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

Summer Newsletter 2024

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 Priory Community,

I deliberately wanted to start my introduction to the final newsletter of the academic year with 'Dear Priory Community 'as so much has happened this year which has developed our family and network partnerships.

As Head Teacher, my ambition for the school has always been to take our core value of 'Service 'and to ensure that we are making positive connections which will not only ensure that the children are happy and learning but that they have a really rich experience of school. Our parents, carers and partners have been transformational this year in what we have enabled our children to access and enjoy. It is only by working together that we can support each other in what can be difficult times.

Thank you to all those who support the surveys which seem to be an effective way to communicate your thoughts and opinions and for supporting in school events. We do take parent feedback very seriously and genuinely enjoy working with you all.

This academic year our curriculum has just gone from strength to strength. We are proud to share that our children have attended over 132 trips and visits, including swimming, the Bug Man and even an inflatable escape room. Our children also led collective worship at the Head Teacher Conference in Norwich and sang beautifully.

We are continuing to work hard on ensuring that we meet the government expected targets for attendance and although we have not met the overall target of 96%, many classes have and have received rewards as a result of this. Thank you for also ensuring that children attend school on time. As a result of your efforts we have seen a reduction in the number of minutes late

I am particularly pleased to say that as a result of a collaboration with our Priory Family Friends Association and the Great Yarmouth Borough Council we will be moving forward to transform the Dissenters space which is attached to our large playground. We could not do this without your help. The partnership with parents is going from strength to strength. There are so many different ways in which you are able to get involved so please take up all the opportunities or just contact the school office if you feel you have particular strengths to contribute.

This is our school and we all have the best interests of the children at heart. I believe that together we can achieve anything. This year has proved just how far we have come and I am exceptionally grateful. On behalf of staff and governors, it just remains for me to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Grimmer

Head Teacher

UNICEF's Rights respecting schools- Silver Award

Following our success of achieving the 'Bronze' Rights Respecting Schools Award in the spring term we will be continuing our work towards our silver award this term.

UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools award celebrates contributions to the school community, local community and wider world in of the 'UN Convention of the Right of a Child'. The convention is made up of 54 articles that outline children's rights. At Priory we have chosen 20 articles to celebrate and embed into our everyday practise.

We explore these in collective worship and in various aspects of our school day such as our student led groups (Priory Parliament, Eco Squad, RE Leaders), encouraging children to openly be advocates for change about issues they care about, embracing diversity and accepting everybody into the Priory family as well as in many other activities and daily routines.

We aim to achieve this accreditation to celebrate the amazing things we do and continue to demonstrate our commitment to service and serving others.

Uniform

Our school uniform is for the children to look smart, whilst making sure they are comfortable to learn. We are also aware of the financial pressures on families so have chosen uniform that is without a logo and is available from the local supermarkets in the schools wear range.

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. The lemon coloured polo shirts can be purchased in multi packs fairly cheaply, and can be used as part of the PE kit too.

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.

PE Kit

Wearing the correct PE kit enables 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.

Children can wear black jogger bottoms and black sweatshirt in the colder weather – these should be plain black and logo free (the school wear range in supermarkets are cheap and practical for sporting activities) we do not allow hoodies for PE as this is not safe.

Footwear

Children can wear traditional school shoes or plain black trainers. Please be aware that trainers should have

- No **coloured** logos
- No **coloured** markings or patterns
- No flashing lights

Preparing for the hotter weather

As the hotter weather approaches here are some top tips for keeping your child cool in school.

Water bottle – send your child in with a bottle of plain water – they will keep hydrated if they have it on their table. We have a refillable water station in the dining room if they need a refill.

Shorts and short socks - are cooler for your child in the classroom and playground. *Top Tip* Cut down trousers your child has outgrown or a pair with holes in the knees !

Sun hat – a sun hat keeps the midday ray off your child's head and helps prevent sun glare when they are playing at break and lunch.

Sun screen – apply in the morning before school – staff are <u>not allowed</u> to apply sun screen for children. It is not advised to send sun screen into school.

News from Year 3

It has been a fantastic half term for the year 3 children. They warmly welcomed baby Henry and shared in the joy of Mr. and Mrs. Scupham.

3S along with 3PW, took action by voicing their concerns to the Council about fly tipping and littering in Great Yarmouth. Their efforts included writing letters in the spring term and newspaper articles in the summer term as well as visiting the council. As a result, Year 3 had the honour of naming the first Electric Bin Lorry in Norfolk, naming it "Priory Pete Electric Eco" and are planning to go on a local walk with the councils 'Rangers'. This achievement will stand as a lasting legacy of their actions.

Priory Pete - the electric bin lorry

In addition, Year 3 has been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at the Marina Centre. Art has been a prominent focus, with the exploration of artists like Kehinde Wiley and techniques such as Zentangled. Light has also been a significant theme, with children making connections between biology, the physics of light, and how our eyes perceive it.

The children also enjoyed a Boogie Bounce afternoon which was immensely successful, and all the children loved it. A big thank you to Mrs. Mass for organising this.

There are many exciting times ahead for our children in Year 3 including a trip to the Marina Centre for a wall climbing and multi sports experience, A trip to the Time and Tide for a Roman day and transition day preparing for year 4.

Y2 Newsletter

This term Year 2 have been looking closely at the artists John Kindness and Danny Eastwood. These artists specialised in collage and aboriginal art. We combined these styles to make our own 3D aboriginal inspired fish.

Clea is proud of her 3D aboriginal designed fish

We had the opportunity to take part in a fun activity called boogie bounce from JUMP warehouse. The children had so much fun jumping and boogying away!

Trinity is loving the new dance moves she's learning

In Writing, the children have written a non-chronological report on the different parts of plants and their functions. In Reading, we have looked at a range of texts including a non-fiction text all about the history of Ice Cream, poems from Michael Rosen and fiction stories such as The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. The children have also had the lovely opportunity to go to Hickling Broad to take part in a range of activities including Pond Dipping.

News from Year 5

Year 5 have had a great Summer Term. They completed their swimming lessons, with all of the children making progress and nearly everyone being able to swim at least 25m, either with or without a float - well done for persevering!

In May, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Boogie Bounce sessions on the mini-trampolines. They also have a great time with Into University, where they learnt more about university education and focused on the discipline of engineering. All of the children were highly creative and used what they had learnt to create roller coasters from cardboard, straws and paper - very innovative!

Year 5 mid bounce in their Boogie Bounce session

Finally, Year 5 will experience what life at high school will be like, by visiting Caister Academy.

Sport Star Award

The school has achieved a **Bronze** 'KS2 Sports Stars 2023-2024 Award'. This was awarded by Norfolk P.E. Support Service in recognition of all of the sporting achievements that have taken place within our school.

NORFOLK PE
KS2 SPORTING STARS
2023-24

Dentists at Priory

At St Nicholas Priory we are passionate about trying to do everything we can to support our community. We recognise that for many of our families getting access to dental care has been a real problem.
We are absolutely delighted to announce that as part of our new partnership with Plummers dentist, 251 children were seen in school and 59 children identified for further dental treatment. We are extremely grateful to everyone who completed the dental survey and to those who made this happen. We will now be on a programme to ensure that all of our children are seen every year. If you have an issue you think we could help with we would like to know.

Olympian Awards at Priory

The school held an Olympians' Awards evening in May, which celebrated the achievements of our young sports leaders. They were chosen for consistently displaying self-confidence, motivation, respectfulness, optimism, teamwork and natural leadership skills. It was a wonderful evening with many proud family members joining the celebration. Well done Olympians!

Here are the winners for 2023 – 2024

RP	Erika Stuparu
RP	Lola Sharp
RH	Rokas Medelis
RH	Sani Ibryamov
1A	Bryann Semedo
1A	Sophia Bakanov
1H	Crystian Correia Fernandes
1H	Daisy Djasse Djabula
2DP	Lewis Hunter
2DP	Maisie Shute
2L	Bora Kacani
2L	Evanas Lasevicius
3PW	Ihsanullah Tariqzai
3PW	Amelia Papiewska
3S	Isabella Sanal
3S	Sonny Kerr
4K	Matei Palaghia
4K	Lexi Woodcock-Knowles
4P	Aidan Zielinski
4P	Fabia Costa
5B	Rania Embalo
5B	Ethan Peerbux
5M	Jenifa Carvalho
5M	Rafael Pimentel
6K	Lexey Sutcliffe
6K	Rafael Sacramento
6N	Kayleigh Dadds
6N	Kyan-Jae Huggins
The Pod	Clover Hunt

Proud winner - Rafael Pimentel

Proud winner Sophia Bakanov

News from Year 1

The Year 1 children have had a fun-packed term. We've learnt about mechanisms and sewing and even made a pillow for Traction Man. We've made healthy snacks and dips and created pictures in the style of Paul Klee. We've taken part in a Boogie Bounce session on trampolines and had a visit from the Bug Man who brought his mini bug friends in to see us.

Lottie and Afonso (1A) with an African land snail.

We were fascinated by all the things we learnt and all of us had the chance to hold a mini beast.

Brando, Erida and Rodric (1H) with a bearded dragon.

Sleep - a guide for school aged children

Why getting a good night's sleep is so important?
Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

How many hours does your child need?

Age	Hours of sleep
Pre-school (3 - 5years)	11 - 13 hours
5 - 9	10 - 11 hours
10 – 14	9 - 9.75 hours
15 – 17	8.5 - 8.75 hours
Adults	7 – 9 hours

Environment

Create a good sleeping environment for your child. Their bedroom should be calm dark, quiet and cool. A night-light may help children feel safer. Do not allow your child to watch TV or play computer games whilst falling asleep. These activities stimulate children and therefore do not promote sleep.

Bedtime routine

Establishing a bedtime routine is crucial in supporting your child to sleep well. Here are some hints on creating a good bedtime routine.

- ✓ Decide on a bed time and stick to it.
- ✓ Weekends and holidays may have more flexibility.
- ✓ Don't extend the routine or make exceptions.
- ✓ Make sure that this routine is the same every night and praise your child for completing the tasks.
- ✓ It may be helpful to have the routine written down or in picture format to help guide your child.
- ✓ A bath 30 minutes before bed can help to promote sleep.
- ✓ Avoid activities that make your child excited (playing active games, watching TV, computer games etc.)
- ✓ Begin bedtime routine at least half an hour before bed time. Some children take longer to wind down than others so give plenty time.

Bedtime routine may take longer for children who have ADHD.

- ✓ Give a "heads up" that the routine is about to begin 30 minutes before the start of the routine.
- ✓ Give countdown reminders as required. This will make it easier for your child to begin the routine rather than if they are abruptly interrupted in the middle of an activity.
- ✓ Build a bedtime routine of 4 to 5 activities. Activities should be things that prepare your child for bed e.g. brush teeth, put pyjamas on.
- ✓ As a reward for completing the routine, whatever time is left before the set bedtime is time for the two of you to have 1:1 time. This may be reading a story together or talking.
- ✓ Tell your child it's time for sleep and say goodnight.
- ✓ It can be helpful to have the same phrase used every night to act as a cue for the expected behaviour.

Find out more NHS Children's Sleep website: https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrenssleep/Pages/childrenssleephome.aspx

Information from the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Upcoming Oscars Awards

Every year the school holds its **St Nicholas Priory Oscar Awards for Outstanding Behaviour**. This is a very prestigious award, with only a few children nominated throughout the school and therefore a great achievement by those selected by their peers and teachers.

The ceremony, on Thursday 27th June will be held in The Minster where parents, carers, teachers, governors and some local VIPs attend to support our amazing children. This year's nominees are:-

Riley Sousa - Pod
Evie Marvin - RH
Leja Gecaite - RH
Okitha Wijesinge - RH
Sufyan Abdan -RH
Aronas Vasiliauskas - RP
Erika Stuparu - RP
Gabriel Voinu - RP
Harlee Beevor -RP
Alice Sobieszuk- 1A
Bruna Alberto - 1A
Guilherme Alves - 1A
William Lyle - 1A
Crystian Correia Fernandes - 1H
Daisy Peet - 1H
Georgia Holmes - 1H
Kajus Darzinkas - 1H
Diyari Haydar - 2DP
Jazlyn Braidwood - 2DP
Kira Hare - 2DP
Tiago Camble De Costa Neto - 2DP
Benas Jukna-Levulis - 2L
Bora Kacani -2L
Evanas Lasevicius - 2L
Tatyana Pinto - 2L
Ana-Maria Bocioaga - 3PW
Patrick Zalamans 3PW
Scarlet Clitheroe - 3PW
William Martin Rive - 3PW
Dailson Monteiro - 3S
Jacob Sobieszuk - 3S
Shranithi Thirukumar - 3S
Yara Martins - 3S
Jordan Dadds -4K
Leo Harwood - 4K
Maya Khan - 4K
Sienna Jarvis - 4K
Ayisha Nixon - 4P
Jorge Lopes - 4P
Kasper Kiff - 4P
Lucy Porter - 4P
Corey Clements - 5B
Dylan Rockett - 5B
Miriam Fernandes - 5B
Skye Azevedo- 5B
Deon Sherin - 5M
Kayla Wilder Pollard - 5M
Laura Lapsuka - 5M
Ruben Lopes Dos Reis -5M
Owen Mansi - 6K

Pedro Camble Costa Neto - 6K
Raminta Papuskaite - 6K
Vanesa Pompova - 6K
Emily Saltuma - 6N
Hadley Dear - 6N
Lola-Rose Savage - 6N
Orijus Linauskas - 6N

Being a Church School

During the first summer half term our school was honoured with the privilege of being invited to lead the start of the Head Teachers Conference hosted by the Diocese of Norwich at Norwich Cathedral.

