



The Priory School Newsletter

Autumn issue 5—Friday 4th November 2022

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Our first **world faith exhibition** was a great success. Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning and for attending today in such large numbers. There was a tangible sense of learning new things and appreciating different cultures and traditions.

We are a very creative community, and the range of topics and project formats hit an all time high. We had lego builds, a full-size stained glass window, holi paints, brilliant posters and a scale model of a Hindu temple with working lights. Incredible! What a great way to start the new half-term.

Next week, we'll be turning our thoughts towards **Remembrance Day**. Y6 prefects will continue to sell Royal British Legion merchandise after lunch each day to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal. We'll be holding a special assembly on Monday and holding a minute's silence next Friday at 11am. Each child has written a special poppy prayer, remembering the sacrifice of our armed services in previous conflicts and praying for peace in the future. These prayers will be on a worship table all next week.

I've also attached our 2022 Christmas programme, based on the theme **'Follow the star'**.



Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

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



Celebrating Learning

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to our learners of the week:
Leo, Boe, Woody, Lewis, Hadley, Ava

Housepoints (Autumn 2, week 1 results)

York	Salisbury	Canterbury	Winchester
62	51	61	51

Y3 Iron Age trip to Ancient Technology Centre

After a week of wind and rain, the sun came out for Y3's trip to the Ancient Technology Centre. They had a fantastic time.



Attendance

Attendance for the school year to date is **95.7%**. Our goal for the whole school is to achieve 96+% this year, so we are currently slightly below target.

Attendance Cup Winners

Well done Year 3 with 100% last week.

Percentage	Implication
96-100%	Excellent
95-95.9%	Beginning to cause concern
93-94.9%	Cause for concern
90-92.9%	Significant concern
Below 90%*	Persistent Absence
Below	
Continued Persistent Absence	Direct involvement with BCP inclusion team with possible last track plan



The Priory School aims to inspire a generation to learn, flourish and achieve, in a caring Christian community.

We have a 150 year tradition of serving local families, giving children the best start in life.

Why not become part of our family?

See what our GOOD* primary school can offer, and come and talk to our parents, staff and children - at one of our open mornings:

Wednesday 16th November 2022 1000-1130am

Monday 9th January 2023 1000-1130am

The Priory CE VA Primary School, Wick Lane,
Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1HX

www.prioryschool.dorset.sch.uk

* Ofsted 2022 rating



The Priory CE VA Primary School

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 4 November 3.15-4.00pm
outside the entrance to the school

Also buy pre-loved Christmas Jumpers
for Save the Children
Christmas Jumper Day (9 Dec)

(Cash Payments Only)



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED!

RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL AND DONATE
ANY OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS FOR
SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
(9 DECEMBER)

USE DROP-OFF BOX AT RECEPTION



Have your say in the 2022 BCP SEND survey

BCP would like to hear from parents, carers, children and young people in the BCP area who access support for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Our annual survey is an opportunity to tell us about your experiences of SEND support, whether in school, college, healthcare or in the community. The feedback will help us to develop SEND services across education, health and care, and shape our future services around the people we are here to support.

Responses will be completely anonymous. You can complete the survey online at the link below. You will find two surveys there – one for parents/carers and one for children/young people.

If you would like a printed copy or require the survey in another language/format, please email SENDSurvey2022@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

The SEND survey was created in partnership with parents, carers and partners from other organisations. Thank you to Parent Carers Together, Parent Carer Foundation, SWAN UK, SENDiass4BCP and NHS Dorset

<https://haveyoursay.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/SENDSurvey>



Help us to build better SEND services and support

Support with the cost of living—BCP Web hub launched



BCP recently launched a dedicated cost of living hub on their website, which residents are encouraged to visit to find out more about how BCP are working with their partner organisations to meet increased demand for key services.

<https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Communities/Cost-of-living-help/Cost-of-living-help.aspx>

Christmas shoebox appeal—thank you

Thank you to every family who returned a Christmas shoebox this year—they will make such a difference to children in need. I am always impressed by the generosity of our pupils.

Daisy Clapcott has been collecting preloved toys for Dorset Children Foundations 'treehouse' in Boscombe.

DCF are still collecting for their Christmas toy appeal.



Worship Value—Joy



We launched our new value for Autumn 2 this week #choose joy. We explored the story of Joseph in our Monday assembly. Despite a life full of ups and downs, Joseph allowed joy to enter his heart rather than bitterness.

Mr Ruffle shared the story of the inspirational Ceri Brown, an ex-Twynham student, who chose joy and continued to trust God even when very unwell.



Pupil Achievements

It's lovely hearing news about what our pupils have achieved outside school. There's always time during the day in class to share good news stories such as badges earned in Brownies or goals scored, but for regional and national success we try to make space in our special Friday celebration assembly.

Coby Sutton came 3rd in the Bournemouth BMX summer club race series.

Thomas Ross and Ezra Carpenter both achieved excellent results in County squash tournaments recently.

Anya and Petya Mott continue to compete on the national and now international stage, in ballroom dancing.



FPS Disco



SCHOOL DISCO

£5 per child, includes tuck shop

Please return by Monday 7th November

Thursday 10th November 2022

KS1 4.30-5.30PM

KS2 6.00-7.00PM

Bikeability

For the first time, Bikeability have included Reception and Year 1 in their cycle awareness training - and we've loved it!

This week Reception and Year 1 have been going out everyday, come rain or shine, on the balance bikes.

