

19TH JULY 2024

ISSUE 36

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another fantastic year at Priory School, we want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the amazing events and achievements that have made this year so memorable. From exciting school-wide activities to significant milestones, our pupils, staff, and community have come together to create a vibrant and dynamic school environment.

This is by no means everything, but below are some of the highlights of the year!

September

- **Jubilee Celebration:** We kicked off the year with a grand celebration marking our 70th Jubilee. Esteemed guests, visitors, and our school community enjoyed a morning of 1950s-style lessons, afternoon tea, tours, and a picnic, making it a day to remember. It was a wonderful opportunity to honour our rich history and instil a sense of pride and hope for the future in our pupils.

October

- **Learning Together Week:** Pupils and parents engaged in various collaborative learning activities, fostering curiosity and strengthening our community bonds.

- Y5 World War 2 Performance: Year 5 pupils brought history to life with an engaging and educational performance about World War 2.
- Orpheus Sinfonia Orchestra: Performances and workshops by the orchestra enriched our pupils' musical experiences and opened up new opportunity for them.
- Hello Yellow for Mental Health: Raising awareness and supporting mental health initiatives, this event highlighted the importance of well-being and trust within our school.
- Parent Evenings: Productive meetings to discuss pupils' progress, reinforcing our commitment to transparent communication and collaboration.
- Halloween Non-Uniform Day: A fun-filled day where pupils showcased their creative costumes and brought in treats for the Christmas Fayre.

November

- Drone Video for Jubilee: A spectacular set of aerial videos featuring all pupils forming a '70' to commemorate our Jubilee, capturing a moment of unity and shared pride.
- Anti-Bullying Week: Promoting kindness and respect throughout the school, reinforcing our values of trust and respect.
- Parent Forum: Engaging discussions with Year 5 and 6 parents, fostering a collaborative environment.
- The Young Shakespeare Company: Year 6 pupils were enthralled by a captivating performance, sparking curiosity and a love for literature.
- Kip on the Ship: An overnight adventure that provided Year 6 pupils with a unique learning experience.

December

- **Christmas Fayre:** An enormous success with festive fun for everyone, fostering a sense of community and shared joy and raising money for the school.
- **Choir Performances:** Our choir sang beautifully at St Peter's Church, spreading holiday cheer and highlighting their talent.
- **Nativity and Concerts:** Beautiful performances by Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 pupils, celebrating the holiday season.
- **Reindeer Visit and Christmas Celebrations:** A magical time with parties and an amazing Christmas lunch, creating lasting memories for our pupils.
- **Staff Panto:** "Oh no they didn't! Yes they did!" The children loved the performance, highlighting the dedication and creativity of our staff and Bernie the dog.

January

- **Multicultural Day:** Celebrating the diverse cultures within our school community, fostering an environment of inclusivity and respect.
- **Learning Together Week:** Another week of collaborative learning, emphasizing the importance of shared educational experiences.
- **Parent Forum:** Discussions with Year 3 and 4 parents, continuing our commitment to open communication.

February

- **Children's Mental Health Week:** Focusing on the well-being of our pupils, highlighting the importance of mental health.
- **Music Sharing Week:** Demonstrating the musical talents of our pupils, providing them with an opportunity to shine.

March

- Parents' Evenings: Continued discussions on pupil progress, reinforcing our commitment to pupil success.
- World Book Day: Celebrating the joy of reading with creative costumes and activities.
- Year 2 Queen's Hat Performance: An entertaining and educational performance by our Year 2 pupils.
- Ramadan: Pupils led lunchtime prayers during Ramadan, respecting and celebrating our diverse community.
- STEM Week: Engaging activities in science, technology, engineering, and maths, sparking curiosity and innovation.
- Choir Performances: Participating in the Music Festival of Youth, presenting their talent.
- Holi Colour Run: Celebrating the festival of colours with joy and enthusiasm.
- Visiting Musician: Workshops with pupils from the Windsor Musical Festival, providing a rich musical experience.
- Easter Egg Hunt: A whole school fun activity to win extra points for their houses.
- Priory's Got Talent: A fantastic show that highlighted the amazing talents and confidence of our pupils.

April

- Dance Festival: Year 5 and 6 pupils demonstrated their dance skills at The Curve in Slough, celebrating their creativity and dedication.

May

- Year 6 SATS: Successfully completed by our pupils, a testament to their hard work and perseverance.

- Priory Soiree: An amazing night to present the creative talents of our pupils, staff, and guests.
- Lion King Trip: Enriching cultural experiences for Year 6, broadening their horizons.

June

- Assessments: Year 1 phonics, Reception baseline, and Year 4 timetables check, demonstrating our commitment to academic excellence.
- Parent Forum: Discussions with EYFS parents, fostering a supportive community.
- Year 6 Aladdin Rehearsals and Performances: Spectacular shows, including one in front of the Mayor and the Director of Children's Services, highlighting our pupils' hard work and talent.
- Choir Performances: Another fantastic performance at the Hexagon in Reading for our amazing choir.

