



Headteacher's News

This week at Priory



Next week is the deadline for the updated consent forms for Nursery, Reception, Year and Year 3, please make sure you complete these before Friday.

Without your consent your child may miss out on opportunities available in school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pzxBtuHEMC>

The deadline for the home-school agreement and contact information is also next Friday. Please ensure that this has been done by next Friday too.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gmp58qkjt4>

I don't want to overwhelm you with forms but it would be great to get some feedback on the learning together mornings!

<https://forms.office.com/e/3tFPCUB7Pj>



Next week

We have lots planned next week.

Cherry class are going bowling on Monday! Year 5 are showing off their WW2 learning that they have acquired.

Monday afternoon is our stay and play for any parents and children who are looking for school places in September 2024.

Parents' evenings are Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We look forward to seeing you all over the two evenings.

Some Year 2 pupils will be going fencing on Wednesday.

Friday is the last day of the autumn half term and the following week is half term – how has that gone by so quickly!

In2Care October Half Term Spooky Camp week

In2Care will be running a holiday club during the half term week – don't forget to book your place.

More details can be found on the website. [click here](#) and then go to external providers



How to help the victims of the Israel – Gaza war

Our hearts go out to the victims in the Israel-Gaza war and any of our school community who may have family in Israel or Gaza. Please do let us

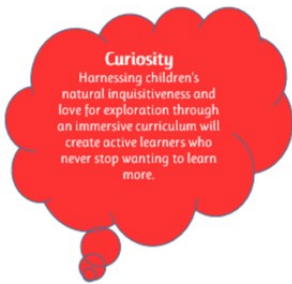
There are a number ways to donate to various charities that have immediately initiate support to the victims. I include the link to the International Red Cross if you would like to make a donation:

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territory-appeal>

Priory Friends

Calling all parents! Your school needs you!

As parents of children in our school you automatically become members of Priory Friends. How much you get involved is completely up to you.



Priory friends are key to ensuring that we hold exciting events throughout the school year and are fundamental to fundraising for enrichment items and resources that we cannot normally afford from the usual school budget.



Upcoming events

Halloween - 31.10.23

As Halloween lands on Tuesday after the half term this year, we thought it would be nice to allow children to come to school in their Halloween costumes or non-uniform.

Priory Friends would like to use this as an opportunity to raise donations for our Christmas fayre so instead of the usual £1 donation we will be asking for a small donated item instead. We will send out more information nearer the time with the sort of donations we are looking for.

Priory Friends will also be holding a popcorn & sweet sale after school from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. This will be by gate 1.

Monday 16th October - Reception Stay & Play for September 2024 intake

Monday 16th October–Year 5 WW2 Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening

Friday 20th October – Hogwarts Day

Tuesday 31st October – Halloween Fancy Dress



Parent Handbook

4.3 Attendance and absence

Please see the attendance and absence policy for more details.

Pupils are expected to attend school every day and will sign an agreement at the beginning of each school year to agree to keep their attendance at, or above, **96 percent** throughout the year.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Attending their lessons and any agreed activities when at school.
- Arriving punctually to lessons when at school.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing accurate and up-to-date contact details.
- Providing the school with more than one emergency contact number.
- Updating the school if their details change.
- The attendance of their children at school.

Absence that causes a concern:

- If pupils are persistently absent, they will be referred to the attendance team who will attempt to resolve the situation through a parent agreement. If the situation cannot be resolved and attendance does not improve, the attendance officer has the power to issue sanctions such as prosecutions or penalty notices to parents.
- The attendance team will monitor and analyse attendance data regularly to ensure that intervention is delivered quickly to address absence and will provide regular reports to staff across the school to enable them to track the attendance of pupils and to implement attendance procedures.

Term time leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the Headteacher. See policy for further details.

The school will take advice from local religious leaders of all faiths to establish the appropriate number of days of absence required for religious festivals. Parents will be required to inform the school in advance if absences are required for days of religious observance.

Routine appointments to the GP, dentist etc should be organised for afterschool times only.



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. We have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

Children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes - no boots, heels, or sandals.
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.



- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewellery
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.

- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/ hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with you ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.