The RE Leaders and Song School children introduced the conference with a variety of songs and a well-rehearsed speech emphasising our motto of 'to love and serve'. Some children spoke in their home language, demonstrating their bilingual talents. They astonished the audience who gave them a standing ovation. We are very proud of all who took part.

Our value this half term is 'love'. We continue to explore this value through our collective worship, Bible stories and looking outward to loving and serving the local community wider world with our actions.

News from Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the summer term. The year group were honoured to be invited, and able to attend the VE wreath-laying ceremony in St Georges Park, which took place in remembrance of the end of the fighting during WW2. As part of the ceremony, two of the year 6's were invited to lay one of the wreaths.

This half term, all children across the year group have worked incredibly hard in the build-up to SATs. Throughout SATs week, all of year 6 put in an enormous amount of effort and displayed wonderful determination and resilience to complete their tests. As a treat to celebrate the end of SATs week, year 6 enjoy a visit to Jump Warehouse.

Year 6 at Jump Warehouse.

Finally, year 6 were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to take part in a Puzzle Pod escape room. The children had to work in teams of 6 to solve puzzles and crack codes to complete the two challenge rooms.

Esteja, Kaydience and Maria working on a challenge in the Puzzle Pod.

Hannah Foladi (former Priory pupil) PhD Research Student

Former Pupil returns to Priory for exciting research project.

We are thrilled to announce that Hannah Foladi, (nee Steward) a previous student of St Nicholas Priory, is returning to our school this term to undertake a significant PhD research project with our Year 5 and 6 students. This initiative, in collaboration with the University of Bedfordshire, aims to explore the factors influencing adolescent physical activity in natural environments.

Hannah's research will play a crucial role in shaping effective physical activity interventions designed to promote healthier, happier, and more environmentally engaged behaviours among our students.

After interviewing the children Hannah expressed, "I am immensely impressed by the behaviour and politeness of the students at St Nicholas Priory. The children spoke with such clarity, confidence, and enthusiasm, demonstrating a remarkable ability to articulate their thoughts and ideas. It was evident that they have great potential and a strong belief in their abilities. The students' knowledge and caring nature shone through in our discussions, particularly their passion for making a positive impact on the environment.,"

Hannah said following interviews with some of the children, she is committed to ensuring that their voice is expressed in her findings.

This project not only highlights our commitment to fostering an active and aware student body but also strengthens our ties with former students who continue to make a difference in the world. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting venture!

News from Year 4

Before Easter, the year 4 children were involved in an Art project called the 'River of Hope'. Initially, we visited the river and following that the children worked with a local artist learning fun and exciting techniques to create a design that has since been turned into a sail. This term, our sail, along with those from other schools in Great Yarmouth was installed in the school hall and on Friday 24th May we held an exhibition to display our hard work. Next year, these sails will become part of a much bigger exhibition, during the 2025 Norfolk and Norwich festival.

Brainstorming our ideas for our 'River of Hope' artwork

Painting with red cabbage ink, vinegar and baking powder.

This term, Year 4 also had a visit from Aisling Creevey, a meteorologist and weather presenter from ITV Anglia. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about weather and climate change, as well as have a go at presenting the weather themselves!

As this year comes to an end we have been so pleased with how our year 4 children have mastered their times tables, their perseverance and determination has been amazing, and we are so proud of you.

Diary dates

Thursday 27th June - Oscars Awards Evening at the Minster – 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 3rd July - International Evening - 4pm - 6pm
Thursday 18th July - Leaver's Assembly - 10am
Thursday 18th July - Summer fayre - 3.30pm onwards (big playground)

Summer term

Tuesday 16 April - Friday 24 May 2024 **- school open**

(Monday 6 May is a Bank Holiday) **- school closed**

Half-term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 May 2024 **– school closed**

Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July 2024 **- school open**

Staff training days

The school will be closed to pupils on these days

Monday 4th Sept 2023

Friday 1st Dec 2023

Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

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