKids to school for 'The Easter Experience' and 'Easter in a Box'. Both experiences enabled children to gain a deeper understanding of the story of Easter through activities and role play.



Bryanna, Elena and Ben modelling to year 2 the story of Palm Sunday



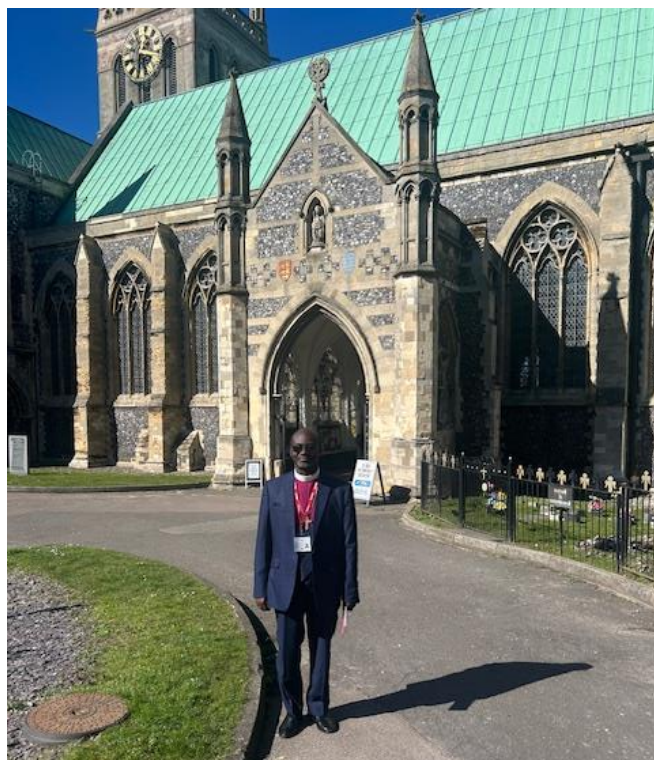
Andy from RaiseKids explaining to year 2 about the betrayal of Judas

St. Nicholas Priory also welcomed Christopher from Unicorn Stars Academy, the headteacher who has made a global link with our school to enable children from both schools to connect. We look forward to sharing the good work that comes from this in forthcoming newsletters.

Next half term our school value will be 'trust'.



Lola, Erida and Jasmine exploring thinking about how Jesus spread the word of Christianity



Christopher from Unicorn Stars Academy visiting The Minster



Christopher from Unicorn Stars Academy in the school assembly

News from Year 4

Year 4 has had a fantastic and action-packed Spring term, full of exciting learning and memorable experiences!

In History, we have been uncovering the fascinating world of the Vikings—learning about their way of life, and their incredible journeys across the seas. In Science, we have been investigating the digestive system, discovering how our bodies break down food and absorb nutrients. Meanwhile, in Geography, we have been expanding our knowledge of global locations, learning about Longitude and Latitude.

In English, we have been developing our writing skills by creating news reports,

stories, and diary entries. In reading, we have been enjoying two fantastic books: *The Girl who Stole an Elephant* and *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, both of which have sparked brilliant discussions in class.



Children role playing during the Easter in a box experience.

Outside the classroom, we have had some incredible experiences! Our weekly swimming lessons at the Marina Centre have been a highlight, helping us to grow in confidence in the water. We have been amazed by visiting science shows, which brought experiments to life in fun and engaging ways. We also took part in a high-energy Skipping Ninjas workshop, learning impressive skipping tricks and improving our fitness. The key stage 2 careers day saw the children learning about different jobs and careers, hopefully inspiring them to explore their interests, develop new skills, and think about their future aspirations with excitement and curiosity.





Bobby-Beau and Scarlet finding out what a mechanic does during Careers day

We visited the Drill House, where we watched a fantastic magic show about equality and being proud of who we are. It was an inspiring performance with an important message. We also had the opportunity to take part in the "Easter in a Box" workshop, where we learned all about the Easter story in a creative and interactive way.

One of the most memorable moments was taking part in the Samba drumming workshops and then seeing the children's fantastic performance on national television!

It's been an amazing term so far, and we can't wait to see what Summer term brings!



Music

This term the Music Department received some very exciting news; our school has been successful in becoming a Lead School for the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub.



There are approximately only 15 schools in total in all of Norfolk and Suffolk that have been given this role. We're so excited to have been given this position!

Coming soon! Beavers at Priory!



With Priory having a very successful Cub Scout Pack for 3 years now, we are hoping to open up a Beaver Colony at the school. Beavers is

the section before Cubs. This will be for children aged between 6 and 8, children currently in Y1 and Y2.

Taster sessions will start in the Summer term, for parents to attend with their children and hopefully we will be able to open fully in September. More information, including the day and time, is to follow. If you have any questions, you can send a Dojo message to Mr King

