



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

What a week it has been!

This week at Priory

We have seen two outstanding performances of the Lion King this week. The year 6 children impressed and astounded us with their professional and mesmerising performances. They must be exhausted as they have had 2 evening performances to do and 2 dress rehearsals.

We have also had the third learning together sessions this week. I have sent out a survey to get your feedback. Please do follow the link to complete the short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/i3cD7TNZv2>

Thank you.

The trips have gone well and today marked the start of our sports days.

It has been a bit of a nightmare with the sports days. Having had to rearrange them several times before we even advertised them. We then realised that they fell during Eid, moved them again and then those on the 5th have also had to be moved due to industrial action. I understand that some parents are struggling to make the new dates having already organised time off work for the original dates. All I can do is apologise and I do empathise. We try so hard to fix dates and give parents enough notice but unfortunately some things do come up. In this case it was the right thing to do to move the sports days because so many of our children would have missed out on their sports days if we hadn't. I always think back to our values when making a decision and I considered that not to move them would have reduced the opportunity for many of our school community.

I know it is frustrating though and I do **hope** you can all understand.

Next week

Please do keep an eye on the Priory School Calendar on the website so that you don't miss any upcoming events!

Monday 26th June: Y6 sports day 1 - 3

Tuesday 27th June: Y1 sports day 9 - 11

Y2 sports day 1-3



Friday 30th June: Y4 sports day 9-11

Monday 3rd July: Y3 sports day 1-3

Thurs 6th July: Rec sports day 9-11

Y5 sports day 1-3

Next Friday is also a non-uniform day. We are asking for all children to bring in £1 (if you are a family of 3 children or more please feel free to cap your contribution to £2). This is to raise funds for the school, in particular our Year 6 awards day. I have mentioned in various events and in previous newsletters the pressures on school budgets. We are going to have to rely on contributions from parents to ensure that we can continue to offer all the wonderful **opportunities** and experiences to our children that spark their **curiosity** and aspiration. (**hope**)

Industrial strike action

Many of you will have seen the news that the next industrial strike action has been agreed and is due to take place on the 5th and 7th July.

As previous strike days, I will try to give you as much notice as possible but I don't tend to know how many staff intend to strike until a few days before.

The summer fayre has been moved to the 12th July. It starts at 2pm for all KS2 children and remains open to parents and younger children (with their parents) from 3:15 until 4pm.

Smart watches

Technology is great and is evolving at such a rapid rate that we cannot keep up with the new advances in tech! Smart watches have started to creep in. These are okay as long as they are not connected to a phone or account of any kind.

We cannot have watches that can make a call, receive a call, send or make a text or take photos. These pose a safeguarding risk and open a huge can of data protection of worms that we really do not want to open up.

Please can I ask that you check your child's watch to make sure that it cannot take pictures, call or receive a call and make or receive a text.

Thank you.

Heat wave warning

I have had another amber heat weather warning for the 23rd to 26th June. Temperatures are due to get to 27°. So please remember, if you are going to be out and about, to take plenty of water, a sun hat and lots of sun cream and try to avoid be out in full sun between 11-3pm.



Upcoming events

Sports week - 26th June

Lunchtime Musical Concerts - 26th June

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Non School Uniform Day - Friday 30th June

Yr 6 Transition - 4th July

Yr 6 summer fayre - Moved to Wednesday 12th July due to the strike.

Little Canada - 14th - 17th July

Rehearsals for Y6 Graduation - 18/19th July

Reception graduation - 19th July - time is now 2pm

Yr 6 graduation - 20th July

Yr 6 guard of honor - 21st July - more details to follow.

End of term - Friday 21st July

Priory School Jubilee - we are going to celebrate the school's opening on **Friday 8th September.**

The school will have been open for **70 Years!**



Important Notices

Please can we remind everyone that Bikes and Scooter are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere on the school site. We had an incident this week where a child was knocked over.



Hayfever

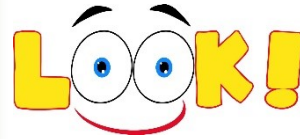


As the weather has warmed up in recent days, a lot of the children are suffering from hayfever, which is impacting their day with sore and itchy eyes. Please give your child long-lasting hayfever medication in the morning before school if you know your child suffers from hayfever.



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.

- Slough Music Service



Sign of the Week

Refugee

<https://youtu.be/jUsgrUQL4BE>



Peek at the Week

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



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](#)

Weekly Attendance Percentages: 12th- 16th June 2023

Whole school - 95%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 98%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 96%

Congratulations to **4Simmonds** with **99%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have continued exploring their new topic for this term, Under the Sea! This term our topic book is Sharing a Shell (story can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ6SvbrEhvl>).



This week during English we have continued to focus on the main characters, using puppets to support the retelling of the main events within the story. We have also been practising our letter formations through sensory writing activities such as sand trays.



This week in Maths the children have been using items from our topic to practice one to one correspondence, counting shells and buckets. The children have been exploring place value of ones and tens using place value mats, ten frames and dienes.





Year 6 Lion King Performance



A Roaring Success

This week, the school hall was transformed and became the African Savannah as Year 6 took to the stage to perform *The Lion King Jr.* Over the course of the week, they have performed to all year groups and their parents during two after-school performances. The children displayed enormous amounts of professionalism, **courage** and **determination** and have astounded pupils, parents, staff and governors with their incredible talent. We could not be prouder of our Year 6 pupils and know that we certainly have some future stars in the making.

