



# The Priory School Newsletter

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## Headteacher Update

We have been very proud of our children over the last few weeks because of their determination and hard work. Effort really is the key that unlocks potential.

Class 6 have tackled their SATs tests with humour and resilience. We know that everyone tried their best, which is the most important thing. There have been reports in the press about how hard the tests were this year. You can see the level of difficulty by clicking on this link ([www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials)). It really is the culmination of a learning journey that starts in Reception and for year groups that were disrupted during the pandemic, the challenge is very real.

We are very grateful to our kitchen team for providing a healthy breakfast during SATs week, which got everyone off to a flying start. Year 6 also thoroughly enjoyed their celebration treat, by going on the traditional cycle ride and picnic to Hengistbury Head.

I would also like to mention the hard work of our Class 2 'Secret Agents' who have been working diligently on their problem solving and writing skills. After half-term, it's Year 1's turn to do their phonics screening and Year 4 with their multiplication check.

**Mrs Richardson and I have sent a separate letter today, just to our parents, detailing some of the September staffing arrangements following further changes this week.** Please do have a read, to see the plans that are in place. We welcome your feedback.

Let's hope this gorgeous weather continues into half-term week. Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 6th June. *Mr Ruffle*



## Worship—Pentecost

*2 Timothy 1 v7 "7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."*

This Sunday the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In our worship this week we understood that this day is really the birthday of the church. The first Disciples were living in fear after Jesus had gone, but when God's spirit came upon them they were suddenly brave enough to tell others about Jesus for the first time. God's spirit can live in us too.



## School Mission Statement

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



## FPS Summer Disco

Thanks to everyone for your help at the FPS summer disco last week. It was fitting that the golden jacket made one last appearance, even if I did forget the macarena dance moves!



## The Big Read sponsored challenge Books have arrived!

Thanks to everyone who participated (as a reader or donator) in our big reading challenge this year. We were able to order over £350 books from Usborne books—thanks to Mrs Rice.



## Respect for our neighbours Considerate parking



For the first time this year, I received a complaint from one of neighbours regarding dangerous parking by a parent at school drop off/collection time.

In the summer, it can be harder to find a safe dropping off place but please allow extra time for this. Our reputation with our neighbours is good, so please don't park across drives or block pavements. Thank you.

## Smart Summer Uniform



We love that our uniform is so smart, but it's easy for standards to slip during the summer months.

On the days that children are expected to wear full school uniform, smart black shoes should be worn or closed toes sandals. Children who are wearing trainers or open toe sandals will be asked to change into a pair of new black plimsolls for the day. Disinfectant spray will be used prior to each new wearer. This expectation will start in the second week after half-term.

*We believe that wearing school uniform encourages children to be ready for learning, prevents discrimination and fosters a pride in our school.*

## School Lunches Price rise to £3 from 06.06.23



Hampshire Catering are having to put their prices up again due to the continued rise in food costs. We are having to follow suit immediately as we made a loss on school lunches last year. After half-term, a school lunch will cost £3.

I appreciate this is disappointing news amidst the cost of living crisis, but I must ensure that our stretched school funds support educational provision rather than subsidise meals.

I know that the children are really enjoying their lunches this year - they are high quality and demand is the highest it has been for the last 5 years. Our governors are working hard to ensure that they still represent good value and that we can continue to provide a freshly cooked hot school lunch going forward.

## Ex-Priory students in school

It's been brilliant to have 5 Y10 work experience students from Twynham working in school this week. 4 out of the 5 have been ex-Priory pupils, and it's encouraging to see what impressive young people they have become. a great legacy.



## Year 3 and Year 4 Quidditch Festival

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic Quidditch festival in the sunshine yesterday. Thanks to Dan Moody from the Christchurch Sports Partnership. I think Mr Hall enjoyed being the 'golden snitch'!



## Flavours Cookery School Cooking demonstration

After judging entries at our Bake Off, the education team at Flavours Cookery school came in to do an unforgettable cooking demo in front of the whole school. Thank you!



## Year 3 & 4 Tennis festival



## Year 2 local map work and fruit salad making



## Salisbury House Point Reward

Salisbury House chose to play a version of 'Capture the Flag' for their house treat. It was lovely to see the older ones helping the younger children avoid capture and take treasure back to their bases!

## Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids Christchurch Competition

There are unconfirmed reports that Priory School WON this event—more on this breaking story as we get it!

## June 2023 dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 5th June	All day	<b>Staff inset</b> School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th June	8:35am	<b>Start of Summer 2</b>  Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to take place this week
Thursday 8th June	6—7pm	FPS planning meeting (summer fair)
Friday 9th June	Morning	<b>Year 4 &amp; 5 Soundstorm musical workshop</b>
Monday 12th June	All week	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13th - 16th June	-	<b>Year 6 Residential to Land and Wave</b> Year 6 arrive 10am on Tuesday 13th June
Wednesday 14th June	1:15 — 3pm	<b>Year R, 1 and 2 Sports Day</b> Gates open at 1:15pm Events start at 1:20pm <i>Separate information letter to follow</i>
Wednesday 21st June	Afternoon  6—7:30pm	<b>Surprise Author visit for KS2 classes</b>  <b>Welcome Evening for new Reception parents</b>
Thursday 22nd June	All day	<b>BCP road safety workshops</b> (all classes)
Friday 23rd June	Morning  4 - 7pm	<b>Flavours cookery workshop with Y6</b>  <b>FPS Summer Fayre</b>
Wednesday 28th June	All day	<b>Y2 trip to Marwell Zoo</b>  <b>Y4 Geography fieldwork trip tbc</b>  <b>Flavours cookery workshop with Y3</b>
Friday 30th June	All day	<b>Transition Day</b> <i>Y6 pupils to secondary school</i> <i>Priory pupils spend time in new class</i> <i>New Reception class in school</i>

## July 2023 dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 3rd July	All day	Year 4 British Museum and London parks trip
3rd-4th July	All day	Dogs Trust workshops (Y1-6)
6th July	All day	Class photographs
7th July	Afternoon	KS2 Sports Day
10th-14th July	All week	Arts Week
10th July	9.15 - 11am 6 - 7.30pm	Y6 dress rehearsal Y6 production of Oliver!
11th July	6 - 7.30pm	Y6 production of Oliver!
12th July	All day	Y3 Hengistbury Head trip tbc
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

### Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September	INSET (school closed)
Monday 4th September	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term

### \*SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 6th September	Meet the Headteacher (Y2,4 and 6 parents) 2:45pm—4pm
Thursday 7th September	Meet the Headteacher (Y1,3 and 5 parents) 2:45pm—4pm

## 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.

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 <b>School closes early at 1.15pm</b>