

The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy



Newsletter June 2025

Summer (Pentecost) Term 2: Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

Autumn (Advent) Term 1: Thursday 4th September – Friday 24th October 2025.
Reception pupils only return on Friday 5th September for induction & transition.
All other pupils in Years 1 to 6 return on Monday 8th September 2025.

Half-term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025.

Catholic Life

Weekend Mass: Our Lady and The Beauvale Martyrs Eastwood – Sundays 11am.

Celebration Assemblies: Take place from 1pm each Friday – unless otherwise stated.

Virtue to live by: Enquiry – We are currently focussing on how to become independent enquirers – readily asking questions to deepen our understanding. A child who is confident in asking questions and who is both analytical and curious can:

- explore from different perspectives using questions they have thought of
- analyse and judge the relevance and value of information
- consider the influence of circumstances, beliefs and feelings on decisions
- support conclusions using reasoned arguments based on evidence
- plan and carry out research.

Monday 2nd June: I know the importance of asking searching questions in order to fully understand – linked to the gospel story of The Ascension – the disciples stood in awe and in deep thought as Jesus ascended into heaven before their very eyes!

Wednesday 4th June: Pentecost Mass – the children learned about the weekend's gospel. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season.

Monday 16th June: The Holy Spirit guides my conscience when I make decisions - linked to The Holy Trinity. This feast day is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It commemorates the belief in God existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus teaches his disciples about the Holy Spirit.

Monday 23rd June: I know that Jesus is alive in me and others through the love I experience - linked to Corpus Christi – meaning "Body of Christ" in Latin; a Christian feast day that celebrates the presence of Jesus in communion with humanity.

Monday 30th June: I know how to find Jesus in the goodness people display in their lives – linked to the lives of Saints Peter and Paul and the weekend's gospel, when Jesus ordained Peter the first Pope to build his church on earth.

Eastwood Food Bank: Please do send tinned and dried food into school as we continue to collect it in the main entrance. All food donations will be delivered to the Eastwood Food Bank on Friday 18th July – thank you for your kindness towards the poor and needy of Eastwood.

Appeal for your prayers, help and support: The school community is deeply saddened by the loss of Mr Carl Millinson who died at the weekend. Please join us in supporting his daughter who is a pupil in our Year 4 class and his wife, Olga. We pray for Carl and his family who we hold dearly in our thoughts and actions. If you would like to help through making a monetary donation – then this can be done by following this link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lena-pawlak?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL Thank you for your love and kindness.

Heat wave: Please do take measures to combat the upcoming heat wave. Do ensure your child is protected from the sun. It is the school's policy that we do not apply sun cream to pupils. Instead, we ask that a high-factor sun cream is applied at home before your child comes to school. If you know that your child is able to apply their own sun cream, then it must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child must not share their sun cream with others. Also, please send your child with a refillable water bottle – staff are encouraging all pupils to drink regularly in order to stay hydrated.

School Wrap Around Provision: From the start of the autumn term (September 2025) the school's wrap around care provision will increase in price. Although this is the second increase in two years, the provision still provides value for money when compared to the other organisations in the local area who offer this provision. The reason for the rise is so that we can continue to break even as the money received goes entirely on staffing costs, food, and the resources pupils use when attending.

The cost will be as follows:

Breakfast Club (this opens at 7.30am) from £6 to **£7**

After school (first session – until 4.45pm – whether in an organised club or doing activities with Mrs Wright in Wrap Around Care) from £6 to **£7**

After school (second session – until 6pm – including a snack and doing activities in Wrap Around Care with Mrs Wright) from £6 to **£7**

School Meals: Due to increasing food and energy costs, the price of a school dinner will also rise in September 2025 when the pupils return from the summer holidays. The price will increase to £3.40 per meal per day. The government do pay for each child in Reception Class and year groups 1 and 2 to have a free school dinner each day. Although our younger children do receive a free meal, this is not the same as being officially in receipt of Free School Meals – to be officially in receipt of meals, please read the next section, or come to the school office for help and assistance – bringing your national insurance number with you.

Free School Meals: Children who officially qualify for free school meals are eligible for the Pupil Premium. This is not the same as universal free school meals for pupils in reception and year groups 1 and 2. Children who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium (including Armed Forces pupils) are charged 50% of the total costs of trips, after-school and breakfast clubs. If you would like to know more about whether you are eligible, then please contact the school office; they are always on hand to help. Indeed, you can also just follow this link:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

Safeguarding our Children: In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, from time to time we may need to make a referral to Children & Young People Services at Nottinghamshire County Council. The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Smith (Family Liaison Lead) Mr Harrison (Headteacher) Mrs Grimes (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Symonds (SENDCO). You can contact our DSL team at ANY TIME by emailing directly to: Safeguarding@pri.srscmat.co.uk Your concerns and correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence. Our safeguarding policy can be accessed on the school website.

Parent Teacher Association: Please read this message from the PTA who have exciting events coming up over the summer term:

We have got a fantastic line-up of events to look forward to! Get ready for our non-uniform days on 20th and 27th June, when pupils can come in their summer outfits in return for bottles and chocolate for the summer fayre.

On July 7th, we will be celebrating World Chocolate Day, so expect Willy Wonka golden-ticket-themed-fun with lots of prizes to be won. We then have our biggest event of the season, the Summer Fayre on Friday 11th July, packed with games, stalls, food, and entertainment for the whole family; and finishing up with the leavers and whole school disco on 14th July. It's a wonderful way to wrap up the school year and support our school community—more details are coming soon! Finally, thank you for the fantastic fundraising we did last term through tuck shops, non-uniform days and the sponsored walk. We have recently bought some exciting new playground equipment including giant Tetris, den-building kits and Connect 4, as well as securing our Year 6 end-of-term trip to Wheelgate Park. We are also currently planning some exciting events for Christmas trips so watch this space! Thank you as always for your continued help and support – your PTA members.

Food for Thought: “Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet.” – Bob Marley. **God bless, Anthony Harrison (Headteacher)**