Newsletter - Autumn Issue 2

21st September 2026



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder about safe drop-off and parking

Thank you to the many parents and carers who park considerately and help keep our children safe.

This morning, we saw children being dropped off in the middle of the road and vehicles stopping on the zigzag markings outside school. With the ongoing roadworks making the surrounding roads busier, this is especially concerning.

Please **do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off children,** and **do not stop on the school zigzags,** even briefly. The signs show when the no-stopping restriction applies; stopping their during those times is prohibited.





The school cannot enforce parking restrictions on public roads. If you would like to report unsafe or illegal parking, please use Harrow Council's reporting page. If we continue to see dangerous stopping outside school, we will also pass the vehicle and incident details to the council so it can assess what action to take.

Thank you for helping us keep the roads around school safe for every child.

Best wishes,

Creamer

Mrs Amy Creamer
Associate Headteacher

Priestmead Parents' Association
Registered Charity No: 1032585

PPA AGM 2026
Annual General Meeting

Stay informed and get involved!

Wednesday 30th September 6pm
Please arrive 10mins early

In Person in the School Hall
Refreshments will be provided

Don't worry if you can't make it in person

Join Online via Zoom
ID: 831 0051 9711
Passcode: 000 000

Come along to find out...

What the PPA has been set up to do
What PPA events are planned for the new year
How much the community helped to raise last year
How the funds will be used by the school
How you can get involved!

Nominations for 2026/27 Committee are NOW OPEN

As a registered charity the PPA is required to have 'Office Bearers' which are elected each year.

The roles are: Chair; Vice Chair x3; Treasurer x2; Secretary x2

If this is something you would like to find out more about or put forward a nomination please email **ppa.chair@outlook.com before 29 September**

PPA AGM 2025
Annual General Meeting

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- **Chair / Vice Chairs**

Main purpose of the role: To lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members. Liaise with the school about fundraising priorities and ensure best practice is established and followed based on governance set out by regulatory bodies and the school.

- **Secretary**

Main purpose of the role: Along with the Vice-Chairs, the secretary ensures that PPA activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

- **Treasurer**

Main purpose of the role: The treasurer controls the PPA funds in line with the committee's decisions as well as charity law. They help to make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS WANTED! NO NOMINATION NEEDED!

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved!

It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, doing some shopping or distributing letters keep everything running smoothly.

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action.

Email ppa.chair@outlook.com and we will send you details of the next PPA team meeting.

Everyone has something they can bring to the PPA!

PTA+ 10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

The home of school fundraising

1 SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

2 IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE
Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3 MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4 BE BETTER CONNECTED
Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

5 BECAUSE IT'S FUN!
Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6 CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER
Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

7 LEARN NEW SKILLS
Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

8 IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

9 IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS
Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

10 CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022—31ST AUGUST 2023

You need to apply for a Reception Place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

15TH JANUARY 2027

SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015—31ST AUGUST 2016

You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

31ST OCTOBER 2026

We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by Wednesday 21st October, as this is the last day before half term.

APPLYING ONLINE IS EASY AND YOU WILL GET INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk



Parent & Carer Support

As the Family-Focus Coordinator, my role is to support you and work towards removing barriers and creating an environment where our children can thrive!

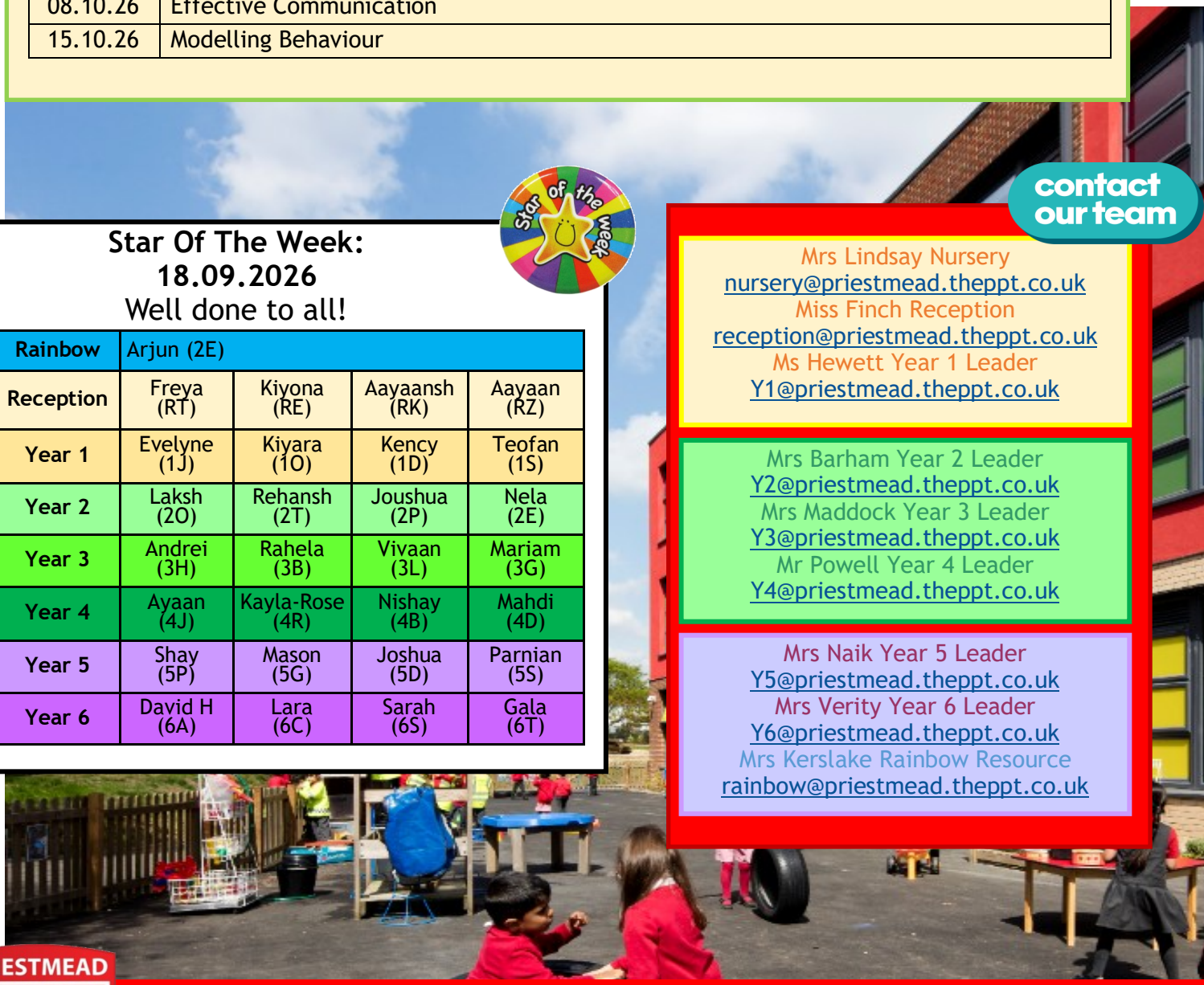
Please do contact me if you feel that you would like to talk about:

