

The Priory Press



15th November 2024

BUMPER EDITION!

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Pride of Priory

These are the children celebrated in our Pride of Priory assembly for their learning in class since 25th October.

Britto – Amos, Hudson, Logan, Aveda,

Hepworth – Elliott, Rafe, Callum, Phoebe

Kusama – James, Imogen, Henry, Locki

Matisse – Ezra, Riana, Ella, R

Ringgold – Oliver F, Christian, James, Lucky

Warhol – Teddy, Ethan J, Harry M, Evie

Learning in school

There have been activities happening across school all week. An Islamophobia workshop in Warhol, Michael Rosen day in KS2, Warhol and Ringgold classes visiting the St Mary's War Memorial exhibition, Kusama and Matisse joining together for antibullying activities and Reverend Michelle learning with Britto and Hepworth children what a busy week!

Many thanks...

Thank you to all the families who attend consultation evening meetings over the last few weeks.

Thanks also to those that donated money for Children In Need!

Reading at home – update

Once children have finished phonics RWI books, they have a reading range set by our reading assessment on Accelerated Reader. We know lots of children also read other books at home, in addition to their school reading book.

We would encourage the children to quiz on these books either at home or at school. Click this link to see if the book is on the ARsystem.

[Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Quick Search](#)

It will give the book level (B.L) and quiz number.

[Click this link](#) (the same as at school) to complete your quiz.

Fundraising

We are signed up with a few companies that raise much needed money for the school some by simply shopping! Below are details of some ways you can help fundraise for the school.

Easyfundraising

Priory Primary School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These

donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/primaryschoolsford/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Stikins

We have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate some of parents' frustrations that surround these issues.

How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number 23353 will provide the school with 30% commission.

www.stikins.co.uk/order

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time

somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

Non-Uniform Day

The PTA would like to arrange a non-uniform day Friday 29th November in return for a donation for the Christmas Fair.

KS1 - Chocolate

This can be either selection boxes, box of chocolate, chocolate coins, etc. (needs to be in date)

KS2 - Bring a bottle

This can be squash, soft drinks, alcoholic like wine or bottle of beer, to bubble bath. (In date and full unopened bottles)

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Even if you already have a sibling at the school, you need to apply if you have a child due to start Reception next September.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



Explore, Learn, and Grow!



HEALTHY MINDS FOR SCHOOLS

This week, in the Healthy Minds Wellbeing Club, the children enjoyed learning fascinating facts about the brain and then worked in pairs to create a playdough model, focusing on the different parts of the brain.



It's not too late to sign your child up—just follow the booking link below for more details.

<https://www.happyhealthyminds.co.uk/store/p/after-school-club-priory-bicknacre>

Dates for your diary

- **18/11/2024 – 22/11/2024** – Priory Maths Week
- **18/11/2024** – Reception & Year 6 NHS Height & Weight check
- **22/11/2024** – Whole School Anti Bullying Workshops
- **29/11/2024** – Non-Uniform Day
- **29/11/2024** – Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm
- **05/12/2024** – Christmas Carols at the Shops 4.30pm
- **06/12/2024** – Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm
- **11/12/2024** – Britto & Hepworth Christmas Show 2pm
- **13/12/2024** – Kusama & Matisse Roman Day
- **18/12/2024** – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- **18/12/2024** – KS2 Christmas Production 5pm
- **20/12/2024** – Christmas Panto
- **20/12/2024** – Last Day – **Whole school finish at 3pm**
- **23/12/2024 – 06/01/2025** – Christmas Break
- **07/01/2025** – Children return to school
- **08/01/2025** – Ringgold Greek Experience Morning
- **10/01/2025** – Autism Bus Visit
- **11/02/2025** – Year 4 Superstars
- **17/02/2025 – 21/02/2025** Half Term

NON UNIFORM DAY

Priory Primary School PTA
Friday 29th November

NO Payment required, just a donation of:-



Reception & KS1 Chocolate

KS2 Bottles



All donations will be used at the Christmas Fayre to raise much needed funds for the School.

Thank you in advance for ALL your kind donations

Children's Crafts and
An Audience with
Father Christmas

AT
ST MARY'S
WOODHAM
FERRERS

PARKING AVAILABLE

10.00-12.30 & 1.30-4.00
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Tickets from
www.stmarysheritagehub.co.uk
£16 per child