Below are some reviews from audience members this week:

"What a truly fabulous show yr6 put on this afternoon. Please pass on my congrats and thanks to everyone involved. The costumes and makeup were amazing but the performers were beyond words!"

School Governor

"Having attended Year 6's superb performance yesterday, I strongly feel to say thank you for your efforts to give our children confidence which is a great asset for life."

Year 6 Parent

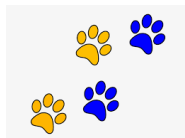
"The best show I have seen at Priory!"

Year 5 pupil

"I honestly could have been watching a show in the West End. Just wow!"

Priory Teacher

The Year 6 team would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has contributed to making this show a success: the Year 6 TLAs for their support behind the scenes; staff throughout the school for their help on the nights; the office staff for their help selling and printing tickets and programmes; Miss Allen and Miss Miller for their support making our props, sets and face-painting the pupils; Mrs Shaw and the band for their musical expertise; the parents for providing costumes and being a superb audience; and of course, the stars of the show themselves, the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

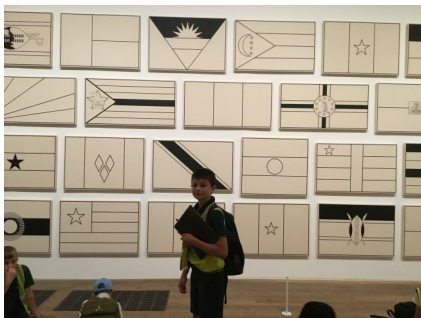
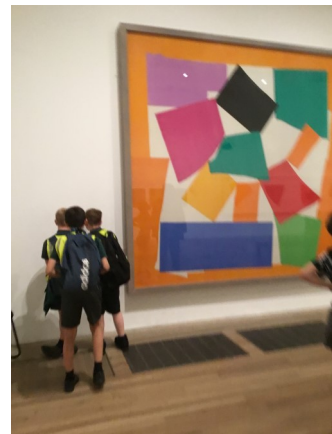




Year 5 Tate Modern Trip

Y5 thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Tate Modern this week.

Our governor, Ruth Talbot, was also particularly impressed with the exceptional behaviour and mature attitudes demonstrated by all of our Priory pupils.





Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!



The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust for a challenge celebrating play and participation. This year's theme will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sport and keep their minds and bodies active over the summer.

Children aged 4 and over can complete the challenge by enjoying six books over the summer, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. Those that finish will be awarded a medal and certificate to mark their achievement. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. It helps prevent the trend for reading skills to dip over the summer holidays, and enhances and supports the school's reading initiatives. The fun rewards motivate the children to progress through the challenge and it is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to count towards the challenge.

Slough Libraries will be launching the challenge on Tuesday 4th July. It's free to take part - children just need to be library members. It's quick and easy to join.

The challenge will end on 16th September, so children have plenty of time to complete.

The resource pack is on our website.

Schools can access a range of materials and activities to support you to encourage your pupils to participate, including posters, newsletter copy and assemblies.

SUMMER

The results are in from the wheelbarrow competition and i am sad to say we didn't win **BUT** I'm sure you will all agree that our wheelbarrows look amazing and the gardening club worked hard on them which makes them all winners.

Congratulations to the winners

Our wheelbarrow are back on display just outside the main reception doors.





TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

How do autistic and non-autistic children process visual information? Help us find out!



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Researchers at the University of Reading are finding out how autistic children process visual information and make decisions about it, and how this compares to children without a developmental condition. The research will help us understand more about sensory processing in autism.



We are looking for children aged 6 to 14 years, who have either:

- an autism spectrum diagnosis,
OR
- no diagnosed developmental conditions



To take part in a study looking at how they process sensory information

Children will play some fun computer games where they are asked to work out the direction of a set of moving fireflies and the way in which striped beetles are facing. Children will also do some simple language and reasoning tasks, and parents/guardians will be asked to complete some questionnaires. Families will be given a voucher as a thank-you for taking part and we will reimburse travel expenses if you come to the university.

CONTACT

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This project has been reviewed by the University of Reading Research Ethics Committee (Ref: project UREC-2137, end date 28-02-2024)



Calling all parents!

- Do you have a child in **Year 1 or Year 5**?
- Does your child receive **free school meals**?
 - We want to hear from families who speak **English only or another language at home.**
- Would you like to take part in a research project about your child's reading?
- Scan the code below and **receive £20** if you and your child complete the study



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Music News

Lunchtime concerts

Over the next couple of weeks, children who learn to play a musical instrument at school will have the opportunity to share their skills with parents and friends in our informal lunchtime concerts. These will take place as follows:

Monday 26th June - Mr Lazenbury's violin, piano, clarinet students

Tuesday 27th June - Mr Keen's keyboard, piano, flute students (please note: this is for all of Mr Keen's students - both Tuesday and Wednesday lessons)

Thursday 6th July - Mr Clements' drum students & Mrs Sumner's guitar, ukulele students.





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!

School Uniform

Please find attached a £5 off voucher when spending £35.00 or more online only on our website:

SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT
The Uniform Specialist

Gift Voucher

£5.00 OFF YOUR NEXT ONLINE ORDER
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £35.00

ONLINE CODE: 5SDD23

This voucher can only be used online at www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk. Offer is valid until 31st July 2023 and may only be used once. Offer can only be used on a transaction of over £35.00.

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