



“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matt 28:20

At the end of our school year we have come together at Prizegiving and our Leaver's Assembly to celebrate a very special group of young people—our incredible Prep 6 pupils.

To our leavers: this is your moment, we recognise all the hard work, kindness, growth, and determination you've shown throughout your time at Notre Dame Prep, whether you joined us in Nursery or later in your school career. You've been role models to the younger children, leaders in the classroom and on the playground, and are such an important part of our school community. We are proud of each and every one of you.

To the parents and families of NDPS—thank you. Your support, patience, and partnership have helped guide your children through these important years, and today we share this milestone with you too. For the first time this year we also used Prizegiving to celebrate all the pupils across the school with one award for a person in every year group who has consistently shown what it means to live our school values—those who help others, work hard, show resilience, and always do their best. You make us proud every single day. Whether in Pre Prep or Prep 6, your energy, enthusiasm, and spirit help make our school the special place it is. Well done to all of those who were presented with an award.

So to our Prep 6 pupils—your primary school journey may be ending, but your adventure is only just beginning. We hope you leave us with happy memories, strong friendships, and the confidence to embrace all that comes next.

Congratulations—and let's celebrate you all!

To all of our pupils and families, we wish you a happy and sunny summer full of joy and exciting adventures. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs L & Mrs C



MINIBEASTS

This term the Minibeasts have been beating the heat with some fun summer activities!

After Easter, we started observing plants and flowers, and we got to plant our own. Then we looked at the solar system, which was the perfect opportunity for some sensory fun. We explored shaving foam and paint with our hands, squashing and squeezing, to mix our very own messy galaxy.

After the half term, it was time for our pirate topic. We got straight into making our own pirate costumes, treasure maps and compasses in search of some buried treasure.

The Minibeasts loved using the pirate ship outside to roleplay as pirates and singing 'Down by the Sea'. We also worked hard on celebrating our amazing daddies by making them a very special card for Father's Day.

The minibeasts loved getting their hands messy with paint and exploring their creativity.

As the weather has been heating up, lots of fun water play has been happening. The children love splashing and pouring water and watching for cause and effect as the water spins the wheels!

We hope you all have an amazing summer, and to those that will be moving on to the next step in their school journey, we wish you a super time!





Pre Prep

The Summer Term has been filled with sun and fun for the boys and girls in Pre Prep.

We started with an exciting trip to the Bug Parc. The children were fascinated to get close to a colony of leaf cutter ants and demonstrated great bravery holding a collection of minibeasts including cockroaches and giant snails. There was also plenty of time to bounce on the jumping pillows!

To follow up this visit, Pre Prep welcomed some extra members into our class in June – 5 caterpillars – and watched their journey to becoming a butterfly with awe and wonder, writing a diary detailing the changes they observed. We were thrilled to release our new friends in the school garden.

Our topic work has taken us from the seven seas learning all about Pirates, (did you know walking the plank is a myth?) to the land of the dinosaurs where Pre Prep got stuck into making real working volcanoes. The children have also learnt about Judaism in RE, focussing on Hanukkah. The game of Dreidel has proved to be very popular. Recently, we had an enjoyable afternoon in the 'French café', writing menus for food items and tasting croissants – yummy!

As the school year draws to a close, I wish to commend Pre Prep on a truly wonderful year. It is a pleasure to look back and see the incredible progress each and every one of you has made, academically, socially and emotionally since September. I hope you have a super summer break and wish you all the very best for your journey into Prep 1.

Miss Grand, Miss Duell and Miss Thrupp.





Prep 1

Well what a busy term this has been! We started with a fantastic visit to The Bug Parc with our friends in Pre Prep, where the children were fascinated to watch the leaf cutter ants as they followed each other along ropes and through tubes before spending time in the butterfly tent. I think we all wanted a butterfly to land on us!

The children were inspired to create their own Non-Fiction Bug books packed full of fun facts they had learnt about different bugs.

We have been learning about the UK and the weather. After watching some real weather reports, the children had fun planning and then presenting their own fictitious versions.

We have also enjoyed 2 very special events this half term: the Prep 1 Afternoon Tea and of course Sports Day.

