



HUNTINGTOWER
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Welcome to Term 6's newsletter.

Included within this newsletter:

- *Organisational information including timings and attendance*
 - *Celebratory items*
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End of Year



Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. I would like to thank the staff and pupils for their hard work this year. It has been an incredible year full of achievements and special memories. One event to be celebrated is our Summer Fayre. This year, we had a World Cup themed non-uniform day and asked for donations for the the Fayre. We were blown away by your generosity. Thank you for your support with your donations and your attendance at the Fayre itself. It was very well attended and we hope you enjoyed the range of activities offered by the staff and children. In total, we raised **£2120.55**. The money will be used once again for the purchase of books for the library, class reading collections and other resources. The Raffle raised **£301** and the Tombola was very popular. The stalls with games were incredibly popular including Mrs Kightley's very inventive Peg and Marble games. Thank you again for your support, particularly for the cake donations which sold out within the first half an hour. Every year, I hope to include some photos but every year, we're so busy that the event passes by in a blur.

Congratulations to all of the Y6 pupils for their outstanding performances of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. We have performed this play before many years ago and yet again, it was a superb and hilarious performance. The Y6 pupils performed to a range of audiences including the younger children in the school. The Year 6 have also enjoyed a long weekend at PGL and a

leavers' disco . We wish them every success in their new schools and know that as they move forward in life, they'll always have the values and experiences of Huntingtower to support them in their future endeavours.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Smith who has trained to be a teacher in Wombats, Mrs Taylor-Summers, Mr Talbot, Mrs Stewart and Miss Hsu. Mrs Taylor-Summers, Mrs Stewart and Miss Hsu are moving locations and Mr Talbot will be starting his teacher training with us in September. They have been amazing colleagues and staff at the academy and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours and roles.

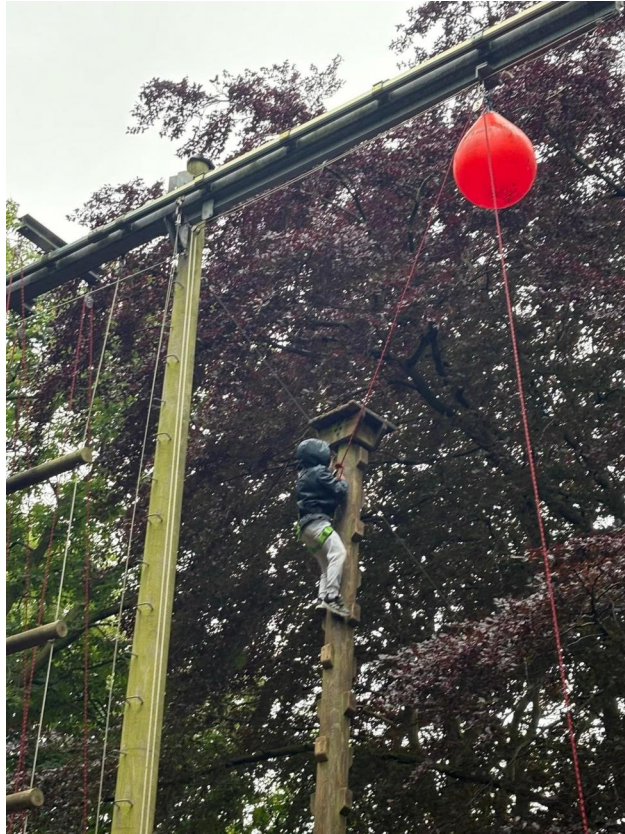
Congratulations to Jorgie in Wolves for winning the Dedication Trophy! This is an annual award for commitment to learning and attendance. In the years that Jorgie has been with us, she has given her all and this has been particularly evident in her role as a Reading Ambassador. We have also introduced a new award this year, the Huntingtower Values Award. This reflects the Trust values of passion, courage, generosity, curiosity and wisdom which we hold as the foundations of who we are. This was awarded to Josh in Y6 Wolves. He was elected as a Tower Captain and has taken his role very seriously. Everyone in the academy knows Josh as he is keen to help and support everyone from the youngest pupils to every members of staff he meets. A great role model for others.

We hope that you all have a great and safe summer and that we look forward to seeing our pupils from Early Years to Year 5 return in September in their new year groups.





















Sporting Achievements



The final term of the year is always a busy one for the academy. Many thanks go to Mrs Dilloway Mrs Bensley and the staff for their hard work and ensuring that the pupils of the academy access as much sport including competition as possible.

