

The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 5 — Tuesday 12th July

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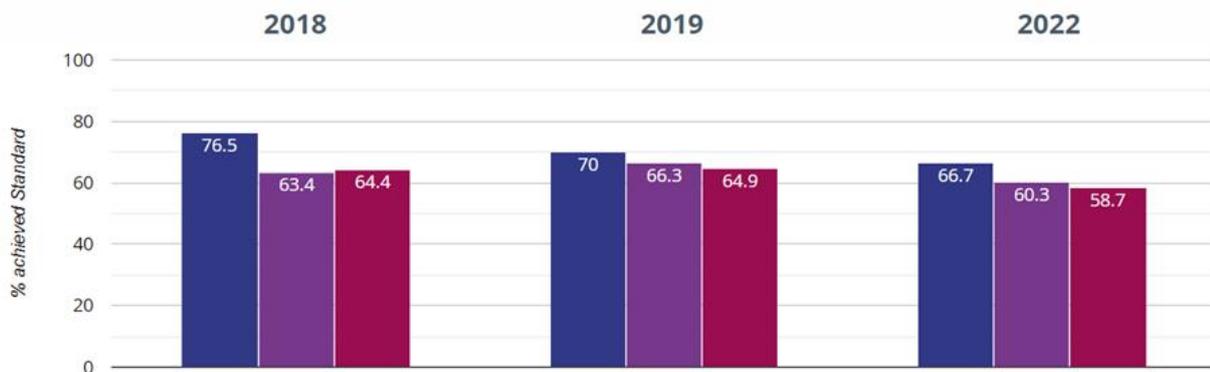
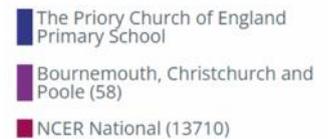
HEADTEACHER UPDATE - 2021-22 RESULTS

This is the first year of national primary assessments since 2019, due to the cancellation of 2020 and 2021 tests during the pandemic. At Priory School, we are very proud of our results which show just how hard the children and staff have worked and the progress the children have made. We have included a summary of our results here - more detailed information will be available in September, when we will share our new school development plan.

On **Friday 15th July**, all children will be bringing home their end of year report. Children in Reception, 1, 2, 4 and 6 will also receive an **individual results sheet of their statutory assessments**.

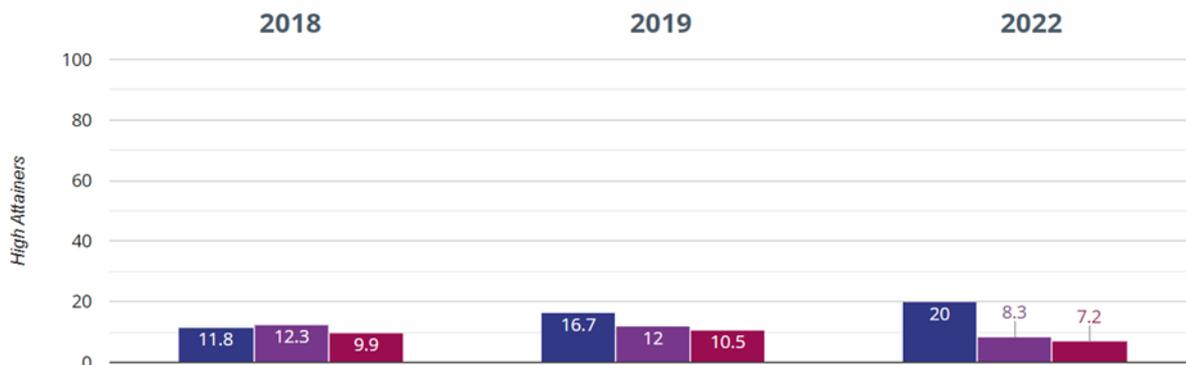
Year 6 (KS2 SATs) - Reading, Writing and Maths combined score

The Department for Education considers meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths to be key for success in secondary school and beyond. You will notice that Priory School results are significantly above both the national and local average.



Year 6 (KS2 SATs) - Reading, Writing and Maths combined score at greater depth

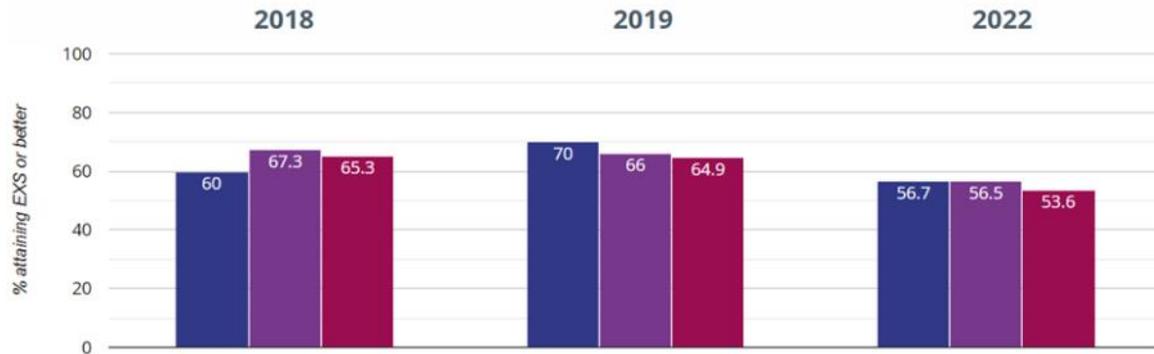
I am very pleased that the percentage of our children working at greater depth (or exceeding the expected level), has actually increased compared to pre-pandemic results. It is also really encouraging that over a third of children in Year 6 exceed in reading.





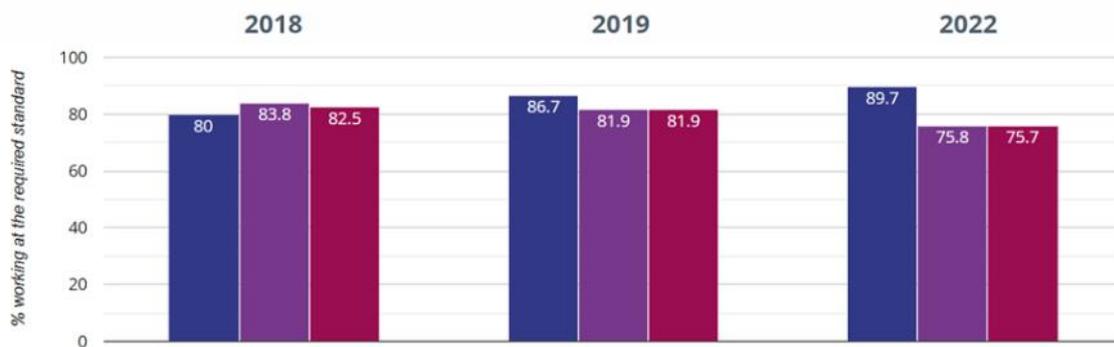
Year 2 (KS1 SATs) - Reading, Writing and Maths combined score

While our Year 2 results are in line with the local and national average, there has been more of a drop off, reflecting the fact that both their Reception and Year 1 were disrupted by the pandemic. Our Year 2 results in reading and maths were a pleasing 73%. Like so many younger children across the country, it is the writing attainment which has been most affected and it is this aspect which has lowered the overall combined total.



Year 1 Phonics Score

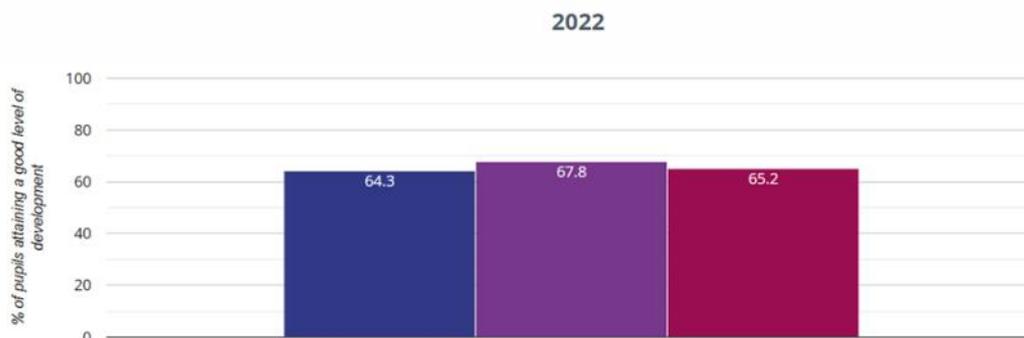
Our phonics scores are very strong this year, which is an area we have worked hard on as a school as it is the foundation for early reading. The adoption of the Little Wandle Phonics programme in Easter this year and the investment in extra training and new resources appears to have paid off.



Reception Class

Children meeting a 'Good Level of Development'

Children are defined as having reached a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) if they have achieved at least the expected level in the prime areas of learning (Communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional) and the specific areas of mathematics and literacy. At this stage, our youngest cohort are just below local and national averages.



Year 4 Multiplication Check

We are still waiting for official advice on interpreting these results, but we believe the average score out of 25 nationally is 20. **At the Priory School, the average score on the check was 23.** Year 4 have been very disciplined in using **Times Tables Rockstars** at the start of every day and we feel this has really helped them. Incredibly, as a cohort, they have also answered over 100,000 questions on IXL - the most in the school. Practice makes perfect and it really is the only way to learn times tables.



Dolphin Class - Pirate Day

We had some very scary pirates arriving in school on Tuesday last week and we all wondered how Mrs Sibbald would cope with all the cutlasses, swords and hooks. We needn't have worried! The children were brilliant and had a fantastic time.



Q: How do pirates know that they are pirates?

A: They think, therefore they ARRRR!!!!

Sports Update

KS2 Sports Day

Mrs Miller organised another wonderful sports day, which involved all KS2 children taking part in a Quad Kids tournament on Twynham field. It was another exceptionally sunny afternoon (guaranteed it seems on our sports days) and the children tried their best at sprinting, throwing, jumping and distance running.