On a sunny afternoon the class all welcomed their families as a way of thanking them for all their support over the year. We then tucked in to a delightful tea of scones, strawberries and a selection of cakes baked by our kitchen staff.

It was a truly lovely afternoon and an event I always look forward to. Sports day was enormous fun and a huge thankyou to Mr Arregui for all his hard work. I think the hit of the day was of course the water race!

Both myself and Miss Sibanda wish you all a lovely summer holiday full of sunshine and smiles and look forward to seeing you in September.





Prep 2

Prep 2 have had a very busy Summer term!

For our English topic of the Dragon Machine we created our own class giant dragon for the NDPS showcase. We explored prepositions - hunting for dragon tails hidden around NDPS and describing where dragons like to hide. We made mini fact books about wolves and thought of reasons why Rosie Revere, Engineer should never give up; practising expanded noun phrases and writing her school report!

In Maths there were lots of practical tasks to help learn about volume, fractions and telling the time before moving on to creating pictograms and exploring position and direction with the help of Beebots.

For Science we investigated rainforest creatures, discovered how litter can affect animal habitats and created fantastic 3D models of the seabed containing many ocean creatures.

In RE, we visited St John's Cathedral and discovered the story of the True Cross. We decorated our May altar to celebrate Mary, continued the Easter story and learned about the importance of Ascension Day and Pentecost before learning about Judaism and the Buddhist faith.

We have been very creative In Geography for our Magical Maps topic - making maps from Lego and drawing sketch maps of our walking route to St John's Cathedral. On our safari topic of Kenya, we discovered the 'Big 5' and compared life in Kenya to life in Norwich. We made spectacular tribal necklaces and learned the traditions of the Maasai Mara tribe.

Everyone had a super time on our class trip to Bewilderwood, exploring, playing and getting a bit lost on the Sky Maze!

Wishing you all a happy Summer holiday!





Prep 3

What a fantastic end to the year it has been in Prep 3!

One of the highlights was our wonderful trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park, where the children learned bird observation skills, took part in pond dipping, and discovered an array of fascinating insects to identify.

There was also plenty of fun to be had exploring the indoor and outdoor adventure playgrounds. In the classroom, we thoroughly enjoyed reading Esio Trot, which inspired us to create our own imaginative stories featuring Alfie the tortoise.

Our topic on Australia continued to capture the children's interest, and they produced some striking Aboriginal-style artwork as part of their learning.

The end-of-term musical was a true triumph, with the children dedicating many hours to learning lines, songs, and routines. Their hard work and enthusiasm resulted in an outstanding performance they can all be incredibly proud of.

Sports Day was another exciting event, full of energy and healthy competition, where everyone rose to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The support from parents helped make the day even more special!

We ended the term—and the year—on a high note with the much-anticipated Prep 3 Bread Bake Off. Each pupil designed their very own unique loaf, experimenting with different flavours and creative shapes, producing some truly impressive results.

It has been a busy, joyful, and rewarding term—well done, Prep 3!





Prep 4

What an incredible final half term it has been for Prep 4! We started it with a bang on our trip to Go Ape, a day full of adventure, resilience, and smiles. The children climbed, swung, and zipped their way through the course, showing amazing bravery and team spirit. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they made us all so proud.

Our summer musical, The Bee Musical, was another unforgettable highlight. Every child shone in their role and their singing, dancing, and acting was a joy to watch. Most importantly, they looked like they were having the time of their lives on stage!

Back in the classroom, our rainforest project continued to blossom. The children wrote beautiful, thoughtful poems and explored the world of orangutans, researching their habitats, learning about the impact of palm oil, and discussing how we can all be more sustainable. They also created some lovely orangutan-inspired artwork!

In Science, we explored how living things can be grouped based on their characteristics, and the children had a great time designing classification keys for some aliens who had crash landed on Earth! We also tackled the important topic of plastic pollution and used our creativity to design inventions that could help reduce it in the future.

Maths saw us diving into all things time, as well as symmetry, translation, and co-ordinates. The children showed great determination and skill. We also applied our mathematical learning from throughout the year to a very exciting Zoo Project. Working in teams, they calculated enclosure costs, worked out food budgets, and created adverts before designing and building their very own zoo models using Lego.

