

Priory School News



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Headteacher's News



Good afternoon all,

General news

What a fabulous week it was for Christmas cheer! The Year 4 carol concert was lovely, such singing talent. It was so nice to see them enjoy it so much. The Year 1 nativity was just fabulous, the singing, dancing and clear loud voices was fantastic. I expect the lovely Reception nativity will hit new highs of adorability. However, we have got lots of children off at the moment, so I really hope they are all well enough to be back Monday to have a final practice before Tuesday.

Christmas jumper day and Jingle Jog and a Visit from Santa:

Nursery, Reception KS1 and Orchard had a visit from Santa in his grotto and they got an opportunity to see some of his pets.

Also Friday was Christmas Jumper Day and the children wore a fabulous array of jumpers. This was combined with the Jingle Jog and everyone had a fabulous time. Please see pictures and articles below.

Weather

We are having a cold snap at the moment so please encourage children to wear jumpers and coats and bring in gloves and hats. It is vitally important that our children go outside for fresh air, vitamin D and exercise so they must wear warm clothes.

Christmas fayre

I would like to thank all the staff and Priory Friends for all their hard work pulling together the most spectacular fayre. I am sure you will agree it was the best school fayre ever! I must thank you all for supporting the event too. We have not quite finished counting the final total but it looks to be a healthy figure. Priory Friends are donating it all straight back to the school, so we are asking the school council how

they would like to spend it on Playground furniture/ games/ seating.

Strep A

Clearly this is causing lots of us concern and there are lots of respiratory viruses around at the moment so do keep a close eye on your children and if they display any of the symptoms sore throat, fever along with a fine pinkish or red body rash with a sandpaper feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpaper feel.

If your child has these symptoms contact your GP or NHS 111 immediately.

Prevention of Strep A

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs.

By teaching children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

Events and trips

Reception Concert 13th December

Christmas lunch 14th December

Christmas class parties 15th December – Libby is providing snacks and drinks

End of term assembly - 16th December

End of term finish times:

Friday 16th December: Nursery 11:30am (if you have siblings in the rest of the school, you may collect them from the office after collecting your Nursery child)

Rest of school: 12:00

Hannah Foster, Headteacher

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Some Photos from Christmas Jumper Day and Jingle Jog



Important Dates

Y2 Magic Lantern Workshop – 13th December
Reception Concert – 13th December
Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long – 13th December
Y2 Choir to Short Breaks Home – 13th December
Christmas Lunch – 14th December
Christmas Parties – 15th December
End of Term – 16th December (see times above)

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

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



Year 6

Weekly attendance percentages: 28th November - 1st December 2022

Whole school - 91%

Year 1 - 93% Year 2 - 91%

Year 3 - 89%

Year 4 - 90%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 96%

Congratulations to **6Attenborough** with **97%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



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Thanks year 6

[You can also follow this link to our website for more photographs](#)

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/christmas-2023/>

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Year 1



[More photo's to follow at end of week!](#)

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Music News

Candlelight Carols

On Monday 5th December, the whole of Year 4 plus choir from Years 5 and 6 presented a lovely programme of festive songs to their audience. Sleigh bells were jingled, bells were rung and voices were raised in this joyful celebration of the season. Libby and her team provided delicious refreshments for both audience and performers, which were very well received! Many thanks to all who supported this event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Burnham Rotary Carol Concert + PHOTOS FROM T:\REPROGRAPHICS\CHURCH CAROLS 2022

Last Tuesday evening, choir members from Year 5 and Year 6 gathered at St. Peter's Church, Burnham, to take part in their annual Community Carol Concert organised by the Rotary Association. The congregation sang lots of traditional Christmas Carols, interspersed with items from Priory Choir, St Peter's Gore Ringers, St Peter's School Choir, Burnham Concert Band and Sing4You Choir, which the children particularly enjoyed!! The children looked so smart in their choir uniforms, and behaved and sang absolutely brilliantly. Well done to all involved, and a huge thank you to staff, parents and children who made it possible for us to take part once again in this wonderful event.

Year 6 Choir to Westminster Cathedral

On Tuesday 10th January, members of the Y6 choir will be joining choirs from other schools, as well as professional singers and musicians in a fabulous event to be held at Westminster Cathedral in London run by Gabrieli Roar and supported by Eton College. We are so excited about this unique opportunity, and have been working hard to learn the songs, which are in a completely different style to our usual repertoire. Please could Y6 choir be encouraged to listen and sing along to the songs here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dn3Wplo4RDg&list=PLY6yXBV1V5rWk4zLLjmSR4vVgKoQtHq5Q&index>

=1 to help them in their preparations. It will be such an amazing experience!

Year 5 and 6 Choir to Young Voices

On 24th January some of our choir members will be travelling to the O2 in London to join the amazing Young Voices choir in an exciting performance! In order to prepare for this, children will need to know all of the songs off by heart, and ideally the actions too. If your child is involved, please sign them up for Young Voices "My Classmate" using this link:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=XIgUzIRw8uq1RnkU>. Then log out, and log in again as

your child to access the resources. Children already have a paper copy of the words, and the songs are

also available to listen to on Spotify here:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/39qcKoWHfI0pApSKFaoYhY>

If your child missed out on ordering a t-shirt through school but would still like one, please visit the Young Voices shop directly here:

<https://shop.youngvoices.co.uk/products/office-young-voices-2023-choir-tee-kids>. Please remember that we will be required to wear a WHITE t-shirt – either completely plain white, or the official white YV top. Thank you. Other items are available in the shop too.

If you wish to pre-order a concert film, please visit www.yv23film.co.uk and use the discount code SCHOOLS23 (which makes the video price discounted to £9.99, until 1st Jan 2023).

Happy singing!