Year 4 had Bikeability level 1 training on Friday.



A request - completing consent forms



Life is busy! Our office team particularly have their hands full at the moment with arranging trips, sport events and other exciting opportunities for your children such as the Bikeability courses. And don't even mention Christmas...

Could we ask that if your child is invited to take part in something like this, you complete the consent form (and/or anything else asked for) in a timely manner and *by the date on the original letter sent out*.

We really do appreciate how busy life is, but they have spent a lot of time in recent weeks chasing parents, sometimes more than once.

As ever, thank you for your support with this.

Into Film Festival

The 'Into Film Festival' is the largest free youth festival in the UK with lots of events and screenings available for schools. We are delighted that the Regent Centre in Christchurch has signed up to take part.



On **Monday 14th November** Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend a screening of Sonic the Hedgehog 2. This has a PG rating with an age recommendation of 7—11.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Junior pupils to experience the cinema as a community.

FPS Quiz Night

Note the date: Friday 18th November.

Venue: Priory School



A fun evening of drinks, nibbles and quiz questions with a brand new quizmaster! Details to follow shortly.



Stormbreak

A new approach to support pupil mental health and wellbeing

Stormbreak is a charity that supports young children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable skills and coping strategies to thrive during the complex demands of growth into adult life. We were chosen as one of a small number of schools in BCP to pilot this fully-funded project. We think it will be really helpful!



Mentally healthy movement can support children and families to build their resilience and enable them to develop a range of skills, attitudes, beliefs and strategies to help them to stay positive, hopeful, energised and mentally well. In our inset day before half-term, staff were introduced to the resource and will be introducing daily 'stormbreak' activities. Miss Webber is our lead teacher on this initiative and any questions should be addressed to her.

How can you get involved?

Stormbreak have produced 'stormbreak@home', a free of charge online library for schools, organisations, families, carers and children to support emotional wellbeing through taking part in movement activities together.

Registering online / creating an account

You do not need to register an account in order to access all the material, however, creating one allows you to take part in the 'stormbreak challenge', tracking your stormbreak progress and earning digital rewards and printable certificates.

Visit [stormbreak.org.uk](https://www.stormbreak.org.uk)

There's also a video link for parents: <https://www.stormbreak.org.uk/videos/websitehelp/p-1013>.



Anti-bullying Week 14th—18th November



Odd Socks day Monday 14th November

As a school we are planning a number of events during anti-bullying week, including a presentation by our new anti-bullying ambassadors.

To launch the week, on Monday 14th Nov, we are asking all the children to wear odd socks.

This is simply an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Monday!

No money donation is necessary, as we are supporting Children in Need on the Friday.

Children in Need—Mufti Day Friday 18th November

We will be supporting BBC's Children in Need appeal this year, by holding a mufti day on Friday 18th November.

The theme for this year's appeal is the Great Spotacular, so everyone is encouraged to wear an outfit with spots if they can.

Children bring a donation of whatever they can spare to school on the day or you can donate directly on the Children in Need webpage:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>





Dates in the next fortnight

Date	Time	Event
Monday 7th November	2:45pm	Poppy Prayer Assembly Poppy appeal merchandise available for purchase all week
Thursday 10th November	2:30pm	Year 6 Team Captains - Learning Heroes 2022-23
	4:30—5:30pm	FPS KS1 Disco Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	6 – 7pm	FPS KS2 Disco Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 11th November	11am	Whole school act of remembrance
Monday 14th November	Am	Odd sock day Start of anti-bullying week
		Into Film Festival Sonic 2 screening at Regent Centre for KS2 pupils
Tuesday 15th November	All day	Moors Valley Activity Day (8 pupils from Y3/4)
Wednesday 16th November	10 - 11.30am	Open morning for prospective parents
	2—5pm	Boys' Football Tournament (Y5/6) Littledown
	6—8pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 17th November	All day	Year 6 Mosque Visit (Southampton)
	9—11	Dolphins' Vision Screening
Friday 18th November	All day	Children in Need Mufti Day Pupils encouraged to wear spots
	7—9pm	FPS Quiz night



Upcoming diary dates in Autumn 2

Our provisional whole year calendar and term dates are available to view on the [school website](#).

Please see our special Christmas 2022 planner 'Follow the Star' for full details in the latest news section of the website.

Date	Time	Event
28th Nov	All day	Year 1 toy trip to East Dorset Museum
2nd Dec	4—7pm	FPS Christmas Fayre
6th Dec	1.30 - 2.30pm	Y1 and Y2 Nativity performance (hall)
7th Dec	am	Whole School Pantomime Image Theatre perform The Wind in the Willows
7th Dec	5.30 - 6.30pm	Y1 and Y2 Nativity performance (hall)
9th Dec	All day	Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children fundraiser
	12 - 1.30pm	Christmas Lunch
	1:30—2:30pm	Santa Dash
	2:30—3pm	Carols around the tree Dolphin parents only
13th Dec	6—7pm	Whole school Carol Service The Priory Church
14th Dec	All day	Year 5 Beaulieu Victorian Christmas
	1 - 3pm	KS1 Christmas party
15th Dec	1 - 3pm	KS2 Christmas party
16th Dec	2 - 3pm	Christmas sing-along
	3.15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday 19th Dec - Monday 2nd Jan		School Closed for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 3rd January 2023		School Closed for staff inset training
Wednesday 4th January 2023	8:35am	School reopens for Spring Term