

# The Priory Press



14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

What a busy half term it has been, with so many wonderful achievements. Our first child has received a certificate for reading 500,000 words and are already well on their way to being a 'million-word reader'! 39 children are now proud wearers of our 'gone green' badges – they know all their times tables to 12x12. Many more children have been rewarded for their Numbots and TTRS achievements.

We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## **Parent / Carer Survey 2025**

Over the last 12 months we have worked hard to improve our school and respond to your feedback.

*You said:* The school should offer more educational visits and visitors.

*We did:* Last year every class had at least one educational visit and this will be continued this academic year and into the future. We have had many visitors including the Anti-bullying Alliance running workshops for the whole school.

*You said:* The school should offer more extra-curricular clubs.

*We did:* Over the last 18 months the school has offered a wide range of clubs, from fencing to wellbeing, art to animal care. We continue to fine tune this offer.

*You said:* The school should offer more opportunities for families to see children' learning and be welcomed into the school.

*We did:* We now hold open afternoons in every class. Each class will have a summer term class assembly as a showcase of learning and parent workshops are being run throughout the year.

Please click the link below to complete this year's survey.

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

## **Pride of Priory**

Last week the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Grayson and Remi  
Hepworth – Jacob and Callum  
Kusama – Ruby and Freddie  
Matisse – Jamie and Haylee  
Ringgold – Tommy and Christian  
Warhol – Harvey and Ethan J

This week the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Henry and Sienna  
Hepworth – Harry and Elliott  
Kusama – Emily S and George R  
Matisse – Kian and Riana  
Ringgold – Tate and Lenny  
Warhol – Jude and Evie

## ... Message from a villager



Last week, a member of the public, who lives in the village called into school asking to talk about the children who walk home on their own. She wanted to share how well mannered you are, thanking her for making space along a narrow path and asking how she was – you know who you are, and we are so proud of you!

## Year 4 Superstars – WINNERS!

On Tuesday, Matisse class competed against 6 other schools at the annual Chelmsford School Sports Partnership Superstars 2025 event. Over the last two weeks, 43 schools from across the region have been competing and we are delighted that Priory not only won their day, but also won the whole event! Staff from other schools commended our children on their kindness to others and excellent team work.

Position	School	Points
1st	Priory	50.68
2nd	Elm Green	50.30
3rd	Bishops	50.20
4th	Chancellor Park	48.20
5th	OLI	48.19
6th	St Peters	47.80
	Heathcote	47.80
8th	Great Waltham	47.70
9th	St Johns	47.50
10th	St Annes	46.90
	Maltese Road	46.90
12th	New Hall	46.16
13th	Writtle Juniors	46.10
14th	St Michaels	45.90
15th	Boreham	45.80
16th	Beaulieu Park	45.40
17th	Moulsham B	45.30
	St Pius	45.30
19th	Danbury Park	45.19
20th	Barnes Farm	45.04
21st	Baddow Hall Juniors	45.00

## Meet a Governor



Mick Simmonds is the Chair of our Governing Body. He brings to the role a wealth of experience having been a school leader in Essex during his career. Mick lives in the village and you will see him regularly around school in his role as governor and as a grandparent of one of our pupils.

## Punctuality

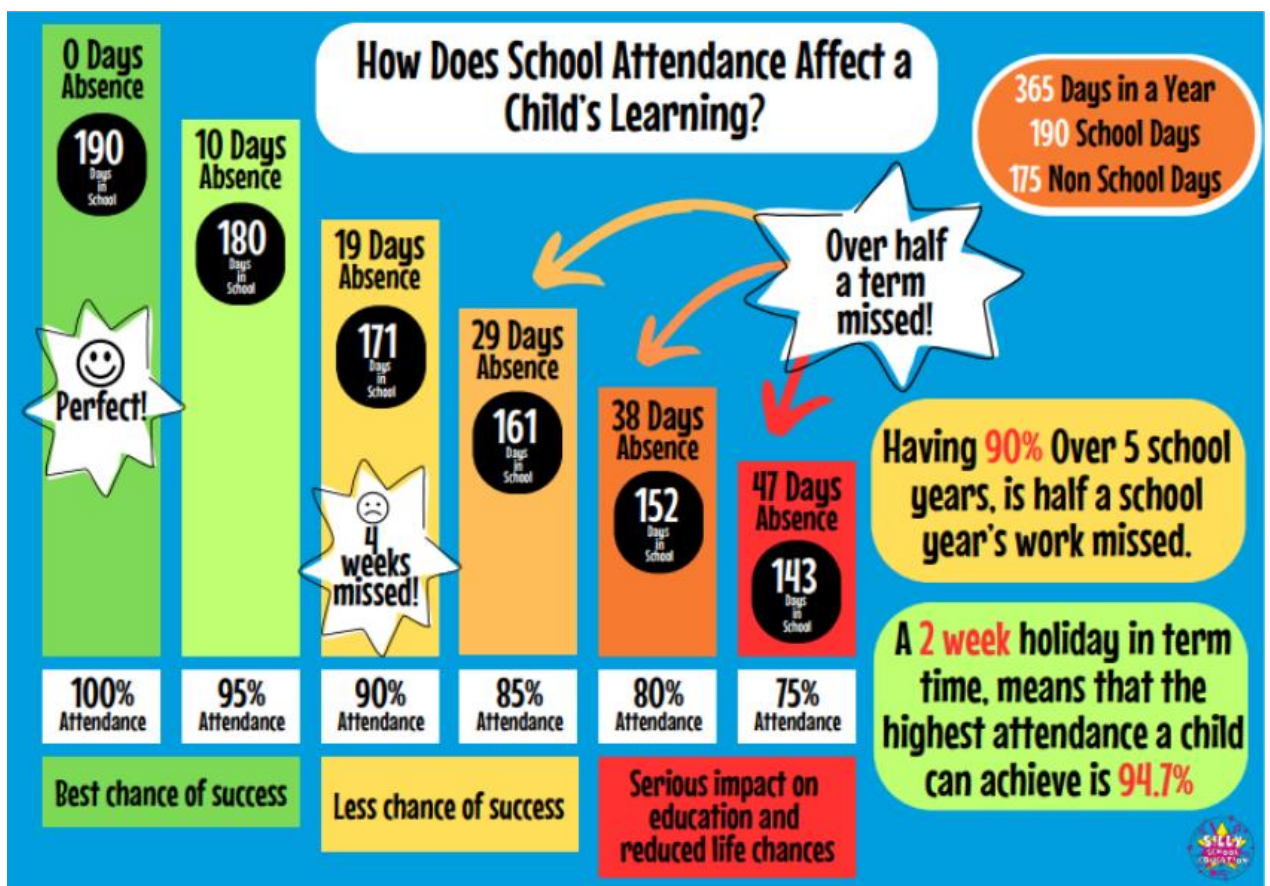
Thank you everyone. This week has seen a huge improvement to our punctuality data as a school and more importantly, children are maximising their learning time.

**5 MINUTES LATE PER DAY**  
 Adds up to 3 days lost school time!

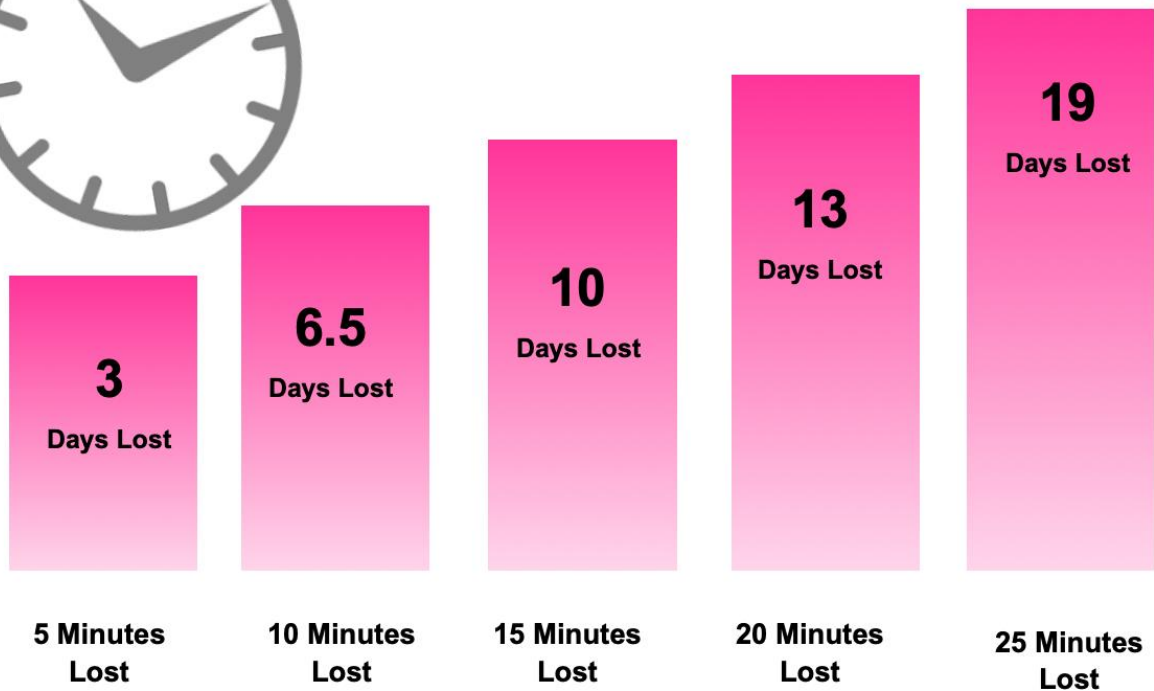
## Car parking



This week, members of the Governing body met with the Parish Council and Village Hall regarding repairs to the car parks and repainting white lines. They are now seeking a meeting with Essex County Council to organise for the work to be carried out. In the interim, please be mindful when using the car parks.



... being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



# Dates for your diary

- **17/02/2025 – 21/02/2025** - HALF TERM
- **26/02/2025** – Year 4 Home Safety Presentation
- **26/02/2025** – Inclusion Event School Hall (SEND van/Agencies) **3pm-4pm**
- **06/03/2025** – World Book Day
- **13/03/2025** – Parent Workshop EBSA (Emotional Based School Avoidance)
- **21/03/2025** – Red Nose Day – Wear uniform and something red
- **28/03/2025** – School Disco (time tbc)
- **01/04/2025** –Happy School Bag collection
- **01/04/2025** – Class Photos
- **01/04/25 & 03/04/25** – Parent Consultation Evening
- **02/04/2025** – Year 3 Swimming starts (details to be sent shortly)
- **04/04/2025** – Rocksteady Concert **2.15pm-3pm**
- **04/04/2025** – Last Day/ School finishes at **3pm**
  
- **27/06/2025** – Summer Fair – **New date**
- **09/07/2025** – Sports Day (time tbc) – **New date**
- **11/07/2025** – Y6 Leavers Disco