Newsletter - Autumn Issue 3

5th October 2026



Headteacher Update

A busy week at Priestmead!

It has been another busy week at Priestmead, with lots going on across the school and plenty to celebrate.





Last week we welcomed a group of headteachers and teachers from Belgium. They visited classrooms, spoke with staff and spent time seeing our children learning. It was a great opportunity to share our practice and showcase our school. Thank you to everyone who made them feel so welcome.

We also held our **Priestmead Parents' Association (PPA) AGM**, where we welcomed some new members. The Parents' Association continues to raise valuable funds for our children and, following pupil voice, we are looking at using some of this year's funds to further develop our playground. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the association.



Keeping Our Playground Safe

A reminder that **bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playground.** This applies to both children and adults. With lots of children moving around at busy times, riding presents a safety risk. Please dismount and walk bikes and scooters through the school grounds.

Harvest Collection

Today is our **Harvest Assembly,** and we are collecting donations for **Harrow Food Bank** until the half term.

If you are able to donate, Harrow Foodbank is particularly in need of the following items.

- **Tinned food:** meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, soup, potatoes, custard and puddings
- **Breakfast & cupboard items:** porridge oats, cereal bars, crackers, spreads, jam, honey and peanut butter
- **Drinks:** tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long-life milk and juice
- **Snacks & Treats:** chocolate, crisps and savoury snacks
- **Cooking essentials:** cooking oil, instant mash and other long-life foods
- **Toiletries:** toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, razors and shaving gel
- **Baby & household items:** size 6-7 nappies, toilet roll, washing powder, washing-up liquid and bags for life
- **Dietary items:** halal and vegetarian food

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Every donation makes a difference.

Best wishes,

Creamer

Mrs Amy Creamer
Associate Headteacher

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AUTUMN HOLIDAY CAMPS

PREISTMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

26th–30th October

DAY SESSIONS:
8.30am–3.30pm: £38



Join us for an exciting holiday camp packed with activities, games, sports and creative fun for children aged 4–11.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- AUTUMN TEXTILE PRINTING
- WOODLAND CLAY WORKSHOP
- MINI BUG HOTEL WORKSHOP
- POTTERY PAINTING
- MULTI SPORTS ACROSS WHOLE WEEK

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Children's Multi-Activity

HOLIDAY CAMPS

26th–30th October 2026

Join Aktiva Camps at Preistmead Primary School for exciting holiday adventures! Children can enjoy sports such as football, tennis, basketball and dodgeball, alongside creative activities including textile printing, pottery painting, fun with clay, making bug hotel. Led by experienced staff, our camps provide a safe, fun environment where children stay active, learn new skills and make friends



Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED-registered children's day camp, providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun, and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™ each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high-energy, full of variety, and most importantly, fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs, and new friendships.

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TERM TIME ABSENCE

At Priestmead, we aspire to high standards of attendance from all pupils and parents, building a culture where all can, and want to, be in school and ready to learn. Good attendance at school is essential for a child's education ensuring they establish a positive working ethos early in life.

Our expectation for Priestmead children is to have attendance consistently above **97%** for all children.

Please note, if your child is frequently absent with an unjustifiable reason and his/her attendance drops below 93%, we will initiate our attendance monitoring process.

Join Our Official Whatsapp Channel

To keep up with the ever-changing social media landscape, we've added a new WhatsApp channel (one-way communication) to keep you informed about Priestmead events, dates and reminders.

Click here or scan QR code to follow us:
https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb4jZppHbFVF2zJxrx2x

SCAN HERE

Don't forget to turn on notifications!
Please note email and our newsletter will remain our primary communication channels

You can also follow us on our other platforms
search @priestmeadproud
Facebook - Friend Sash Hamidi

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**
Email: mmensah@theppt.co.uk

Date	Parent Tea & Chat Sessions
08.10.26	Effective Communication
15.10.26	Modelling Behaviour

Star Of The Week:
02.10.26
Well done to all!

Rainbow	Zuraib (5G)			
Reception	Jeeya (RT)	Victoria (RE)	Asiya (RK)	Luca (RZ)
Year 1	Eric (1J)	Mariam (1O)	Ayansh (1D)	Jaemani (1S)
Year 2	Riaan (2O)	Maytham (2T)	Dhiyana (2P)	Rebecca (2E)
Year 3	Sonakshi (3H)	Charvi (3B)	Nishvi (3L)	Ayesha (3G)
Year 4	Hollie (4J)	Aarya (4R)	Fabian (4B)	Taran (4D)
Year 5	Shanaya (5P)	Arya (5G)	Yasmeen (5D)	Diana (5S)
Year 6	Sienna (6A)	Zaryab (6C)	Reeyan (6S)	Dharnish (6T)

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AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR 2026

October 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5	6	7	8	9
6	*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 (3B)	Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1S) 8.50am **6C Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
	12	13	14	15	16
7		Y3 Kenton Library Visit (3H)	Y1 Kenton Library Visit (1J) Y4 Local Area Visit	4B & 4J Swimming Lessons Y3 Kenton Library Visit (3G)	Y3 Kenton Library Visit (3L) 8.50am **6S Class Assembly** (parents/carers invited Athens Hall)
	19	20	21	22	23
8			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

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)

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR 2026

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