

# Priory School News



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## Headteacher's News



Good afternoon all,

### General news

So lovely to see you all at the Christmas Fayre Saturday it was a tremendous success.

### Events and trips

We have lots planned for this week:

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15:** Year 4 and choir: Christmas candlelight carol concert held in the school hall.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 nativity dress rehearsal any brother or sister in Year 2- 6 is welcome to attend.

**6<sup>th</sup> December, 5-7pm** – Choir to perform at Rotary Christmas concert at St Peters Church.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December,** Year 1 performances at 09:15.

**9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas jumper day and Jingle Jog and Christmas door decorations to be judged by a governor.

### Exceptional Circumstances leave

To ensure a fair and consistent process I do not meet with parents to discuss their requests for exceptional leave. As you can probably imagine, my diary would be busy just doing those meetings and it would not be fair on those who I could not meet in person. I do get an enormous number of requests for leave and to be honest, they tend not to be exceptional. Our children have missed too much school; I cannot authorize any time out of school. This can lead to fines, which I will also not meet with a parent to discuss. Our policy details clearly the procedure and if the absence meets the criteria for a fine, a fine will be issued. Again, to ensure fairness and equity, I do not meet with parents to discuss a fine. Therefore, if you decide to take your child out of school, it is likely not to be authorised and if it meets the Local Authority criteria, you will be fined. It is that simple and there are no exceptions.

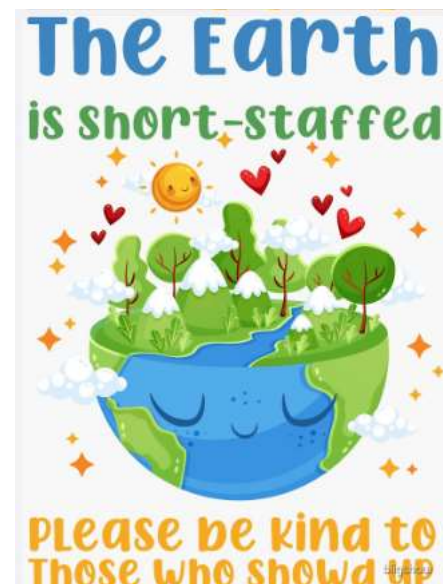
### Pupil absence

As to be expected pupil absence is creeping up, understandably. However, I am a little concerned with how much time our Year 6 pupils have already taken off; there are a significant number of children already meeting the criteria for persistent absentees.

It is such an important year for our Year 6 pupils and they have such a lot to catch up on, so please do try to dose them up and send them in! Some of these respiratory viruses do hang about for a bit and it is not realistic to keep them off for too long.

### Staff Absence

It has been a tough week coping with the high absence of staff but we have got through and most are still smiling. I saw this sign somewhere and really liked it – I have also shared it with the staff and thought I would share it with you all.



Have a good week.

Mrs Hannah Foster

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## Sports News



### KS2 Boccia SSSN Competition

A great display was on show, from all the children that attended the SSSN Boccia competition. Our students arrived via the mini bus to the brilliant Singh Sabha Sports Centre, ready for action. We took two teams to compete against other schools. (Boccia is a modified game similar to bowls, that is inclusive to all players) Our students did Priory school proud and displayed great sending skills throughout the competition.



### Year 3 & 4 Boys Berkshire League Game.

A tough fixture in the Berkshire league against Westende, The boys battled hard and demonstrated an improved desire to tackle and make t scoring two fantastic goals. Congratulations to our opponents who were the better team on the day. At times, the scores are not important, we are proud of our students who represent our school teams. Well done boys!

### Year 5 & 6 Boys Slough League Game V St Antony's

A much-improved performance from the boy's team, as we travelled to St Antony's to play in the fog. Priory took the lead in a really good match. The boys worked hard all game, and had plenty of possession and chances to win the game. Sadly, today was not to be. We conceded a great goal from our oppositions who should be congratulated on their performance. Priory boys worked hard all game and the PE team are very proud of their performance.

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## Priory's Christmas Jingle Jog 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Mr Brown is delighted to bring you details of the Christmas Jingle jog, this will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, and students will take part in traveling around the Daily Mile Track, enjoying the festive decorations, music and lights. As students come together with staff to enjoy the festive season.

For more details, please watch Mr Brown's video her <https://youtube.com/shorts/4CRFsT6kw3E?feature=s> here:

## Reading Rockets Basketball Super Stars

Our Basketball superstars continued to learn about the game of basketball, This week coach Steff was ill, so Mr Watson dabbed his hand at a bit of basketball, the students worked so hard, learning new skills, playing fun games in an active and friendly environment. Well done to all involved!