We are very grateful to Twynham's Year 9 sports leaders, Mrs Goddard and Mr Moody for overseeing the activities. We would also like to say thank you to Christchurch, Waitrose for providing 30 free water bottles (all were used) and Mrs Clapcott from Awesome Archie for providing the much needed cooling tent.





Worship Value - Courage

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

The Open the Book Team from Priory Church shared a dramatic retelling of Paul's shipwreck this week. Paul, having been falsely accused and imprisoned, was transported by ship to Rome under military escort. Heavy storms blew the ship off course and caused it to break up near the island of Malta. However, Paul was not afraid because he trusted God to help him in the storm. God's protection meant Paul finally arrived in Rome having survived a storm, a shipwreck and a snake bite!



The children reflected on changes that they may be facing (new class, new school) and how they can be courageous because as well as their family and friends, God, their heavenly father, is also with them.

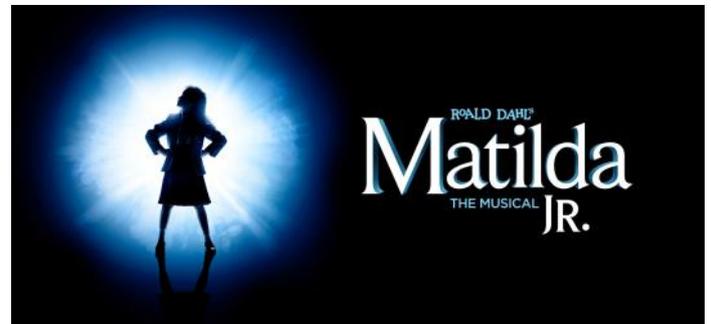
Y6 Production - Matilda Jr

"That was good enough for the West End - what a brilliant show!"

"Such talent - is this really just one class?"

Just some of the many positive comments heard after our Y6 production of Matilda the Musical this year. What I find so special about these performances is that all the children are involved in one way or another - from the tech team, to the set designers, to the singers and actors. It is a real coming together of the class, one last time. The rendition of 'Revolting children' will remain in my mind for a long time and I hope they have made great memories for life.

Special mention must go to Miss Field, Y6 Class Teacher and Miss Ridley, who was the Show Director this year and who brought everything together so successfully.



Y6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament

It's been a busy time for Y6 as they also managed to squeeze in a trip to the Houses of Parliament, seeing the changing of the guard, 10 Downing Street and having a Q&A with our local MP, Christopher Chope.





Price of School Dinners from Sept 2022 - Frozen for Now!

Despite rising costs in food and energy, the governors have decided not to increase school dinner prices in September 2022. This is because we are making more dinners than ever before and, at the moment, we can absorb some of the increased costs.

The cost of a school dinner will remain at £2.30.

The school does not make a profit on school dinners, but it must cover costs. Governors will continue to monitor the situation because it may get to a stage where an increase is unavoidable.

Whole School Photograph

The first whole school photograph for 5 years is available to purchase from Cardwell and Sons.

You can see a copy of the final print in the School Office.

The children were amazing and it only took 15 minutes to get them all in position and take the picture!

They also look exceptionally smart in our uniform - thank you.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Christchurch library team are coming in next week to talk to the children about the summer reading challenge.

By Friday 15th July, we want children to return all Priory School library and class reading books, so we can do an end of year stock check - but you can get books out from Christchurch library.

Please check under beds and on bookshelves for any stray Priory School books that you might have at home by mistake.

To say thank you for doing this, we will have a free book table outside at pick up on Friday 15th July. Each child is allowed to take 2 (or more) free books home from the old stock we are replacing.





Summer 2 Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 11th July	All week	Priory School Arts Week 'Celebrating Cultural Diversity' Mrs Clapcott - from Awesome Archie - is again supporting our Arts Week with fabulous video tutorials for the classes to follow as they learn about a number of religious festivals such as Diwali, Holi & Chinese New Year and create amazing artwork linked to these.
Tuesday 12th July	All day	Y6 3D printing STEM project (in school)
Thursday 14th July	9 - 3pm	Y3 Hengistbury Head Trip Drop off at 9am Hungry Hiker / Meet back at 2:30pm for beach seascape exhibition
Friday 15th July	PM	End of Year School Reports sent home
Monday 18th July	3:30 - 5:30pm	Parent Open Evening
Wednesday 20th July	AM PM	Leavers' Awards Celebration (Pupils and Staff ONLY) Quidditch Festival for Y5 and 6
Thursday 21st July	9:45am - 10:30am 1:15pm	Leavers' Service at Priory Church School Closes for the summer holiday
Monday 5th September	8:40am	Start of the Autumn Term 2022-23. School reopens.

END OF YEAR PARENT FEEDBACK

Alongside your child's report on Friday 15th July, you will also receive a link to our end of year parent survey.

Please could you take the time to fill out this anonymous survey. Your feedback and comments will be invaluable as we plan for September 2022. Last year it helped inform:

- Our home learning programme,
- Wearing PE kit all day on PE days
- Blended virtual and face to face meetings

This year we want your reflections on a range of issues including parent workshops, SEND support, pupil wellbeing and our curriculum offer. We look forward to holding our annual school conference in January 2023, which is an opportunity to share our priorities for the future.