



HUNTINGTOWER
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Tower Times wb 19.05.2025

Welcome to Term 5's newsletter.

Included within this newsletter:

- *Organisational information including timings and attendance*
 - *Celebratory items*
-

Events and Activities in Term 5



Whilst it has been a short term, the sun has shone brightly allowing us to make the most of the grounds and take part in a range of academic activities. The children have enjoyed being back on the South Site and also using the field for sport and PE.

The children and staff also enjoyed taking part in the VE Day 80th celebrations. They worked collaboratively to decorate the academy with banners. Having dressed in red, white and blue, they spent an afternoon taking part in a range of activities including traditional games, dances, biscuit decorations and time celebrating this momentous event.

Term 5 has also hosted the Early Years and Year 1 Discos. The children had a fabulous time and danced non-stop! All of the proceeds from our disco events this year will go to fund more books for the library and classrooms. These events have been really successful and well supported this year.

Early Years also hosted Zoo Lab who bought a range of mini-beast for them to learn more about. They were able to see these magnificent animals and many were able to touch or hold them.

Y1 spent the day at Great Wood Farm at their forest school. Whilst the day was cool, it did not curb their enthusiasm and the children had the opportunity to explore freely and work together to solve problems in an amazing environment.



















Sporting Events



We have made the most of the weather and been keen to spend more time outside. There have been a range of competitions, clubs and festivals for children to improve their skills.

Across the term, we have participated in:

- Our mixed gymnastics team represented the East Midlands at the National finals. This was a truly memorable experience and one that they should be very proud of. Many thanks to Mrs Bensley and Miss Williams for their guidance and training.
- Year 3 and 4 cross country. This was the first time that some our pupils had represented the academy and we were so proud of them. There were over 200 pupils taking part in the two races and the children all gave their best and performed well. It takes great courage and we are proud to say that two pupils achieved medal places.
- Summer is the time for cricket. This year, children from KS1 took part in cricket festival. They represented the academy impeccably and had a great time learning more about the sport.

- Tennis is an increasingly popular sport for primary aged children. We were delighted that some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils were able to take part in a tennis festival Well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you to all of the family members who have transported children to and from events as well as supporting the teams and pupils taking part. Thank you also goes to the staff who work hard to ensure that the children have these opportunities.

There will be more events and opportunities next term including our sports' day event.

We are proposing there will be four sports day events;

- **Early Years will race at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 9h July 2025**
- **Year 1 and 2 will race at 2.15pm on Thursday, 10th July 2025**
- **Year 3 and 4 will race at 2.15pm on Monday, 7th July 2025**
- **Year 5 and 6 will race at 2.15pm on Tuesday, 8th July 2024**

This year, each child will be allowed a maximum of two adults tickets for their sports day event. We will be distributing a forms for parents to complete. It is a requirement of our safeguarding duty that we keep a record of who attends the events. Pre-School siblings are welcome to attend with their adults attending.

Please check your Parent Hub and ClassDojo communications for more information in Term 6.













Clubs and Events



Most of the clubs have continued to run this term. The pupils have enjoyed attending a range of activities from sporting clubs to well being activities. Well done to the Y6 Reading

Ambassadors who continue to spend their lunchtimes ensuring that the library is organised and open for children to select books. There will be more clubs into the final term.

Our final term looks to be busy one. Lions Class will be swimming at the Mere's after half term. As stated above, we have our sports days planned as well as a range of sporting activities. There will be some curriculum trips for some year groups as well as a range of transition activities including our **moving up morning on Tuesday, 1st July 2025**. Our Year 6 pupils will be spending a weekend at PGL as well as beginning to practise their end of year production.

Below are a selection of photos that have been shared on ClassDojo across this term

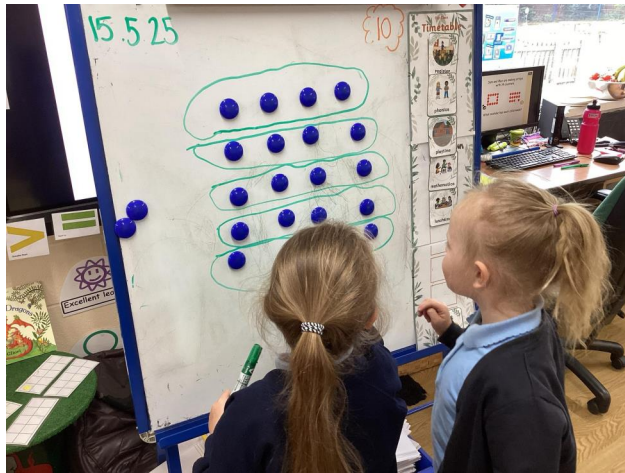


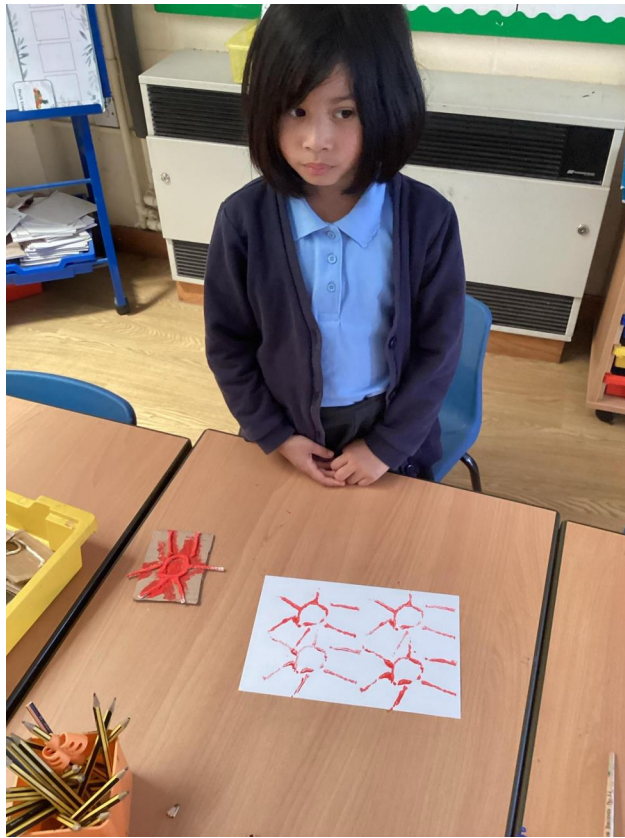




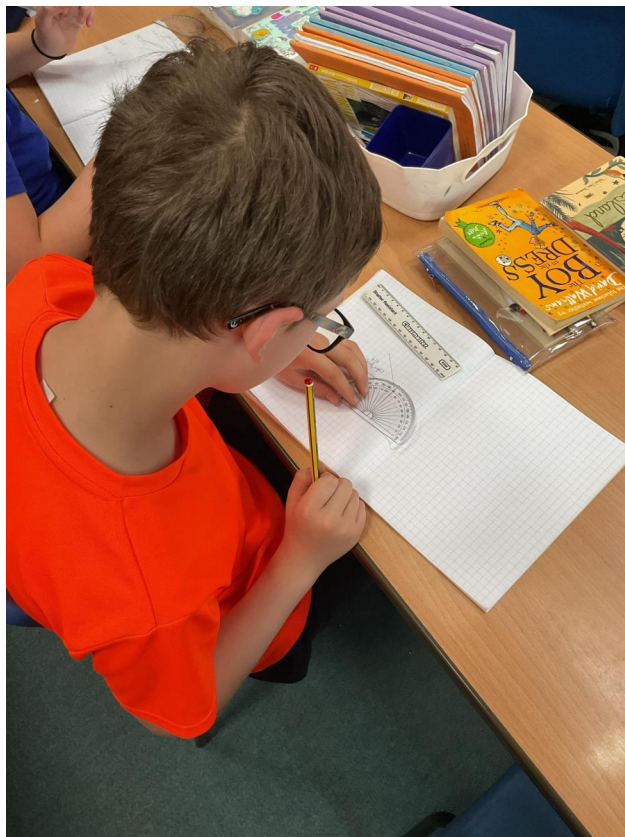




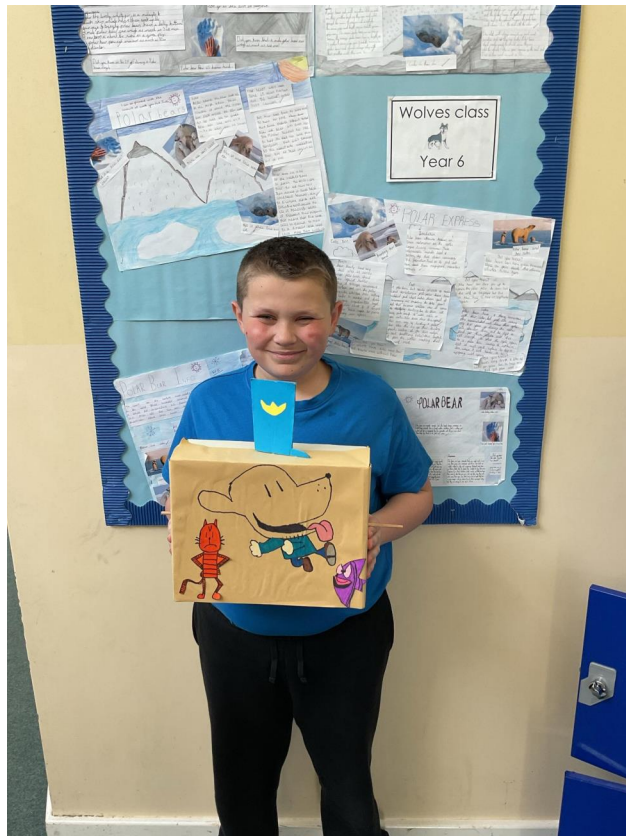


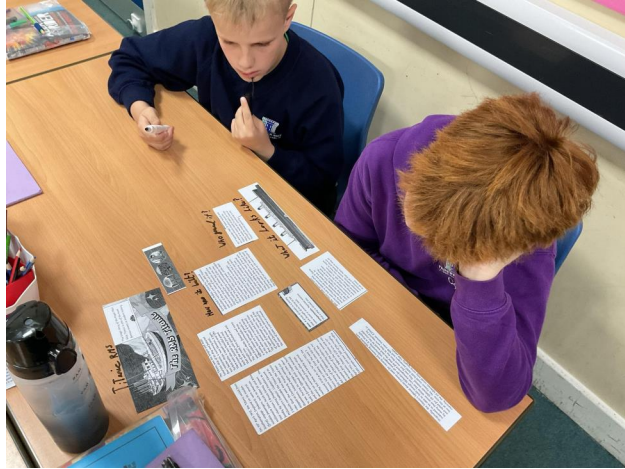






















Huntingtower Community Citizens



HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

Our Junior Online Safety Officers have been busy reviewing the audits completed by the classes. They have sorted the children's worries and are now planning how they can best support them next term. They are very excited to start supporting children with online safety and will continue their role into next year.

Our Sports Ambassadors presented to the academy in Assembly. They did an amazing job and encouraged the pupils to get involved in sport.

Our Year 5 pupils continue to work with our local PCSO and Mini Police. They've developed a strong understanding of citizenship and British Values through their work.



Important Dates, Routines and Attendance Information



HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

The Summer term is always a busy one. Please be aware of the following dates:

Y1 pupils will be access the **Phonic Screen Check** in the **week beginning 9th June 2025**.

Y4 pupils will access the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the **week beginning 2nd June 2025**.

Our **Summer Fayre** is on **Friday, 4th July at 3.20pm until 5.00pm** on the **South Site**.

Transition week will be week beginning **Monday 30th 2025 with moving up morning on Tuesday, 1st July 2025**.

Reports will be distributed on **Friday, 11th July 2025**.

End of the academic year is on Friday, 18th July 2025.

There are several educational trips taking place. Please check Parent Hub and ClassDojo for more information.

Start of the academic year 2024-25 is on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025.

Attendance

- Please remember that: Classroom doors open **at 8.50am** in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2, staff will collect their classes from the playground. **The registers open at 8.50am. Please arrive at the academy from 8.40am to ensure your child is ready to enter the academy at 8.50am. Doors and gates and the registers close at 9.00am.**
- Any children who arrive after 9.00am through main entrance and are recorded as late until 9.10am and then unauthorised after that. Adult who drops them off will be required to complete a slip. The administration office is extremely busy at this time and this allows the staff to ensure that the correct information is communicated with the class teachers as well as updating the lunch register.
- For more information, please read our academy attendance policy [here](#).
- Guidance specific to our academy can be found [here](#) on our website.
