



Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Thank you to the representatives of Priory Friends who attended our events committee on Monday. We aim to have these meetings every other week, we have lots of wonderful things to organize.

The Year 5s who came with me to the bike event were wowed by the skills of Scott Wilson, check out his website,

The children learnt about bike safety and maintenance as well as having a go themselves at the basics needed to be able to do the stunts that he was showing them. It was very good and I was impressed with the biking skills our children showed.

Whilst in Nursery this week it was lovely meeting the new children to our school. They all seem so confident and settled already. One child drew candles on a cake and counted them for me too! Reception have had their first full week and seem pretty settled too albeit very tired! Even though some of our reception children may be used to being a nursery all day, the environment and pace of Reception is a little different and takes a little time.

Year 1 have certainly been busy learning about the seasons and going on a nature hunt.

Year 3 have had their first swimming lessons as well. For more information on what your child has done this week and what they will be doing next week, please take a look at our website on the Peek at the Week section.

Upcoming events

Priory/Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Will be held on **Monday 2nd October** 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the training, all are welcome to join.

Please confirm attendance to the coffee afternoon on the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/GOS05Vz94j>

Priory Friends will hold a cake sale will be after school 3.15pm – 3.45pm by gate 1.

As part of our fundraising efforts we are asking for cake donations for the sale.

Any donation would be gratefully received. Please could these be handed into the class teachers by Thursday 28th September.

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Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



National support staff day

On the 29th September it is national support staff day, so do please give them a friendly smile and a thank you if you see them!

School photographer

The office have sent more information out about the photographer who is in on the 26th and 27th September.

Halloween - 31.10.23

As Halloween lands on Tuesday after the half term this year, we thought it would be nice to allow children to come to school in their Halloween costumes or non-uniform.

Priory Friends would like to use this as an opportunity to raise donations for our Christmas fayre on **Saturday 2nd December**, so we instead of the usual £1 donation we will be asking for a small donated item instead. We will send out more information nearer the time with the sort of donations we are looking for.

Priory Friends will also be holding a popcorn & sweet sale after school from 3.15pm - 4.00pm. This will be by gate 1.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th September - School photographer

Friday 29th September - National support staff day

W/C 2nd October - Learning Together Week

Monday 2nd October - Priory Friends - coffee afternoon and Macmillan Coffee 2.00pm -3.00pm. Cake sale after school 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Tuesday 3rd October - Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 10th October - Hello Yellow Day - Wear something Yellow

Wednesday 11th October - Parent Coffee Afternoon (SEN) Anxiety & Self Esteem 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 16th October - Reception Stay & Play for September 2024 intake

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening.

Friday 20th October - Hogwarts Day

Tuesday 31st October - Halloween Fancy Dress.

Tuesday 31st October - Priory Friends, Sweet and Popcorn sale 3.15pm - 4.00pm



Parent Handbook

Vision:

GROWING DETERMINED, COURAGEOUS, KIND INDIVIDUALS
PROUD TO BE PRIORY CHILDREN

Values:

CURIOSITY
HOPE
OPPORTUNITY
TRUST

Core qualities:

COURAGE
DETERMINATION
KINDNESS

Values:

Curiosity - harnessing children's natural inquisitiveness and love for exploration through an immersive curriculum will create active learners who never stop wanting to learn more.

Hope - building positive mental health, resilience and setting aspirational goals to make a positive impact on the world they live.

Opportunity - creating experiences and wonderful memories developing confident people who bravely seek out their own opportunities to forge their future.

Trust - investing in positive relationships to become respectful, compassionate people ready and prepared to live and make a difference to our world.

Producing young people with our core qualities.

Courage to grasp opportunity and experience.

Determination to succeed, to set ambitious goals and to work hard.

Kindness to make a better happier world.

Priory values passport

In KS1 children are taught about the school values in age-appropriate language and given Priory value stickers to recognise their achievements towards the values.



In KS2 children are awarded a passport that contains all the Priory values and suggested ways to achieve the Priory badge. Once they have shown they are regularly and consistently demonstrating those values they are awarded a prestigious Priory Badge. If they earn all badges they achieve the Priory Star Badge.

Mission Statement

We foster a culture of courageous teaching and learning inspiring curiosity where learning is fun, and purposeful without a moment of boredom; delivered by highly qualified and motivated teachers.