Across term 6:

- Year 4 took part in the Mini Olympics at the Meres. This was organised by Inspire+ and many local schools took part. Our Year 5 Ambassadors also supported the event.
- Y3 went to Belvoir Cricket Club to take part in their Countryside and Cricket club day
- Sports Days events: Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. The children tried exceptionally hard and demonstrated excellent sporting values despite the hot weather. Everyone enjoyed the additional events including a team event in KS1, relays in Lower and Upper KS2 and Javelin with our oldest pupils.
- A group of UKS2 pupils played in a tennis tournament. They achieved silver medals.
- A large number of KS2 pupils took part in the KS2 athletics competition on an incredibly hot day and the academy placed second overall with lots of pupils winning place medals for their individual races and for the Y5 relays.
- Year 5&6 girls played in a cricket tournament and won. Year 5&6 boys also took part in their own tournament and came fourth. Thanks to Mrs Maxwell for her cricketing support.
- Several of our Table Tennis club entered the Herbert Pacey Memorial Tournament. One of Y5 pupils retained her title from last year and we also have a Y6 girl who came second and another who was given most improved player.
- A group of Y6 pupils took part in the Priory Primary Athletics event which Ling Moor Primary Academy hosted. It was a busy and enjoyable day. The team performed brilliantly and came third with St John's at Bracebridge Heath winning. There were only 3 points between first and third place.
- Our Sports Ambassadors achieved gold standard which is the first time we have been awarded this.
- The academy has been given the Platinum Standard for the sixth year in a row. This is the highest standard schools can earn and is a national award.

Congratulations to the **Crane Tower Team** who won the **Sports Shield** for this year.

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 year. Mrs Bensley and Mrs Dilloway work very hard to ensure that as many children as possible participate in events as well as clubs. We are also excited to announce that our new minibus should arrive and be ready to be used from September to allow more access to events.





















Final Term Events and Trips



The children have worked hard all year to earn their merits and these count towards the Tower Teams totals. At the end of Term 2, Dragon Team were winning. **Crane Team won the sports shield**. Dragon won this term's totals. This meant that it all came down to the final results and as a result, we can proudly announce that **Dragon are the overall winners!** This is the first time that Dragon has won the Tower Cup!

The annual totals were:

Crane - 81,982 merits

Dragon - 83,788 merits

Eiffel - 78,104 merits

Galata - 82,006 merits

An humungous **325,880** merits earned this year! Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this year to earn these merits with an average of 783 merits per pupil! Thanks also go to our Tower Captains who were elected by their peers. They have been willing to support the academy and dedicated to their role.

Over the final term, there have been several school trips including the Y6 residential trip to PGL, Year 2 Trips to Burleigh, Y3 trip to Belvoir Cricket Club for a Countryside and Cricket event, EYs trip to Belvoir Castle and Y5 spent the day at Walton experiencing learning at the secondary stage. The children have talked about their trips and related it to their learning in class. Mr Emmett's piano pupils and Miss Winter's violin pupils also took part in a music recital for their families. We were awed by their musicality and how dedicated they have been to learning a new skill.

The attendance for the year was **95.7%**. We also celebrated the achievements of 26 pupils who had attended every day of this academic year.

We were so proud of our Endeavour nominations .They were all very worthy and our Wombat and Zebra Endeavour nominees were selected for the trophy.

