July

- Transition Days: Preparing pupils for the next academic year, ensuring a smooth transition.
- Year 6 Summer Fayre: The Year 6 pupils did an amazing job of putting on the most fabulous fayre. It was such a success, highlighting their organizational skills and creativity.
- PGL Trip: Fun and adventurous activities for our leavers, providing them with unforgettable memories.
- Sports Days: Celebrating athletic skills and teamwork, fostering a sense of community and healthy competition.
- Graduations and Assemblies: Marking the achievements of our Reception and Year 6 pupils, celebrating their milestones.

- **Guard of Honour:** A heartfelt send-off for our Year 6 pupils, wishing them success in their future endeavours.

This year has been filled with extraordinary moments, and we are incredibly proud of our pupils' hard work and achievements. As this is the last newsletter of the year, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts and commitment have been the backbone of our success this year. Your passion and dedication have truly made a difference in the lives of our pupils.

We also want to extend our gratitude to our supportive parents for their unwavering support and collaboration. Your partnership has been invaluable in creating a nurturing environment where our children can flourish.

And to our wonderful pupils, thank you for your enthusiasm, resilience, and the joy you bring to Priory School every day. You are the heart of our community, and your accomplishments this year have been nothing short of remarkable.

It is also with a mix of sadness and gratitude that we say goodbye to Clare Francis, our SENCO, and Michelle Cowcher, Year 5 lead. Both have been integral members of our team, and while we are very sad to see them go, we know they will go on to achieve great things. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. In addition, we say a temporary (we hope) goodbye to Becky Boland who is going to India for a year. We hope she has the best time and lots of adventures. We also say goodbye to Saima Razaq who has been a valued member of our support team for many years, we wish her the best of luck. Finally, thank you to Mrs Iqbal who was covering long term sickness and we wish her the best.

Finally, a special farewell to our magnificent Year 6 pupils. You have been an exceptional group, and we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. I wish you all the best in your secondary schools and hope you keep in touch to let us know how you are getting on. You will always be a part of the Priory School family.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to another exciting year ahead, filled with new opportunities and continued success!

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception and Badgers Graduation - 24th July PM
- Nursery final day - 24th July
- Final celebration assembly - 25th July - End of term.

Whole school to attend Guard of Honour. Year 6 finish at 11:30am. Once they have gone, rest of school go back into class to be dismissed by 12pm.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 15th July

Whole School - 89%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 88%

Year 4 - 91%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 86%

Congratulations to class 4Redgrave with 96% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

Sports Day

<https://youtu.be/NUjsLBpnWgo>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

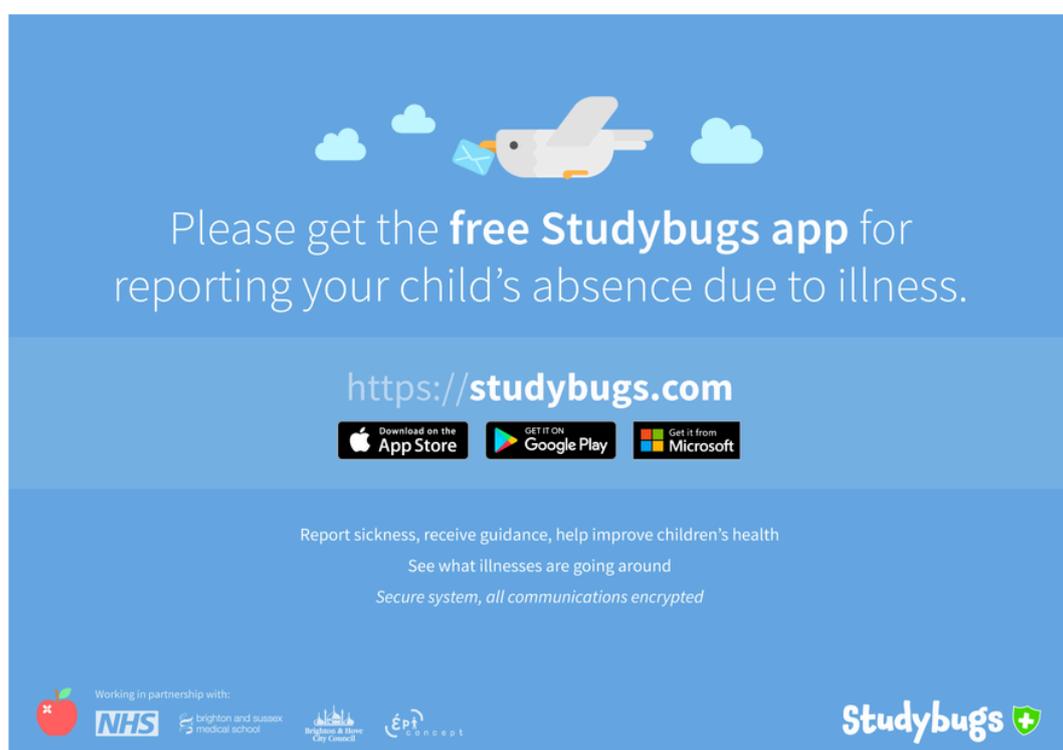
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

With the app, you no longer need to call or email the front office, instead you can report your child's illness directly onto the app.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



The graphic features a blue background with a white bird icon flying between two clouds at the top. Below the icon, the text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' Underneath this is the URL 'https://studybugs.com'. Three app store logos are displayed: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. At the bottom, there are three lines of text: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. The footer includes logos for 'Working in partnership with: NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept', along with the 'Studybugs' logo and a green cross icon.

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AWARDED 'GOOD' IN OFSTED INSPECTION - MARCH 2019

AWARDED 'GOLD' IN INVESTORS IN PEOPLE - APRIL 2019



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Is your child 3 years old before August 31st 2024?
We have places in our school nursery for
September 2024 start

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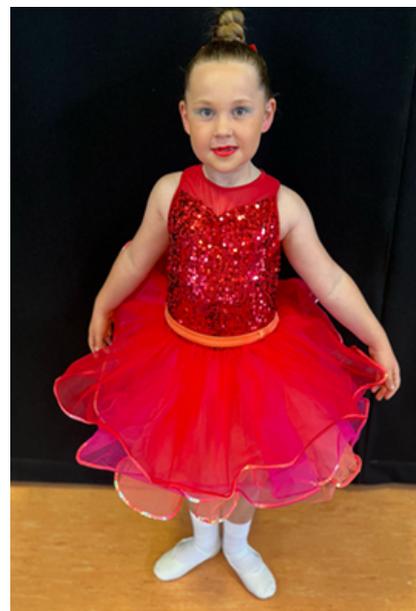
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Year 1 News

We want to say a massive congratulations to Ava for showing lots of courage in her first gymnastic competition. Ava received 2nd place for her floor routine and 3rd place for her routine on the vault. She also participated in her first dance show. Well done, Ava!



Notice for Choir

We have just been allocated a performance date for members of our choir to sing at "Young Voices 2025"! This is an amazing experience, singing with thousands of other children and a professional live band at the O2 Arena, London on Wednesday 5th February 2025. Please could choir members put this in their diaries. Further details to follow!

Orchard News - Sports Day!

Thank you to all the children and parents for all their amazing effort during sports day. The children all done really well, it was lovely to see how happy the children were to have their families there to support them. Thank you for making sports day a success!

All the children were winners and each got a medal. Well done Orchard!

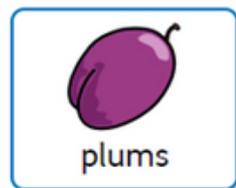
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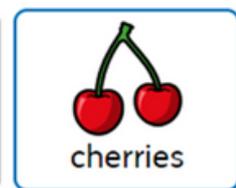
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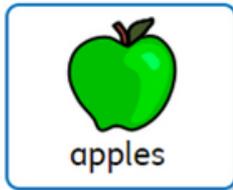


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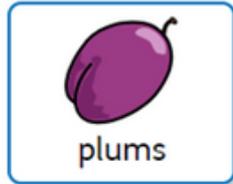
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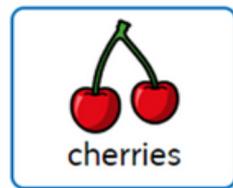
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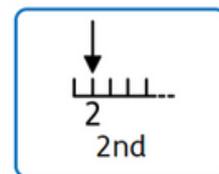
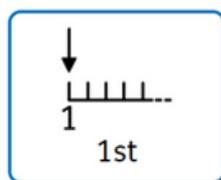


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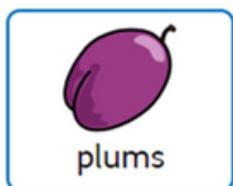


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Ameera and Talha

Zarah and Izaan



Jordan

Rafael



cherries

Manraj and Ethan

Ahmed and Aayan



Amazing



Well done







Summer **WATER SAFETY**

When Summer hits it can be tempting to look for the nearest place to cool off.
Here are our top tips if you plan on going for a paddle:



**LOOK OUT
FOR LIFEGUARDS**



**IT'S COLDER
THAN IT LOOKS**



**DON'T GO
TOO FAR**



**IT'S STRONGER
THAN IT LOOKS**



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- 23rd July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 30th July – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 6th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 20th August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 27th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Penn Road Children's Centre 9am

- 24th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 7th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 14th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 21st August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 28th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Chalvey Grove Children's Centre 9am

- 25th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 1st August – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 8th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 15th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 29th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

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