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:

- Weekly Swimming Lessons
- Christmas Fayre Donation Letters
- Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts
- SEN Society Leaflet
- Vaccinations in Slough Poster



Sign of the Week

World Mental Health Day

<https://youtu.be/xINVNO--lw>

Peek at the Week



Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED

[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)

ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



Hello Yellow Day



Thank you for all your support we raised £346.35 for the Young Minds Charity!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Fundraising for
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Priory Coffee Afternoon!

Coffee, Tea & Macmillan Cake Sale

Again, thank you for all your support we raised 170.30 for this charity!

ECO Council News

The Eco Council are very excited to share their first weekly newsletter! If you have any exciting eco news you would like to share please get in touch with the school.

[Eco News Here!](#)



Weekly attendance percentages: 2nd- 6th October 2023

Whole school - 94%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 97%

Year 6 - 93%

Congratulations to 3Moore with 99% the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!

All donations welcome!

If you have any of the below items and would like to donate them to the school for us to use during wet play, quiet lunch, in the nurture room and for free time Friday could you kindly drop them off to the main office.

Lego

Many Thanks,
Mrs Hill

Vehicles

Board games

Dolls/figures

Card games

Puzzles

Animal figures

Small garden toys

Construction
toys

Dressing up
costumes



This Harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in food poverty crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Slough Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give the following items:



- Tea & coffee (small sizes)
- Long-life fruit juice
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Tinned rice pudding
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shaving Foam/gel
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Nappies size 5, 7 & 9
- Toilet rolls
- Washing-up liquid

1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty; many families hit crisis and cannot afford food. 40% of people claiming universal credit are skipping meals to survive. More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Many families struggle to put food on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Slough Foodbank.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in food poverty crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally-balanced 3 day food parcels, people are welcomed, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis. Last year the Slough Foodbank distributed over 97 tonnes of food to 9,322 local people in crisis, of which 3,521 were children.

The demands on the food bank are as strong as ever and this is where we can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry. Thank you.

NB: Please make sure all food is unopened, non-perishable, in date, and undamaged. Thank you!



Priory School Reception Open Day

September 2024 Intake

Monday 16th October 2023

3.45pm–4.30pm

Please confirm attendance via the link
<https://forms.office.com/e/aJZKXCTyhJ>

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PLACES
AVAILABLE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2024





Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

EXAMPLE TIMETABLE *PLEASE BE AWARE WE ARE A CHILD LED CAMP AND TIMETABLE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 - 9:30	ICE BREAKER GAMES/ACTIVITIES, WELCOME TO CAMP & RULE SETTINGS				
9:30 - 10:15	CREATING NAME PLATES	SPIDER COLOURING	ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS SHOWDOWN	HAND/FOOT PRINT DOOR DECORATIONS	WEARABLE WITCH & WIZARD HATS
10:15 - 10:45	MID - MORNING SNACK				
10:45 - 11:30	TOILET ROLL BATS	PIN THE SPIDER ON THE WEB	HALLOWEEN PAPER CHAING	SPOOKY DODGEBALL	WHICH HELMETS DOSS
11:30 - 12:15	MONSTER BUSH PUZZLE	LEGO MONSTERS	HAND MONSTERS	TRICK OR TREAT	PAPER GHOSTS
12:15 - 1:30	LUNCHTIME				
1:15 - 2:00	SPIDER LAIR	PAPER PLATE	HALLOWEEN BINGO	SPOOKY COLOURING	MONSTER RUSH
2:00 - 2:45	OBSTACLE COURSE	SPIDER WEBS	CHILDREN CHOICE	PUMPKIN VOLLEYBALL	PUMPKIN CARVING
2:45 - 3:15	SPIDER LAIR	MUMMY RACES	TOILET ROLL	PAPER PLATE TRICK	PUMPKIN CARVING
3:15 - 4:15	HIT IT TO WIN IT	SPIDER TAG	SPOOKY COLOURING	MASTERMIND	ANGRY GHOULE
4:15 - 5:00	SPOOKY COLOURING	QUIET GAMES	ARCHERY	QUIET GAMES	SPOOKY COLOURING
	COOL DOWN GAMES & GOODBYES				

Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)