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## Important Dates

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Candlelight carols Year 4  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Choir to perform at St Peters Church  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am Year 1 Nativity  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am Year 1 Nativity  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Jingle Jog & Christmas jumper day

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023

## Burnham Christmas Parade



## Weekly attendance percentages: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Whole school - 90%**

Year 1 - 90%

Year 2 - 87%

Year 3 - 87%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 92%

Year 6 - 96%



Congratulations to **4Simmonds** with **98%** the highest attendance this week!

*Congratulations!*

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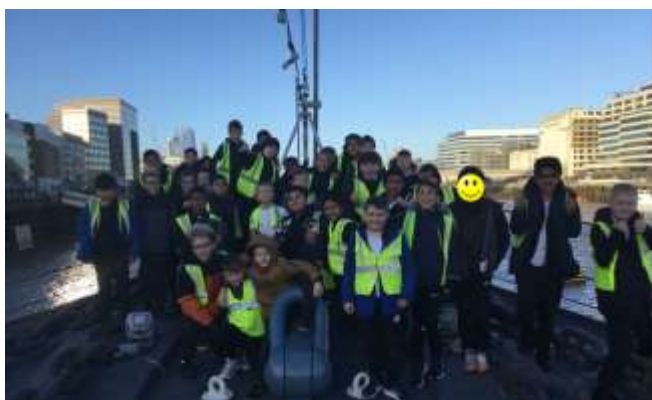


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## Year 5 Kip on a Ship Boys trip 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Some of our Year 5 boys visited HMS Belfast for a sleep over experience (as part of our 'World at War' unit this term). They had a great time learning about the history of the ship during WW2; and walking around on the deck!



**Sign of the week**

Please click here to see our sign of the week

<https://youtu.be/dDMo3Md941k>

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## Priory Friends News



## Priory Friends on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/prioryfriends](http://www.facebook.com/prioryfriends)



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we do not 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 is not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

If you would like to get involved with fundraising and how to use the funds raised for school please get in touch via [prioryfriends@prioryschool.com](mailto:prioryfriends@prioryschool.com).



## Music

Please find the links for the Carols the children will be singing at St Peters Church

- O come, all ye faithful v1&3:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qTqwEgdBYI>
- Once in royal David's city:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgR48OpNmOA>
- Silent night:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRZOv31n1sY&t=29s>
- Away in a manger:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa7Jj\\_AZU8U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa7Jj_AZU8U)
- Whilst shepherds watched:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdASbguX6ds>

- Ding dong:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hgdPY7A>
- Hark the herald:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IGP68i3JvU>

## Hot Chocolate! By Andy Beck & Brian Fisher

..... Ssss

..... Hot!

Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late

I can't get enough.

Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late

It's my favourite stuff!

When the weather is freezing

And you think you'll turn to ice,

There is nothing more pleasing

Than a mug of paradise.

Turn up the heat make it steamy and sweet,

With marshmallows on the top.

Come fill me up to the top of my cup,

I'm gonna drink ev'ry drop!

Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late

I can't get enough.

Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late

It's my favourite stuff!

- A) Hot, hot choc'late (repeat x6)
- B) Sss, make it steamy. Sss, rich and creamy. (repeat)

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C) Marshmallows are floating on the top.  
Whipped cream, I'm never gonna stop.

A song of unity we shout aloud...

Turn up the heat, make it steamy and sweet,  
With marshmallows on the top.  
Come fill me up to the top of my cup,  
I'm gonna drink ev'ry drop!

Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late, I can't get enough.  
Hot, hot, hot, hot choc'late, It's my favourite stuff!  
I can't get enough!  
I need a fix made from scratch or a mix.  
Hot choc'late ..... Hot!

## Peace Child by Mark & Helen Johnson

Chorus:

Celebrate the Peace Child, everyone join in now  
With a song of freedom, for the gift of love that's  
given  
Peace Child, everyone join in now  
With a song of freedom, for the gift of love that's  
given now.

Verse 1 [twice]:

He is the Peace Child, given to us  
Hope for the future, healing the past.

Verse 2:

No more hostility, he's changing history  
We have a chance to be united together.  
Sing out for liberty, sing out in harmony,



## Leaflets and Letters

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

GEMS

Call of Duty – what parents need to know



## Important Reminder for Year 6

Please can we remind year 6 that they need to be wearing the correct School Uniform. This includes school shoes and not boots.