

NST Newsletter: Tuesday 1st April 2025

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Reminder: Summer Term SBM Network Meeting – Wednesday 23rd April
- Latest Update from Priority Literacy (**1 attachment**)
- Anti-Knife Crime Education Conference – Wednesday 23rd April (**1 attachment**)
- Royal Ballet & Opera (RBO) Schools Programme

Reminder: Summer Term SBM Network Meeting – Wednesday 23rd April

This is just a reminder for SBMs that our summer term meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd April, 9.00am to 11.00am, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

SBMs should have received a diary invite and a copy of the agenda for the meeting, but please let [Emily](#) know if you haven't, and she will forward these to you.

Priority Literacy: Thank you



Latest Update from Priority Literacy

As you may know, the Priority Literacy project concludes on the 31st March 2025. On behalf of the Priority Literacy Consortium, **THANK YOU** for all your support and engagement over the 2 years of the project.

We are delighted to see the significant impact and progress in literacy across Derby and Nottingham City, as well as the dedication of school staff to improving outcomes for children. We look forward to sharing our end-of-project impact review, which will showcase the remarkable successes and fantastic achievements throughout the project.

Before we share the impact review we wanted to highlight one of our favourite feedback comments:

"It has offered me some of the best CPD I have ever experienced. From the conversations with my SLE to the workshops offered, I have learnt a huge amount about English and school development in general and the impact on my school has been extremely positive."

In the meantime, we are excited to share how you can continue to access support for literacy through the following channels:



Priority Literacy Podcast Series – Coming Soon!

To capture and share the learning from the project, we have developed a podcast series!



Topics include;

- Literacy Diagnostic
- Teaching Sequence for Writing
- Reading Fluency
- Leading Literacy
- Primary Moderation
- Academic Transition
- Reading for Pleasure

Look out for these via our YouTube channel and Spotify!



Primary Writing Moderation

Moderation events are available for all primary schools to access for FREE. Further details can be found via the following links:

- Derby – [Click here](#)
- Nottingham – [Click here](#)
- Pre-Key Stage – [Click here](#)



Online Resource Bank

The Online Resource Bank will remain accessible to all schools and includes a breadth of documents, exemplification materials, templates and videos to support your literacy provision.

All resources can be [accessed here](#).



Key Information and Links

Why not continue your literacy journey with the newly formed [Literacy Excellence Centre?](#)

Links can be found in the image below as well as key links to organisations that have been central to the delivery and success of the project:

Priority Literacy: Key Links



English Hubs	 	 
Teaching School Hub – NPQLL	 	 
Derby Research School		
National Literacy Trust		
Reading Fluency with HFL Education		
Literacy Excellence Centre		
Teaching Sequence for Writing with Teresa Heathcote		
Primary Moderation		

Keep in touch

- Visit our website for useful links and information - priorityliteracy.org.uk
- Access key documents, videos and templates via the [Online Resource Bank](#)
- Tune into our *NEW* Podcast Series on [YouTube](#) and Spotify - **COMING SOON!**

All the best,
Becky Smith,

On behalf of the Priority Literacy Consortium



Anti-Knife Crime Education Conference – Wednesday 23rd April

Please find attached an email from The Danny C. Foundation, who are hosting an anti-knife crime conference on Wednesday the 23rd April, 2.00pm at Newlands Junior School, Mansfield.

Royal Ballet & Opera (RBO) Schools Programme

The Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Programme is FREE, award-winning and curriculum-led.

- Create & **Sing**: Techniques for teaching dramatic singing
- Create & **Dance**: Storytelling through inclusive dance
- Create & **Design**: Hands-on skills to explore stage design

For more information, please visit our website [here](#).

Designed to be embedded at KS1 or KS2, meeting curriculum outcomes for Music, PE or Design Technology - programmes also build students' cultural capital and foster self-expression, creative collaboration, performance confidence, problem-solving, and empathy.

Find out more about our CPD days by [watching our 90-second trailers](#) on [Singing](#), [Dance](#) and [Design](#).

All three pathways include FREE access to:

- **CPD**: Certified full day, practical CPD training for teachers - all of our CPD is suitable for class teachers or subject Leads - no experience of ballet, opera or stage design is needed.
- **Resources**: Open access to high quality digital teaching resources and lesson plans - [link](#)
- **Live digital events**: Termly live lessons led by dancers and singers from the Royal Ballet & Opera — fun, accessible interactive sessions to complement and enrich lesson resources.