- We routinely have visits from the community parking enforcement officer as part of the Local Authority's responsibility towards road safety. They have asked us to remind parents and families that it is an offence to park on the double yellow lines unless a blue badge is displayed as well as an offence to park on the yellow zig-zag lines whilst the school is active. This is during the hours of 8am and 6pm. The additional yellow lines and zig zags are there for our children's safety and parking on them may endanger our children and other pedestrians in our community.

If your child is unwell, please let us know as soon as possible. A message can be left on our absence answer machine, a message can be sent via text or email (to our enquiries email address) or you can wait to speak to one of the administrators. We appreciate that the phone lines and the office can be very busy first thing in the mornings but it is important to let us know. If we are able to ascertain why your child is absent, we will have to register them as having an unauthorised absence. There are times that medicines may have to be administered during the school day. There are strict guidelines as to what schools are able to do. It is recommended that prescriptions can be administered if the frequency is more than 3 times a day. There are occasions when over the counter pain relief is recommended for a short period of time. Each case is reviewed by the academy and if medication needs to be administered, parents are requested to provide the medication in its original packaging, with the prescription label where

possible and to then complete a consent form. As the office can be very busy at the start and end of the day, it is helpful to contact the admin team before bringing any medication into school. All medication should be brought to the administration office by an adult.

In addition, can we remind you that:

- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle in the classroom for them to access during the day. This should only be water and not squash. We would ask that glass water bottles are not used. Academy water bottles can be purchased from the office using the Parent Pay app.
- Children should come in their PE kits (including their coloured PE top) on the days that they have PE. **They should still wear their school jumpers or cardigans and not hooded tops.** Tracksuit bottoms and leggings should be black, dark grey (not light grey) or navy without motifs or visible labels.
- Earrings should be removed for PE days.
- In the warmer weather, please ensure that your child has a sun hat and that sun screen has been applied before they come to school. Unfortunately, we are unable to apply the sun screen within school.



1 - Please remember that children are required to wear a plain coloured T-Shirt for PE in their Tower Team colour.

Message from our Admin Team



HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

Please remember that if you would like to contact us, you can contact through email:

huntingtowerenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Telephone: 01476 564291

Mobile (for texts only): 07921 693323