Parenting
Financial difficulties
Attendance concerns
Liaising between school and home
Your child's additional learning needs
Self-care and wellbeing
Being new to English



Mobile: **07399 935 220**
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Date	Parent Tea & Chat Sessions
24.09.26	Setting Boundaries
01.10.26	Consistent Discipline
08.10.26	Effective Communication
15.10.26	Modelling Behaviour



Star Of The Week: 18.09.2026

Well done to all!

Rainbow	Arjun (2E)			
Reception	Freya (RT)	Kiyona (RE)	Aayaansh (RK)	Aayaan (RZ)
Year 1	Evelyne (1J)	Kiyara (1O)	Kency (1D)	Teofan (1S)
Year 2	Laksh (2O)	Rehansh (2T)	Joushua (2P)	Nela (2E)
Year 3	Andrei (3H)	Rahela (3B)	Vivaan (3L)	Mariam (3G)
Year 4	Ayaan (4J)	Kayla-Rose (4R)	Nishay (4B)	Mahdi (4D)
Year 5	Shay (5P)	Mason (5G)	Joshua (5D)	Parnian (5S)
Year 6	David H (6A)	Lara (6C)	Sarah (6S)	Gala (6T)

contact our team

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AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR 2026

September 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	21	22	23	24	25
		Parent Workshop 8.50am-9.30am: Relationships and Health Education (RHE) Workshop Parents/Carers invited		4B & 4J Swimming Lessons	8.50am **6A Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
5	28	29	30	1	2
	School Led extended clubs Start from today	Y6 Regent Park Mosque Visit		4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Y2 Local Area Walk Pegasus Pizza Day	Individual School Photo Day All Children to Wear school uniform **(NO PE KITS)** PPA Movie Night TBC

October 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	5	6	7	8	9
	YR—Y6 Flu Vaccination (consent required)	Y5 Southall Gurdwara Visit Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1D)	Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1O)	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Y3 Kenton Library Visit (class tbc)	Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1S) 8.50am **6C Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
7	12	13	14	15	16
		Y3 Kenton Library Visit (class tbc)	Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1J) Y4 Local Area Visit	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Y3 Kenton Library Visit (class tbc)	Y3 Kenton Library Visit (class tbc) 8.50am **6S Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
8	19	20	21	22	23
			Early School Closure 1:30pm (Nursery Closed All Day) 2pm—8pm Parents Meeting Day/Evening	*Half-Term*	*Half-Term*

HALF TERM 22ND OCTOBER 2026 —2ND NOVEMBER 2026
Children return on Wednesday 4th November 2026

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR 2026

November 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2	3	4	5	6
1	School Closed	School Closed Staff Development Day 3	Back to School	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Year 1 Trip Headstone Manor Museum x 2 classes **PPA School Fireworks 5pm-7pm**	
	9	10	11	12	13
2		Year 3 Trip Hare Krishna Temple Visit	Remembrance Day	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Year 1 Trip Headstone Manor Museum x 2 classes	8.50am **6T Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
	16	17	18	19	20
3	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying week Catch Up Flu Clinic	Year 4 Trip Roald Dahl Museum x 2 Classes Y6 Suffragettes Workshop	Y6 Suffragettes Workshop	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons	Children In Need NON-UNIFORM DAY 8.50am **2P Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
	23	24	25	26	27
4		Year 4 Trip Roald Dahl Museum x 2 Classes		4B & 4J Swimming Lessons	8.50am **2T Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)

December 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30	1	2	3	4
5				4B & 4J Swimming Lessons	PPA XMAS TOY DONATION Non Uniform Day 8.50am **2O Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
	7	8	9	10	11
6			Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Early Phase Concert 9am or 2pm Parent/Carers invited	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons	**PPA Christmas Fair Day** Children can bring in Money up £10
	14	15	16	17	18
7		Rainbow Panto Trip Snow White	Harrow HAF Winter Wonderland Details TBC	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Christmas Party Day & Dave the Children Xmas Jumper Day	Last Day of Term Early School Closure Gates Open 1.15pm to 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December 2026 to Monday 4th January 2027

School Starts Tuesday 5th January 2027