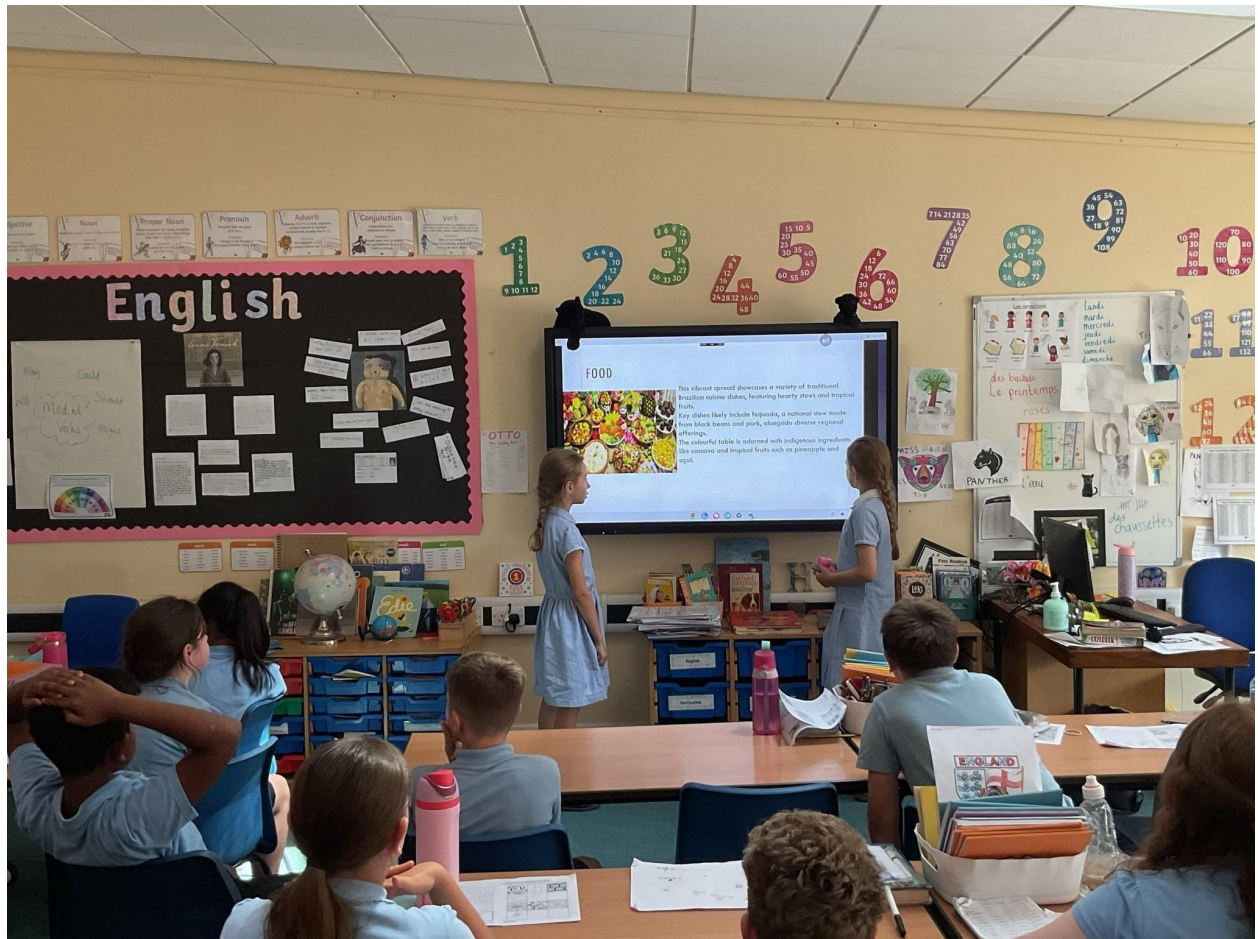










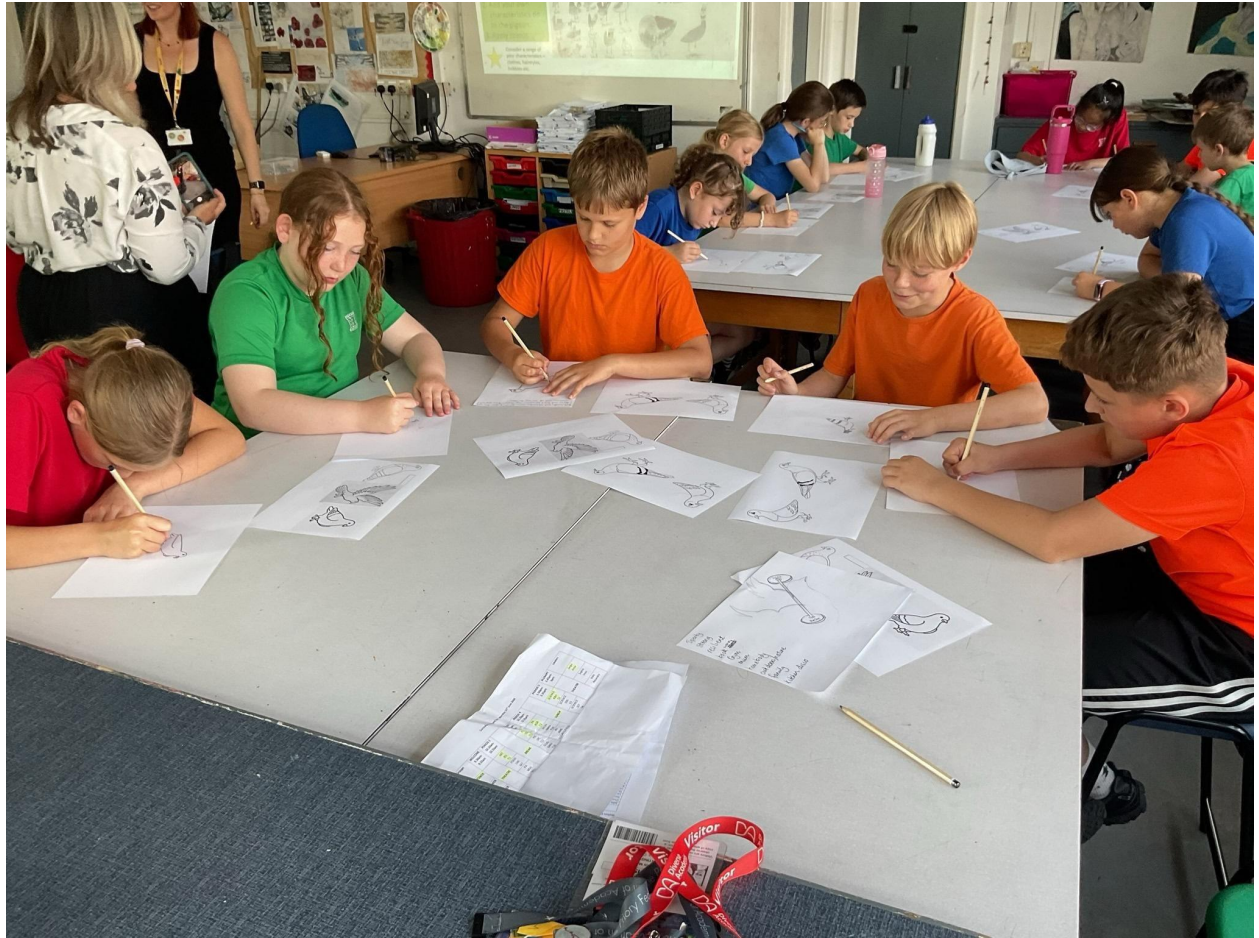
















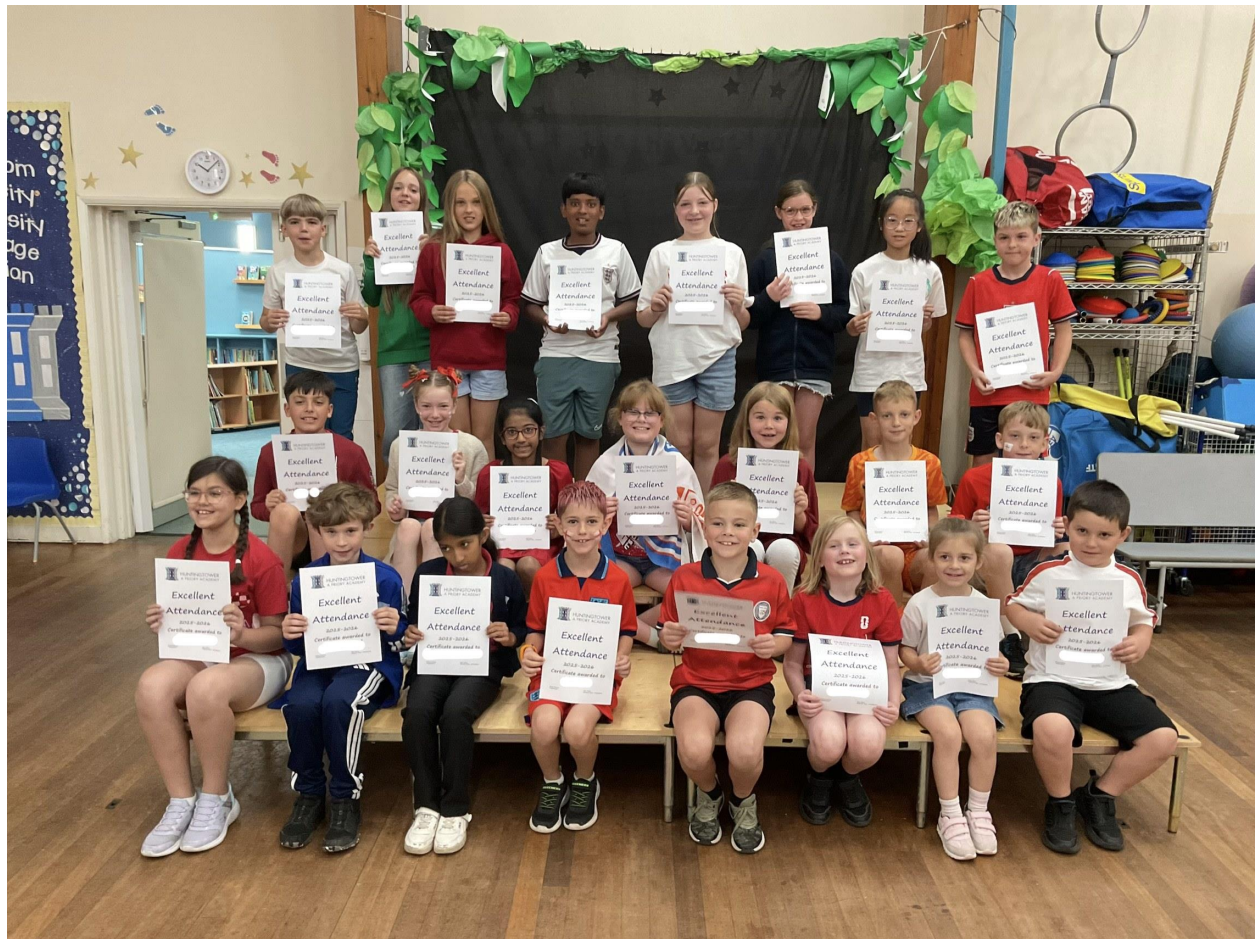


















Important Dates and Routines

*We are looking forward to our return in September for the academic year **2026-27**.*

Please be aware of following dates:

Start of the academic year 2026-27 is on

Monday, 7.09.2026 and ends on Friday, 23.10.2026

Term 2 starts on Monday, 2.11.2026 and ends on Friday, 18.12.2026

Term 3 starts on Tuesday, 5.01.2027 and ends on Friday 12.02.2027

Term 4 starts on Monday, 22.02.2027 and ends on Thursday 25.03.2027

Term 5 starts on Monday, 12.04.2027 and ends on Friday, 28.05.2027

Term 6 starts on Monday, 7.06.2027 and ends on Wednesday, 21.07.2027

KS2 SATs week is Monday, 10.05.2027 to Thursday, 13.05.2027

*The academic day still starts at **8.50am**. The gates are opened from **8.35am** onwards and are closed at **9.00am**. Teachers will open doors (at KS1 and Early Years) and collect children (in KS2) at **8.50am**. **The registers close at 9.00am** and so any child arriving after 9.00am, will be marked as late. After 9.10am. This will be marked as an unauthorised late. This will affect your child's overall attendance.*

*The academic day ends at **3.20pm** for children in **Years 1-6** and at **3.15pm** for children in **Early Years (Kangaroos and Koalas Classes)**.*

We anticipate that the first Parents Evenings will be in the week beginning 12.10.2026.

More information relating to news and events can be found on our [academy website](#).



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

Uniform



As we head into the summer holidays, we would like remind you of the uniform expectations for all pupils in the academy.

Our logoed uniform is available to purchase online from [Uniform Direct](#) and **some items can be bought at Downtown**. It is best to order uniform before the end of July to allow plenty of time. Uniform does not need to be purchased from this website and we do not insist that items need to have our academy logo. It does, however, need to meet our uniform expectations.

Children should wear:

- **Pale blue polo shirts (not cotton shirts)**
- **Either school logo sweatshirt or plain navy 'V' neck jumper (no hooded wear at all)**
- **Trousers – grey school trousers (school tailored shorts in the summer)/ grey dress or pinafore (blue/white summer dress in the summer) - black items are not part of our uniform policy.**
- **Black school shoes**
- **Navy blue fleece with or without the school logo**
- **Plain grey socks or tights**

PE uniform should be worn for the days in which the children have PE.

- **School PE Top or plain t-shirt in Tower Team colour.**
- **Navy blue (not black or grey) shorts (to the knee) /jogging bottoms/ leggings. We are that these items are plain and without stripes, patterns or logos.**
- **Black/navy/dark trainers**
- **School jumpers or cardigans are worn over the top.**
- **Branded wear should be avoided.**



General information



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

huntingtowerenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

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:

- In **September 2026**, the price for **school meals** that are paid for will still be **£2.50**. Please remember that you are required to order your child's lunch a week in advance on **Ideal Kitchens platform**. **Any cancellations must be made by 8am on the day, by calling 01522 246424, or you will still be charged.**
- 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.
- Earrings should be removed for PE days. Children should only **wear one pair of earrings and these should be plain studs and not sleepers/hoops.**

We will let you know about PE days at the start of the academic year.

We will transfer the children to their new classes on ClassDojo during the summer holiday. Please keep an eye on updates on this platform as well as Parent Hub.