



HUNTINGTOWER
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Welcome to Term 4's newsletter.

Included within this newsletter:

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



It has been another very busy term. Term 4 is one of our favourites as we celebrate reading with World Book Day. It has been more of World Book Month with lots of opportunities to read and take part in challenges and events. On World Book Day, the children came dressed as their favourite fictional characters. children were able to spend time with children in different classes sharing their favourite books. They even had a mystery reader come to share a favourite book! The staff spent time decorating their doors and the children enjoyed touring the academy building to visit the various doors to guess the nursery rhyme or traditional tale. This proved to be quite challenging! Teachers also purchased five new books for their class to share.

There was also a week long class reading challenge which **Rhinos Class** won. They won the right for their top readers to visit our local book shop, The Reading Room to purchase £50 worth of new books for their class. Thank you to everyone who supported their child with their outfits and hearing them read.

We have also celebrated World Poetry Day with a choral speaking assembly. We continued the theme of nursery rhymes with each class performing. We really enjoyed how they personalised

their performance to make each one individual. We are very glad it wasn't a competition as it would have been too hard to pick a winning class.

Year 4 pupils (Gazelles and Rhinos classes) have been learning about World War II in their history lessons as well as some work in their English lessons. They thoroughly enjoyed their special experience day when a visitor came to school to share with them his knowledge in this subject.

Three year groups have had discos this term - Years 2, 3 and 6. Each disco was well attended and the children reported that they enjoyed the events very much. All monies raised will go to funding future events planned within the academy.

The children have been working very hard and earning merits. At the end of each long term, we announce the Merit Totals for each Tower Team. At the end of Term 2, Crane were in first place with 15586 merits. At the end of this term the scores were:

- **Crane - 27378 with an ongoing total of 55116**
- **Dragon - 28778 with an ongoing total of 55460**
- **Eiffel - 26625 with an ongoing total of 52377**
- **Galata - 27081 with an ongoing total 53969**

Congratulations to **Dragon** for being this term's leaders as well as being the cumulative leaders. The next terms should prove to be very exciting for the Tower Cup and Sports Shield!

Also congratulations goes to **Lemurs (96.9%)** and **Lions (97.4%)** classes who are this term's attendance winners. I know they will be excited to plan their attendance reward which will take place next term. **The whole academy attendance for the term is 95.2% with the year to date attendance being 95.6%.**

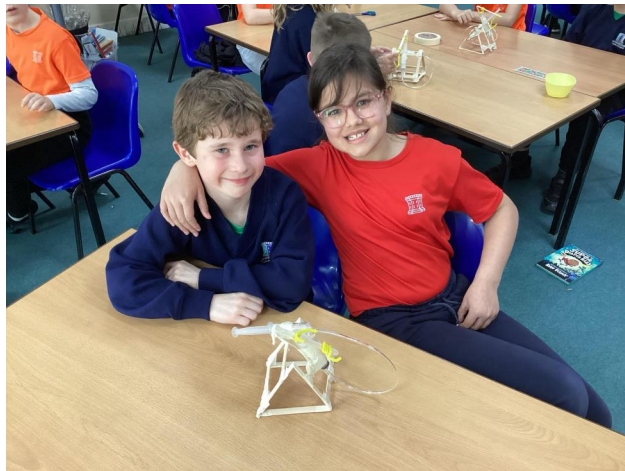
We are proud to share with you our Endeavour nominations. They were celebrated in our final assembly of the term and very deserving of the award. It is always very difficult to decide who should take the trophy for the term but ultimately, they were awarded to our Zebra and Pandas nominations.

Finally, thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Easter baskets. We have raised an amazing **£361** which will go towards subsidising future events as well as replenishing the books children read. Families of pupils from Gazelles, Meerkats and Wombats classes won the baskets.

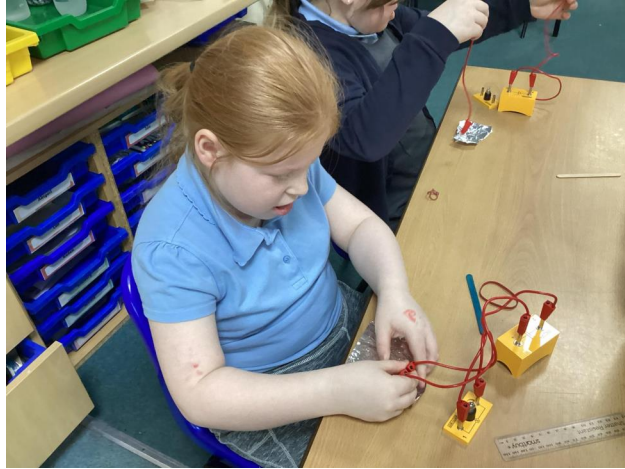
Gazelles Class have been swimming this term and next term, **Year 5 Panthers will swim starting on Tuesday, 21st April 2026.**

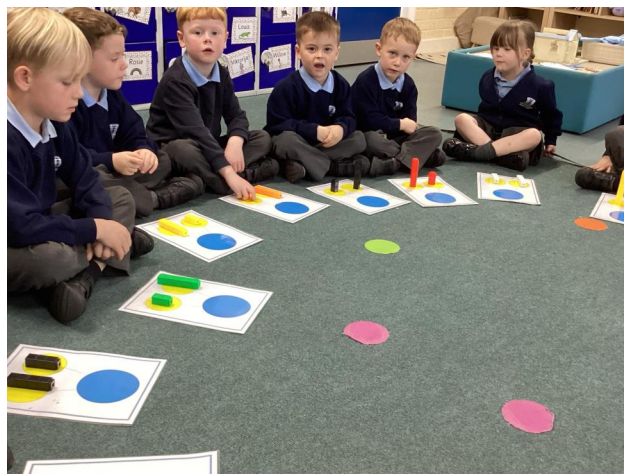


































Sporting Achievements



This has been another very busy term for sporting events. There have been a range of competitions as well as opportunities for children to improve their skills.

Across the term, we have participated in:

- KS2 Swimming Gala - group B with pupils from Y4, 5 and 6. We had some pupils place in their races as well as placing second in the relay cup. We were proud of all who took part.
- Netball - Year 5 and 6 pupils haven taken part in both the league and a tournament at Priory Ruskin. They enjoyed the experience of playing against other school teams and whilst they didn't place in the tournament, they came third in the league.
- Pupils from Y2 upwards also took part in a Gymnastics competition. We had many individuals place as well both mix teams placing including first place for the mixed U9 and U11 teams and also U11 girls. An amazing achievement.

- A group of Year 6 pupils took part in a wheelchair basketball festival. We have hosted the weekchairs from Inspire+ and the children had a fantastic time.
- Both the boys' and girls' football teams played a friendly against Isaac Newton.
- Our girls' football team also travelled to Gainsborough to play in the county finals. They had back to back matches and place 5th overall. They should be very proud of their achievements.

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. We are excited for the sporting events in the final two terms of the year including the National Gymnastic competition which will take place in Term 5.























Huntingtower Citizens



This term, the Academy Council led the academy to raise money for Comic Relief on **Friday, 20th March 2026**. As this followed on closely from World Book Day, the children were asked to dress in their leisure wear, sports wear or event favourite team's kit. It was a very relaxed day as everyone enjoyed being in their own clothes and whilst we are still awaiting a final amount from Parent Pay, we know that we raised **over £160 from cash donations**. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special. This collection was done in Evelyn's Week, the week in the term when we celebrate the value of Generosity. We will let you know when we have a final amount for this event.

The Reading Ambassadors also held a pre-loved book sale which took place after school on the Key Stage 2 playground. Thank you to everyone who attended it. The ambassadors had a wonderful time and many books were sold, raising **£150** for future book purchases.

The steel butterflies that the children designed and decorated went on display at Belton House as part of the art installation called Evelyn's Garden of Hope. There was even an ITV news item on the installation with our butterflies highlighted. If you have the opportunity to visit the display at Belton House, you will not be disappointed. Its a beautiful and moving installation.









Important Dates

The Summer term is always a busy one. There will be more information shared through Parent Hub and ClassDojo. Please be aware of the following dates:

Y6 pupils will be taking their **KS2 SATs** test in the week beginning **Monday 11th May 2026**. The children are required to attend **every day**.

Y1 pupils will be access the **Phonic Screen Check** in the week beginning **8th June 2026**.

Y4 pupils will access the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the weeks beginning **1st June 2026** and **8th June 2026**.

Sports Days - to take place on the Sports Field.

Early Years - **7th July 2026 at 2.30pm**

Years 1 and 2 - **6th July 2026 at 2.15pm**

Years 3 and 4 - **8th July 2026 at 2.15pm**

Years 5 and 6 - **9th July 2026 at 2.15pm**

Early Years New Parents' Evening - **Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6pm**

Early Years Disco Party - **7th May 2026 at 3.15 -4.15pm**

Year 1 Disco Party - **7th May 2026 at 4.30 - 5.30pm**

Summer Fayre - to take place on the South Site on **Friday, 3rd July 2026 - 3.30pm to 4.50pm**

End of Year Reports - to be sent home at the end of the day on **Friday, 10th July 2026**

Transition week and Year 6 end of year events including their presentation and Leavers' Disco
- dates to follow.

Daily Routines

- Please remember that: the 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 will require the adult who drops them off 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. A child arriving after 9.10am, will be recorded as unauthorised late.

- For more information, please read our academy attendance policy [here](#).
- Guidance specific to our academy can be found [here](#) on our website.
- We understand that the start and end of the academic day can be extremely busy not just on the academy property but also in the immediate community. Please be considerate of others and ensure that you use the allocated areas to park.
- The Government now requires schools and academy's to make explicit their policy on mobile phones. This can be read [here](#) in the Huntingtower appendix.

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.

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.
- 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.



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



Please remember that we now use the general enquires email address which is:

huntingtowerenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Using our updated telephone system, you can select to leave a message for absence and the admin team ask that you use this facility as it reduces the number of calls made to the office during the day. If you require a call back, please state this in the message. We appreciate it can be quite frustrating when you cannot connect to one of the admin team and so the message service is there to help. An email can also be sent through enquiries. Please do not send messages to the Class Teachers about your child's absence on ClassDojo.