Together we celebrate diversity and community inspiring hope, creating opportunity, and through trust develop positive relationships. Our children leave our school ready for life's challenges and prepared to make an impact.

Diversity and Inclusion:

The school aims to create a positive, stimulating and happy environment through which all members of the school community can develop their skills and thrive. The school is committed to ensuring that all members of the community are treated fairly, justly and with respect in every aspect of school life.

Our school celebrates diversity and prides itself on cultivating an environment in which all our staff members, pupils, governors, parents and stakeholders have the freedom to be themselves without judgement or discrimination. You are expected to adhere to these values at all times.



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. The school logo will be changing from September, we have already contacted schools direct so if you order new uniform, it will have the new logo. However, we have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes - no boots, heels, or sandals.
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.



- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewellery
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.

- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/ hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

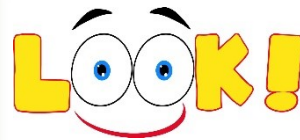
Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with you ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.

- Grove Academy Open Evening
- Pioneer Secondary Academy Open Evening
- Stay and Play with TAG! and Tea with TAG support group dates
- GEMS - Bear Cubs
- Airport Bowl October Half Term
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Sign of the Week

Internet Safety

<https://youtu.be/Pp6TgIMmk58>

Peek at the Week



Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED

[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)

ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



New Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)

School Photographer



Priory School (Foundation)

Orchard Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 6HE
www.prioryschool.com
Head teacher: Mrs H Foster

21st September 2023

Arrangements for School Photographer

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below arrangements for the School Photographer:

On Tuesday 26th September, the photographers will be in school to do the Sibling Shoots. Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 have PE on this day.

- Please send your Reception & Year 1 children in to school wearing their school uniform **for this day only**.
- Year 5 to come into school in their School uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

On Wednesday 27th September, the photographers will in School to take the whole school individual photographs.

- Year 2 and Year 4 have PE on this day. Please can they come into school wearing School uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

There is no obligation to buy the photographs, but we will take a picture of every child to use on their confidential SIMs school record.

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform (including sweatshirt/jumper) no large bows or hair ornaments. You may wish to send them in with a hair brush or comb.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely
Priory School

Contact: Telephone: 01628 600300
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Weekly attendance percentages: 11th–15th September 2023

Whole school - 87%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 96%

Year 5 - 96%

Year 6 - 78%

Congratulations to **2Newton** with **100%** the highest attendance this week!



Come and Sing

You are warmly invited to complete your week with a lovely sing at Priory Community Choir. This is for anyone within the Priory Community – staff, parents and accompanied children from Y3 upwards – and is held in the hall after school on a Friday (currently 3.45-4.30pm). All are welcome – no auditions, and you don't need to be able to read music; I will teach you what you need to know!

Our first gathering this term will be Friday 22nd September, but you are welcome to join us the following week if you have missed this one! Please email Mrs Shaw if you would like to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!





Hello Yellow Day



We will be holding a Hello Yellow Day on the 10th October, the children can wear something yellow to school for a £1.00 donation. All proceeds will go to Young Minds.

MacMillan Cake Sale

Priory School are hosting a cake sale on Monday 2nd October 3.15pm—3.45pm to raise money for Macmillan Cancer

As part of our fundraising efforts we are asking for any cake donations for the sale.

Any donation would be gratefully received. Please could these be handed into the class teachers by

Thursday 28th September.



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Thank you in advance for your generosity & support



Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Priory Coffee Afternoon!

Coffee, Tea & Macmillan Cake Sale

Monday 2nd October 2023

2.00pm–3.00pm



The money you help raise with the cakes you buy will support Macmillan's vital work. It helps them fund their amazing Macmillan nurses, answer calls on their Support Line, give financial support & more.

Please confirm attendance via link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/GOS05Vz94j>



Priory School Reception Open Day

September 2024 Intake

Monday 16th October 2023

3.45pm–4.30pm

Please confirm attendance via the link
<https://forms.office.com/e/aJZKXCTyhJ>

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Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

Priory Friends

Priory Friends are a group of parents and school staff who help to raise money for you!

Some of the events/things Priory Friends help organise:



Some of the things that Priory Friends have bought for the school are:

Outdoor Gym

Library books

Choir tops

Wet play games