



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break.

This week we have had over 50 children perform to parents, pupils and staff in our music event. It has been such a great way to show off the musical talent of our wonderful pupils.

Next Thursday is the second of four strike days planned. The last strike we saw the majority of our teachers strike so it is likely that this will be the case next week. Please can I urge you to find alternative child care for the day? I will write to you all to let you know if we are fully closed or partially closed early next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Foster

Upcoming events:

Random acts of Kindness Day – 17th Feb

World book day – 2nd March – we will celebrate on the 3rd March

Science week – 10th – 19th March

Learning gallery– week of 13th March

Young carer's day – 16th March

Mother's Day – 19th March

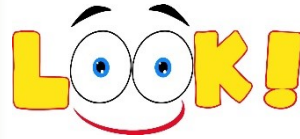
Easter egg hunt – 30th March

Ramadan starts 22nd March



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

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

Leaflets this week:

- Travelling Book Fair Digital Invitation
- HAF Booking Form Easter 2023
- Free Online Parenting February 2023
- TikTok
- Autism ADHD Parent Carer Support
- Firefighters Charity Car Wash



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for
Pancake Day

<https://youtu.be/jzmXvzgSqxg>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's

[://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/](https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)

Berkshire Vision – Overview of their service and current offer for visually impaired children and their carers.

This information has been brought to you through Healthwatch Slough's newsletter and direct email from Berkshire Vision

Please access their website: [here](#) acknowledge all the services Berkshire Vision provide for people living with sight loss here. Healthwatch Slough share in their newsletter a [video](#) which provides a short overview of some of the support offered by Berkshire Vision.

Parenting Special Children Event Calendar:

https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/list/?tribe_paged=2&tribe_event_display=list&tribe-bar-date=2023-02-20

School Logo Badges



As stated in our School Uniform Policy, in order to keep the cost of school uniforms as low as possible for parents and carers, we are now able to offer iron-on logo badges at a cost of £1.65 each. School uniform with printed logos will still be available to purchase at School Days Direct if you prefer. If you would like to purchase an iron-on badge these are available from the School Office, please bring in the correct money.



Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip

Just before we broke up for half term, Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant day visiting the Natural History Museum in London. The trip linked to our hard work learning about the ideas and work of scientists including Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. During the visit, we took part in a workshop led by museum staff where we learnt more about fossils and how life on Earth has evolved and explored the fascinating exhibits on view in the many galleries.





Music News



Lunchtime Concerts

Congratulations to all the children who took part in our lunchtime concerts this week! For many of our young musicians, this was their first opportunity to showcase their progress in this way and we are so proud and impressed with their confident performances. Over 50 KS2 children performed on their instruments over the 3 concerts, supported by their school friends and teachers and almost 70 parents across the week!

We were delighted to welcome such an appreciative audience to come and listen to a little of what the children have been learning with our wonderful visiting instrumental teachers, and thank everyone who took the time to join us. We plan to hold a similar event in June, and look forward to seeing you there!

Come and Sing!

You are warmly invited to join the "Priory Community Choir". Priory parents, staff members, governors, ex-pupils and KS2-aged children of participating adults are all most welcome to come and take part in this friendly group. There are no auditions and no previous experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!

Rehearsals are held weekly in the hall extension, from **3.45 pm to 4.30 pm on Friday afternoons**. Please contact Mrs Shaw if you would like to find out more.

Come and join us for an uplifting end to your week!

P.E. News



We are delighted to announce that Priory is hosting an ESFA Hotshots football Day on Friday 24th March. Children will be invited to come to school wearing a football kit. The day will be filled with lots of different football sessions with different coaches coming in from different football clubs.

We are also delighted to announce that Reading FC & Welsh International Footballer Lily Woodham will be joining us for day and speaking to the children about her career so far as explained in the video.

We have an online fundraiser to support the foundation and the school.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/9f0FDtPOuPo>

Online Fundraiser: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/prioryschool>



World Book Day and the Travelling Book Fair

World Book Day 2023 is approaching and, as I am sure you are all aware, at Priory, we like to mark this in a big way. It is one of our best events for coming together as a community and celebrating the power of reading and books.

This year's theme will be Fairy Tales. We will be exploring the fantastic stories that we hear and read from the earliest ages and learning how their messages and morals guide the decisions we make throughout our lives. All of this will culminate in a beautiful, immersive display in one of our main corridors for children, parents and visitors to enjoy.

On Friday 3rd March, children will be able to come into school in fancy dress to help them fully immerse themselves in the world of children's literature. We would love if the children are able to come in Fairy Tale theme however we fully appreciate that this won't always be possible and we look forward to seeing the amazing and creative costumes they wear. We are also more than happy for pupils to come to school in pyjamas this year rather than costumes to celebrate bedtime stories. We would not want any of our families to feel that there is pressure to purchase a costume during this cost of living crisis.

As usual, every child will also be receiving a £1 book voucher, which can go towards the cost of any book or in exchange for a £1 book between 16th February and 26th March. Your children's class teacher will distribute these on Friday 10th February.

Priory will also be playing host to the Travelling Book Fair from Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March. Your children will be given timetabled slots to visit during the school day and the fair will be open until 4pm after school each night that week. This is a perfect opportunity for the children to spend their vouchers and buy some brilliant books for their home libraries.

Reading and high-quality texts are at the heart of everything we do at Priory and we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every one of our pupils loves and has access to books.

Please follow link above for digital invitation for the Travelling Book Fair:

