



NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

The Summer term has been extremely busy with visits, visitors and events and it has been lovely to have so many of you joining us.

Yesterday your child spent the day with their new teacher and this will have helped them to become familiar with their classroom and new routines for their next year of learning. If you have any questions about the new school term please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff in school. It was great that so many of you were able to join us for the New to Reception meeting to hear about the routines and expectations of the children. The children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 also have a few more changes to get used to with the move across to the KS2 side of the building. Year 3 children need to come into school through the middle door on the KS2 playground and have been shown this yesterday. They are also collected from here each evening and will have to let their teacher know that they can see the adult who is collecting them to ensure they are safe.

If you are buying your child new shoes or trainers over the summer, please remember that they need to be all black. There have been a lot of coloured trainers appear over the last term which are not school uniform. Can we also remind you that the girls should be wearing trousers or skirts for school not leggings. When the ordered uniform arrives in school we will send a text so that you are able to collect it. We will be open for uniform collection on Monday 2nd September.

The diary dates are already filling up with exciting learning opportunities for next year and we have included all the dates that we have planned so far in this newsletter.

Thank you for all your support this year. It has been great to see your children making progress enjoying their learning journey. Please do have a look at our data outcomes over the page. We hope that you have a lovely summer with your children and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

We wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in September.



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Clubs at Priory Primary School

As you know, the teachers and other members of school staff provide a range of lunchtime and after school activities and clubs, ranging from choir to gardening and art to French knitting.

We are always keen to extend our club provision at school and know that our children are eager to participate in a range of activities. If you have a particular interest, skill or hobby that you feel you could share with our children, and have an hour a week to spare, please contact the office who will be happy to take some details.

Thank you for your support with this.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

This year we have made real progress in improving our attendance and are pleased to see so many of our children in school, on time, every day. It is so important that the children do not miss important parts of their education and we are also keen that they do not miss out on all of the exciting activities that teachers have planned. We have managed to reduce our persistent absentees (children with attendance below 90%) this year and hope to be able to continue to work with you on reducing numbers even further!

Congratulations to the children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance this year! They will be receiving their certificate in next week's Prize Giving Assembly.

As you know if your child misses school they miss learning and significant periods of absence mean that your child will have gaps in their learning journey which become increasingly difficult to fill making it difficult for them to make progress and reach their potential.

All holiday absences are recorded as unauthorised and if families decided to take term time holidays then fines will be issued by the local authority. We strongly advise that you do not book term time holidays and risk your child having gaps in their learning. Many parents this year have reported that grandparents or other family members have booked holidays on their behalf unaware of the term dates- please be aware these holidays will still be unauthorised and fines will be issued.

We have recently been informed that the fine for taking children out of school for a term-time holiday will increase to £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A further fine, within 3 years, will be charged at the higher rate and there will be a limit of 2 fines before prosecution and further legal action may be taken by the government.

There has also been a decrease in the number of children who are arriving late to school which is good news. If you are struggling to get your child to school on time each day please do speak to Mrs Tilson who will be able to offer support and advice. Remember the school doors are open from 8:30am or 8.40am and the breakfast club is open from 7:30am everyday.

Opening Times and Entrances

Year Group / Class	Start time	Entrance / Exit door	Finish time
Nursery (Chestnut)	8.30-8.40am	Chestnut classroom door	11.30am
	12—12.05pm		3.00pm
FS2 (Ash/Elm)	8.40-8.50am	Entrance 1	3.10pm
Year 1 (Rowan / Beech)	8.40-8.50am	Entrance 2	3.10pm
Year 2 (Willow/ Cherry)	8.30-8.40am	Entrance 1	3.00pm
Year 3 (Maple / Silver Birch)	8.40-8.50am	Entrance 5	3.10pm
Year 4 (Pine / Alder)	8.30-8.40am	Entrance 5	3.00pm
Year 5 (Oak / Holly)	8.40-8.50am	Entrance 6	3.10pm
Year 6 (Cedar / Hazel)	8.30-8.40am	Entrance 6	3.00pm
The Orchard	8.40—8.50am	Entrance 4	3.10pm
The Meadow	8.30-8.40pm	Entrance 4	3.10pm



At the end of this year, we are saying goodbye to some valued members of our team:

After many years of working here at Priory Primary School in our Foundation Stage, Mrs. Shipley has decided that it is time to move on. Her contributions to the development of our Early Years have been great, and she will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Lipton is leaving us to spend more time with her young family. We thank her for her commitment and wish her the best for the future.

Mrs Smith is moving to a new post as a teaching assistant and will be leaving us next week. We wish her luck in her new venture.

We are also sad to say goodbye to our Year 6s as they leave for their new secondary schools. We wish them all well and hope that they enjoy the new adventures ahead.



Diary Dates

2024 / 2025

Date	Event
Fri 19 th Jul	Final day of the Summer term – children finish at 2.00pm.
Term Dates for 2024- 2025	
Tue 3 rd Sep	First day of the Autumn Term 2024
Fri 25 th Oct 24	Last day of the half term - 3pm or 3.10pm close for the children
Mon 4 th Nov 24	Children return to school
Fri 20 th Dec 24	Final day of the Autumn Term - children finish at 2pm
Tue 7 th Jan 24	Children return to school
Fri 14 th Feb 25	Final day of the half term
Mon 24 th Feb 25	Children return to school
Mon 10 th Mar 25	School closed for the children - Training day for teachers
Fri 4 th Apr 25	Final day of the Spring Term - children finish at 2pm
Tue 22 nd Apr 25	Children return to school
Fri 23 rd May 25	Final day of the half term
Mon 2 nd Jun 25	Children return to school



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Tues 3rd Sept	Children return to school
Thu 19th Sept	Jigsaw Families starts - details to follow
Fri 27th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning (with bring and buy cakes) – 9.00am Please do join us!
Mon 7th Oct 24	Swimming for Year 4 starts this week
Wed 9th Oct and Thu 10th Oct	Parents' Consultation Evenings for Year 1 to Year 6 Weds 3.15-6.00 Thurs 3.15-5.15
Thu 24th Oct	Autumn Discos 3pm- 4pm KS 1 4.15pm -5.15pm KS 2
Fri 25th Oct	Last day of the half term - finish at 3.15pm
Mon 4th Nov	Children return to school
Weds 6th & Thur 7th Nov	Hazel Kip on a Ship
Weds 13th &	Cedar Kip on a Ship