The teamwork and communication on display were fantastic, and the models were amazing!

Sports Day was another fantastic moment. Prep 4 gave it their all in the races, had lots of fun (especially in the water relay and sack races!), and supported each other wonderfully throughout.

This term, and indeed this year, has been full of learning, laughter, and growth. Prep 4 have worked incredibly hard, made so much progress, and most importantly, had so much fun along the way. We will miss each and every one of them dearly and wish them all the luck and happiness in Prep 5. Keep being brilliant, you've made us so proud.





Prep 5

Prep 5 have had an incredible Summer term. It started off with our residential to Eaton Vale. The pupils had a brilliant time taking part in a range of activities, from canoeing to archery.

The weather was fantastic and made jumping in the river after canoeing particularly refreshing and fun. They developed their team-working skills and their independence and had a great time!

We have been learning about two topics this term: The Local Area and Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Prep 5 used the Chromebooks to research about the local area.

We used a website to compare maps of Norwich from over 100 years ago to the present day. We then constructed timelines of Norwich from the retreat of the Roman Empire to the present day.

In English and Guided Reading, we particularly enjoyed reading Beowulf and acting out scenes in small groups. We learnt all about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne and then wrote newspaper reports from the point of view of either an Anglo-Saxon or Viking. In Maths, we enjoyed learning all about negative numbers and how to calculate volume.

Finally, we had an amazing time putting on our Summer Production, Theseus and the Minotaur. We loved learning our lines and performing them to everyone!

As a new teacher to Notre Dame, I could not have asked for a better class to share my first year with. Every single student has tried their hardest every day and I am incredibly proud of all of them.

Enjoy the Summer break!





Prep 6

Prep 6 have ended their primary years with a rollercoaster of a term. After a half term of hard work, they enjoyed their week away in Llangollen, Wales, where our exciting activities of white-water rafting, bushcraft, beach and Forest Coaster were blessed with lovely sunny weather.

Our Science topic this term has been The Circulatory System. Here, learning has been hands-on and fun, investigating blood through smoothies, and measuring and comparing heart rate through exercise. Meanwhile the intricate workings of the human heart was learned by creating 3D hearts from playdoh and still life drawings. Finally, the children applied their skills of explanation text in English to write fantastic textbook-worthy explanations!

Our Topic of Elizabethan England really grabbed their imaginations. Inspired by learning about the Spanish Armada, Elizabethan life and the pestilence, they created some incredible homework projects, including some Spanish galleons and a meal created in papier mache! Meanwhile reading Shakespeare's Macbeth in English has inspired some powerful letter-writing.

Kept busy right to the end, we have been designing and budgeting for our Theme Parks, making iMovies of the Best of Notre Dame and designing and making veggie burgers. All this and, of course, working hard for our spectacular Summer production of the Minotaur has given our Prep 6 a very memorable end to their primary years.

It was wonderful to hear all their memories, proud moments and dreams in their leavers' assembly. Our very best wishes go to Temara, Evie, Lola, Mehul, George, Lillian, Ezra, Rory, William, Daniel, Isabel, Georgia, Archie, Sachin and Frida as we say "Farewell" and "See you soon"! We are immensely proud of you all!





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Mini Vinnies have had a very busy term. We began by thinking of a worthy charity to focus our fundraising efforts on, and decided upon UNICEF who are working to help children in the Israel/Gaza war. We then set about making lots of sparkly foam fruit keyrings to sell at the Summer Fete and made £25. Following this was preparing for our Pledge Day assembly, where we decided the pledges we would make, as a school, to continue being Pilgrims of Hope to stand in solidarity with our global brothers and sisters, speak up for justice and act to reduce global warming.

Finally, we presented a huge collection of books to the charity Book Bank, which offers free books to those for whom buying a book is a luxury they can't afford.

As we come to the end of the school year, we say a huge, heartfelt thank you for the inspiration, dedication and service of our Prep 6 leavers: Frida Worsley, President Georgia Spence, Evie Baldwin, Lola Cutts, Isabel Rovira and Rory Macbeth.

