



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th March 2025

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE



There has been a wonderful atmosphere and buzz in school over the past two weeks and the children have had the opportunity to take part in several enrichment opportunities and events.

Our Gamechanger Mini Market last Friday was a huge success. The hall was converted into market stalls and the children had such a wonderful time browsing the products and purchasing their items with Gamechanger Tokens. It was wonderful to see the power of using our talents and our desire to help our community which resulted in £320 for Julia's House.



World Book Day is always a memorable event and this year was no different. Dressed in costumes, the children became their own author of Tail Tales and also played guess the book character by looking at clues left in our Hive area. Our events in the day were followed by our first Pyjamarama event which not only inspired the children as readers but provided us with another fundraising event. During the evening, the children read with their friends snuggled up with toys, blankets and torches as well as a visit to the craft rooms to make origami animals and potato characters based on well-loved children's books. The proceeds of this event will also be donated to Julia's House.

Today, year 6 will be running a cake sale for Julia's House after school which we hope will take us beyond our £700 goal. What a fantastic achievement!

I would like to thank all Priory children and families for supporting these events. As Gamechangers we have all made a difference in our community and to the lives of some extremely vulnerable families.

WORSHIP



As we enter the season of Lent, we have been looking at the meaning of Shrove Tuesday. Last week, we looked at the origin of the word Shrove/Shrive meaning to confess to our mistakes. We retold the parable of The Lost Son from the book of Luke and reflected on how his mistake was forgiven by his father. We thought about our own mistakes and how we can put things right.

We also had great fun this week in worship flipping pancakes (it is much harder than it looks!). On Shrove Tuesday it is tradition to use up all the luxury ingredients ready to make a sacrifice for Lent.

We thought about how we can sacrifice our time during Lent to do good deeds at home. Children had ideas such as making their beds, helping to cook meals and playing games with their siblings.



GAMECHANGERS



Our Friday Gamechangers worship is a celebration of children and people in our community who are making a difference. Last week, we celebrated one child for their progress in swimming; they are demonstrating resilience and aspiration by beating their personal best each lesson. Another child has been learning origami, making animals and objects. Their passion gave us the idea to include this at our Pyjamarama so that more children could learn this skill.



Looking after our environment is a regular theme and topic for discussion in our school curriculum and in our Gamechangers worship. It was wonderful to have our year 4 litter pickers back reminding us how we can make a difference in our own community. Their litter picking of Christchurch Quay is to be recognised and I am sure will inspire others to follow suit.

GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS



I am delighted to announce that Priory School has been awarded the Global Neighbours Bronze Award. Christian Aid's Global Neighbours programme celebrates schools which are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world. The Priory Church of England Priory has achieved Bronze Award status in recognition of its initiatives to encourage children to think of others throughout the world. Examples of our Global Citizenship at Priory School are as follows:

- celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity and respect through PSHE lessons,
- exploring topics such as racism and cultural differences,
- learning about various religions, customs, and the challenges others face,
- reflecting on environmental issues through Science, Art, and project weeks, sharing their work with peers and parent,
- making changes to school practices to improve sustainability,
- collective worship encourages reflection on global issues like poverty and climate justice,
- involved in community service and are celebrated as "Game Changers",
- collaborating with charities and local businesses, with pupils organizing collections for global communities,
- supporting and collecting for food banks and raising funds for Ukrainian refugees.



I would like to give a special thanks to Miss Ross and Miss Field who have been leading this project for the last 18 months following on from the great work that Miss Webber started in 2022-2023. They have worked with the staff team and children to help evidence our journey and ensure all our pupils are given the opportunity to become courageous advocates, learning about and helping a range of causes in our local and global communities.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2024 -2025. We hope that by publishing these dates in advance, families are able to plan in advance to avoid absences during term times.

Wednesday 19th March	Earth Day 2025
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th March	Parents' Evening (YR - Y5)
Monday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade 2:15pm Priory Church
Friday 4th April	Easter Service at Priory Church 9:45am
Friday 4th April 2025	Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May	Arts Week
Friday 23rd May	Soundstorm Music Performance - Y4
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Thursday 12th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Day (AM)
Friday 20th June	House Day Celebration Lunch
Thursday 26th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (PM)
Friday 27th June	Transition Day Year 6
Tuesday 8th - Friday 1st July	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 15th July	Open Evening for Parents
Thursday 17th July	International Firgun Day
Monday 21st July	Leavers' Service Priory Church 9:45am
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

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Wednesday 3rd September 2025	INSET Day
Thursday 4th September 2025	Autumn Term Starts
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	INSET Day
Friday 19th December 2025	Autumn Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Spring Term Starts
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026	Half term
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET Day
Friday 27th March 2026	Spring Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 13th April 2026	Summer Term Starts
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Summer Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm