



# The Priory School Newsletter



Easter edition - Friday 31st March

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## Mrs Sibbald The teacher, the myth, the legend...

Wednesday saw a fitting tribute to Mrs Sibbald, who is retiring after 38 years of dedicated service to the school.

We held an afternoon tea in her honour, inviting colleagues past & present to share memories and good wishes for the future. In a roll call of Priory Headteachers, Mr Loveys, Mrs Cubitt & Mr Ruffle all gave a short speech thanking Mrs Sibbald for her commitment and sense of fun.

Each class performed a special tribute for her and Mrs Sibbald was grateful that her first present was a big box of tissues, as it was very emotional hearing just how much the children value her. She is deeply loved and has given over 1,000 local children the very best start to their education.

Her legacy is the ongoing culture of the school, where all children matter, learning is fun and kindness rules.

Thank you Mrs Sibbald!

Oh, and we'll be seeing you very soon at the SEND coffee morning. It's good to know you are still here to help, when you are not swimming with dolphins!

There are many people to thank, but particular mention must go to Mrs Broom for pulling all the details together.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break.



Mr Ruffle

### School Mission Statement

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



## Spring Musical Gala

This week also saw another wonderful Spring gala, organised by Miss Etheridge. The children tried particularly hard because it was one of our events in honour of Mrs Sibbald. The range of musical talent and confidence was breath-taking and we are so proud of all the children that took part.

One thing that stood out to me this year was the children's obvious pleasure for each other. They were willing each other on and so respectful to all the performers. Well done!

Thank you to Miss Etheridge for giving up her time running after-school rehearsals, to Mr Morrow our ukulele teacher and Mr Earl for leading the choir.



## Easter Service & Bonnet Parade

**'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.' John 3 v16**

Our Easter service this year was linked to the value of 'forgiveness - can you imagine it?'

Y5 pupils led the main part of the service, with a brilliant dramatic retelling of the resurrection by Y4. Dolphin Class made special 'flower crosses'.

At Easter a key Christian belief is that, because God loves us so much, Jesus took the punishment for all the bad choices we have made.

In our service this year we celebrated the fact we can have a new life with God...one where we know that we are loved and forgiven.





## Ready, Steady, Read Sponsorship results

Thank you everybody. So far £222 has been raised by our World Book Day Sponsored read.

Please get your sponsorship money in, because if more funds are received, then this hopefully pushes the amount raised to over £250 and the school will receive 30% extra in additional Usborne books.

## Priory Bake Off

On Friday 31st March we will held our annual cake competition and bake sale.

Children were invited to bake cakes at home and enter one of our 4 different categories:

### - Brownies or traybakes

The brownie winners were the Wadey sisters.  
Arthur won the traybake category.

### - Vegan or gluten-free

No entries this year, much to Mrs Fidge's dismay.

### - Cookies & biscuits

The traybake winner was Henry for his delicious shortbread.

### - Cupcakes

The cupcake winner was Evan for the taste of his jammie dodger butterfly cakes.

**The overall best in show was won by Pip, for his blackberry and apple cupcakes.**

Many thanks to Liz Haggart, Lead Chef, at Flavours school of cookery for being our head judge.

We have sent home some flyers today about Flavours Cookery School. Bournemouth's favourite cookery school helps bring out your inner chef! Classes are available to everyone from kids to adults, with daytime and evening options. Please visit <https://flavoursschoolofcookery.co.uk/> to find out more.

Thanks to Head pupils Finley and Emily for all their help in organising this sale.





# *The Parish of Christchurch Holy Week and Easter 2023*

## **Palm Sunday 2nd April**

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist at St George's  
10am Palm Sunday Eucharist  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

## **Mon 3rd April**

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

## **Tues 4th April**

7.30pm Taizé Service

## **Wed 5th April**

11am Eucharist with hymns  
7.30pm Compline

## **Maundy Thursday 6th April**

10am Eucharist at St George's  
11am Eucharist  
7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

## **Good Friday 7th April**

12 noon 3 Hours at the Cross  
7.30pm Come & Sing Stainer's Crucifixion

## **Easter Day 9th April**

6am Dawn Service  
9.30am Sung Eucharist at St George's  
10am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Festal Evensong



## Summer 1 2023 - New Dates Added

Date	Time	Event
Monday 17th April	8.40am	Start of Summer term
20th April		Start of 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching (Y3-6)
21st April	9-10am	SEND coffee morning
24th April	8.45 - 10.15am	Navigator workshop/drop-ins
26th April	4.30 - 5.30pm	Sex Education and Relationships (Parent workshop)
1st May	All day	May Bank Holiday
5th May	All day	Coronation events - Details to follow inc. Y3 Maypole Dance
8th May	All day	Coronation Bank Holiday
9th - 12th May		KS2 SATS testing
15th May	Afternoon	Start of top up swimming at 2 Riversmeet
19th May	All day	Year 6 Beach cycle ride and picnic
22nd-26th May		Assessment Week for all year groups (apart from Y2/6)
26th May	Morning	Safety awareness workshop with Escapeline Y5/6
29th May - 2nd June	Week	Half-Term Holiday
5th June	All day	INSET - school closed

## Summer 2 2023 - New Dates Added

Date	Time	Event
6th June	8:35am	Start of Summer 2
6th June	All week	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
9th June	Morning	Soundstorm musical workshop Y4/5
12th June	All week	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13th - 16th June		Year 6 Residential to Land and Wave
14th June	1—3pm	Year R, 1 and 2 Sports Day
7th July	1 - 3pm	KS2 Sports Day
21st June	6.30 - 8pm	New Reception parents welcome meeting
tbc	3.30 - 7pm	Summer Fayre
28th June	All day	Y2 trip to Marwell Zoo
30th June	All day	Transition Day <i>Y6 pupils to secondary school</i> <i>Priory pupils spend time in new class</i>
3rd-4th July	All day	Dogs Trust workshops (Y1-6)
6th July	All day	Class photographs
10th-14th July	All week	Arts Week
10th July	9.15 - 11am 6 - 7.30pm	Y6 dress rehearsal Y6 production
11th July	6 - 7.30pm	Y6 production
13th July	All day	Y3 Hengistbury Head trip
14th July		End of Year Reports to Parents
17th July	3.30 - 5pm	Open Evening to view work, Arts Exhibition and discuss report
19th July	2 - 3pm	Leavers Award Ceremony (in school only)
21st July	9.45 - 10.45am 1.15pm	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church School closes for the summer

## Term Dates 2023-24

All maintained schools are required to have 5 compulsory inset days (staff development days) across the academic year. 4 of the 5 inset dates have been confirmed. A fifth date will be added once the new Headteacher has been appointed.

Date	Event
<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
Friday 1st September	INSET (school closed)
Monday 4th September	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 27th Oct	Oct Half-Term Holiday
Friday 15th December	Final day of Autumn Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm
Monday 18th Dec - Monday 1st January	Christmas holiday
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET (school closed)
Wednesday 3rd January	First day of Spring Term
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Feb Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 28th March	Final day of Spring Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holiday
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
Monday 15th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	May Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term School closes early at 1.15pm