



# The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 2 - Friday 13th May

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been a strange feeling administering standardised tests to our Y6 children again, after two years of disrupted schooling. SATs tests are of some value, as they can help a child (and their teacher) find out what they know and what they don't yet know. They can provide motivation for many pupils as something to work towards at the end of their primary school journey. However, in many ways SATs are more important for the school than for the child, and some schools have felt the pressure to teach to the test rather than deliver a rounded curriculum.

I'm so pleased we haven't needed to do that at Priory School. Miss Field and the whole Year 6 team have taught with integrity and rigour, but also with a sense of fun. It was wonderful to hear a number of our Year 6 children say it's been their favourite week of the year so far! While this may be down to the amazing breakfasts provided by HC3S, the key point is that every single child in Year 6 has tried their best - and that is all we can ever ask or require. They truly deserved their beach trip cycle and ice cream today.

I hope the rest of the school display a similar attitude in the coming weeks when tackling their phonics (year 1), multiplications tables check (year 4) and end of key stage 1 SATs (year 2).

SATs don't measure sports  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons,  
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly,  
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember **you're the best!**



*Mr Ruffle*

### School Mission Statement

"Inspiring a generation to learn, flourish and achieve in a caring, Christian community"



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Friday 27th May

Plans are coming together for our school celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27th May. We are asking all the children to **wear smart, formal clothes** - as though they are going to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. You never know which royal visitors might turn up!

We will be making **special 70th platinum crowns and bunting** before having a special **tea party** outside (weather permitting) as a whole school. Special themed lunches will be provided by Hampshire catering and you can order via scopay in the usual way (just book a school lunch for Friday 27th May). Each lunchbox will contain a selection of sandwiches, savoury snacks such as sausage rolls and scone, jam and cream.

As previously advised, the school is taking the additional bank holiday on the last day of the summer term (**Friday 22nd July**).

I am speaking to Councillor Spittle next week about the Christchurch town plans to mark the occasion at Mudeford Quay with a grand lantern procession on **Thursday 2nd June**. It promises to be quite a spectacular event, if you are around in half-term week. As soon as I have the details I will pass them on.



## Charity Appeals Update

I am delighted to report that we have raised £346.11 for the **Ukraine appeal**, mainly from the Spring gala events.

I do not yet have a grand total for the School Council led Superhero day, where we were raising money for **Dorset mind**. School Council presented an excellent worship on why they decided to support this important charity.

When times are tough for many families, it is very powerful that our children are so thoughtful towards others less fortunate. Thank you for your support.



## Worship Value - Grace

“Grace changes everything” Romans 5 v20

We have continued our theme of grace this week.

We heard about the story of Saul (later to become St Paul) who was changed from his cruel ways by an incredible experience on the road to Damascus. Paul knew that he didn't really deserve God to save him but God was kind to him anyway. Paul called this special kind of kindness 'God's Grace'.



Paul said that God shows us all grace – kindness when we don't really deserve it – so that we can spread God's grace in the world. We explored different ways that we can show love to our neighbours; perhaps letting someone else have the penalty kick even though we were fouled or being the first to say sorry to repair a relationship even when we haven't done anything wrong. Showing grace isn't cheap.



## Curriculum News

A quick update regarding other learning opportunities in the wider curriculum taking place in school during summer 1.






- Atorro Sports delivering tennis coaching to Year 3 and 4.
- Soundstorm delivering ukulele lessons to Year 4.
- Relax Kids continuing to deliver wellbeing coaching to all pupils.
- Top up swimming lessons commenced for all pupils in Y4, 5 and 6 who can not yet swim 25m.
- French teaching continues for all pupils in KS2, provided by Twynham modern foreign language department
- Choirs (Y2 upwards) have restarted with Mr Earl on a Friday lunchtime
- Trinity Club (Y5 and Y6) has restarted with Vicky from Priory church on a Wednesday lunchtime. This is an opportunity for pupils to explore Christian values and beliefs.
- Mr Swain has organised a basic money management course for Y5 pupils run by Christians Against Poverty, which will run for 2 sessions later this term.
- Dolphins minibeast veterinary surgery has a real life 'caterpillar watch' viewing area and Year 1 have a water tank filled with water snails and tadpoles/young frogs.
- We are entering our first ever team into the Christchurch science quiz next Friday.

## Safeguarding - 'Stop Abuse Together' Campaign

In 2019 alone, an estimated half a million children in England and Wales experienced some form of sexual abuse. Most children who are being sexually abused don't tell anyone about it at the time. So it's important to look out for signs. You might notice changes in their behaviour, mood and appearance, or be concerned about the behaviour of someone around them.

If something doesn't feel right, and you're worried about a child, **you can confidentially contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000**. You can also access more information here: <https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk/spot-the-signs/>

If you do have any concerns, you can also speak to one of the Designated safeguarding leads in school.

<p><b>Paul Ruffle</b> <b>HEADTEACHER</b> <b>Lead DSL</b> Online Safety Champion Operation Encompass Key Adult Health &amp; Safety</p>	<p><b>Mel Fidge</b> <b>DEPUTY HEADTEACHER</b> <b>Deputy DSL</b> Anti-bullying Champion Attendance Lead Pupil Premium Champion Pastoral Care and Mental Health</p>	<p><b>Jenny Sibbald</b> <b>SENCO</b> <b>Deputy DSL</b> Special Educational Needs Coordinator Designated adult for Looked After Children</p>
		



## Summer 1 Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 18th May	10am - Noon  4pm	<b>Y3 &amp; 4 Tennis Tournament @ Christchurch Tennis Facility (Invited children only)</b>  <b>Residential Information Evening for Y6 parents</b> (PGL Osmington Bay) Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73048159170?pwd=ZsortjPPZVMD8MX-rhQJdt_qKFGMdC.1">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73048159170?pwd=ZsortjPPZVMD8MX-rhQJdt_qKFGMdC.1</a> Meeting ID: 730 4815 9170 Passcode: MW59tf
Thursday 19th - Thursday 26th May	Mornings	<b>Whole school assessment week</b> Children in Y1 - Y5 take NFER end of year assessments in reading, writing & maths. Y2 complete KS1 SATs assessments
Friday 20th May	Morning	<b>Science quiz team to CJS (Invited children only)</b>
Monday 23rd May	3:30pm	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Girls Football Team Competition (Invited children only)</b>
Tuesday 24th May	9am	<b>Bikeability Level 2 (Y6 only)</b>
Wednesday 25th May	2:40pm	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Quad Kids Competition (Invited children only)</b>
Thursday 26th May	All day  Afternoon	<b>Class photos</b> All pupils to wear smart school uniform  <b>Y5 Visit to Priory Church</b>
Friday 27th May	All day	<b>Jubilee Celebration</b> All children wear smart clothes for our grand tea party.
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June		<b>Half term holiday. School Closed</b>
Monday 6th June	All day	<b>INSET Training. School Closed</b>
Tuesday 7th June	8:40am	<b>Start of Summer 2.</b> All children return.  Multiplication tables check Y4 commences  Phonics Screening Y1 commences
Wednesday 8th June	All day	<b>Y5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyards visit (Please arrive by 8.30am to depart at 8.45am)</b>