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Dear Parents,

What a busy but wonderful term it has been at Prior Heath. It was fantastic to end on such a high with our performance of "It's a Party". The children have really enjoyed the build up to Christmas and it has been magical to see their excitement.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who have supported the classes this term. The teachers and the children have been most grateful for all of your time and hard work. We look forward to seeing you back in school from the week commencing Monday 12th January 2026. If anyone would like to help in school, please contact the school office.

Staffing

Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Burr has taken the difficult decision to leave Prior Heath at the end of this term. If your child has been receiving ELSA provision with Mrs Burr, Mrs Nelson (our SEND Manager) will be in contact with you in the new year to discuss the provision that can be put in place until we are able to successfully recruit a replacement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Burr for all that she has done for the children at Prior Heath. She will be missed.

Christmas Events

Your positive comments regarding this week's Christmas production were greatly appreciated by staff and I would like to thank you for your help in providing the costumes and coming in to watch. The staff and children worked incredibly hard and I think you will agree it was a wonderful production.

Our class parties took place yesterday and the children were particularly excited that Father Christmas managed to take time out of his very busy schedule to visit us all! Fred in the Shed's performance mesmerised the children with a range of magic tricks this morning. Thank you to the PTA for funding this event.



Charity Fundraising

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, the children came to school in home clothes with something spotty or stripy to show our support for Children in Need. We raised a total of £182 for the charity.

Save the Children

It was lovely to see the children in their Christmas outfits on Wednesday 10th December. We raised £165 for Save the Children. The children also thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch that day.

Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund

Our charity collection at the end of the Christmas productions raised an incredible £249 for Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund which aims to brighten the lives of deaf children.

We are extremely thankful for the generous donations you have made to these charities this year.

Online Safety – Setting up new devices for children

With Christmas around the corner, we expect that many children will be fortunate enough to receive new devices including tablets and consoles. In order to help parents to set up new devices safely, National Online Safety have published the attached guide. The NSPCC also have information for parents about setting parental controls: [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Right to Choose Pathway

Under the national NHS Choice Framework, people have the right to choose the provider that will carry out their autism or ADHD assessment and treatment via any provider (including independent providers) where they have an NHS contract and provide equivalent work elsewhere. We have been asked to share the following link with you which provides an update on the Right to Choose pathway from NHS Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group: <https://www.surreyheartlands.org/news-centre/update-on-right-to-choose-services-december-2025-3789/>

Inset Days 2025

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates in 2026:

Friday 27th March 2026
Tuesday 5th May 2026
Monday 29th June 2026

School will also be closed on Monday 4th May 2026 which is a bank holiday.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school for the start of the spring term on Monday 5th January 2026. Please may I politely request that, in order to help your child make the best start to their day, they stand with you before the bell rings. We are seeing an increasing number of children running around and becoming overexcited which results in the teacher having to regulate them before the day can begin. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff at Prior Heath, I would like to thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts and best wishes that we have received. They are very much appreciated. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

With best wishes,



Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday	5th January 2026	School re-opens for the spring term.
Wednesday	7 th January 2026	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) talk & tour at 9.15am.
Monday – Friday	16th to 20th February 2026	Half term.
Thursday	26th March 2026	End of spring term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.
Friday	27th March 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday	13th April 2026	School re-opens for the summer term.
Monday	4th May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday	5th May 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday – Friday	25th to 29th May 2026	Half term.
Monday	29th June 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Wednesday	22nd July 2026	End of summer term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.