

# The Priory Press



6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

...and here we are in the last half term of the year! Whilst the weather may not always be on our side, we look forward to a jam-packed term of learning and enriching experiences. Please do keep looking at the 'dates for your diary' and we look forward to welcoming many of you to class assemblies in the near future.

With warmest wishes,  
Ms Laver

## **Pride of Priory**

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

Britto – Hudson L and Freddie

Hepworth – Penny and Rafe

Kusama – Oakley and Daniel

Matisse – Kathleen and Ella

Ringgold – Matilda and Oliver VW

Warhol – Harry C and Harvey

Before half term, the following children were celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Hudson G and Teddy

Hepworth – Callum and Leo B

Kusama – Locki and Freddie

Matisse – Gwen and Kian

Ringgold – Stanley and Macie-Mae

Warhol – Henry and Ethan J



## **Multiplication Times tables Check**

Well done everyone in Year 4. This week you all completed your times tables check. You were focussed, calm and confident.

## **PTA Bake Off and Cake Sale**

What a brilliant bunch of bakers we have at Priory! Many congratulations to the class winners and Amos, being the overall winner this year with his marvellous Minecraft inspired cake. Thank you to everyone who bought some delicious goods. The PTA raised over £400!



## **A request for support...**

Whilst this is not the most pleasant topic to have in our newsletter, can I please ask for parental support to talk about this matter at home. Our KS2 boys' toilets, which were newly fitted out this year, are being left in a terrible state at the end of each day, with large amounts of urine across the floor, toilets unflushed and graffiti on the walls. They cannot be pleasant for anyone to use.

## Gardening Club

Thank you to Mrs Chandler for running our first gardening club. Despite the inclement weather lots of children were outside working in the garden with some extra help from Mr Woollard.



## WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust

On Monday, Ringgold and Warhol classes enjoyed a super history day. There were quizzes, poetry lessons, a VR experience and a flight simulator. The poems were particularly poignant, and these have been written on paper containing poppy seeds. They will be dropped from a WW1 aeroplane at the commemoration for the Battle of the Somme and to mark the liberation of Le Quesnoy on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.



## Wraparound Care

If you haven't already, please do complete our survey about wraparound care.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZysFvPY574>

## A special thank you...

At school we often talk about responsibility. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Isla, Henry, Katie and Taylor. Our school library is used by all of us and it is because of these pupils volunteering their time as librarians that it is always organised and ready to use.

## Class and School Attendance

Our current school attendance is 98%, which is exactly type of percentage we are always aiming for!

Please remember, *"improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Missing school can negatively impact a pupil's progress and stop them from reaching their true academic potential."*

*"You could be fined or face legal action for taking your child out of school during term time without the school's permission."* – Essex County Council

Well done to Matisse for having the best attendance this week. Good attendance and punctuality is vital.

Britto	95.4%
Hepworth	97.4%
Kusama	92.6%
Matisse	100%
Ringgold	96.0%
Warhol	97.7%

Well done Matisse,  
100%!

## **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Why attendance is important...

**BELOW 90%**

- Significantly reduced chance of success!
- The chances of obtaining five good GCSE grades (grade 4+) is **almost halved!**
- Possible risk of fines and court action!

**SERIOUS  
BUT VERY  
RARE**

**95% - 90%**

- Up to **one month** of school missed!
- Below 95%: On average, a drop in at least one GCSE grade in **every** subject!

**WORRYING**

**100% - 96%**

- High attendance leads to **improved achievement!**
- You are giving your child the **best chance** of success!

**MOST  
STUDENTS  
ACHIEVE  
THIS**

**There are 175 non-school days in the academic year -**

That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, go shopping and to other appointments.

# Dates for your diary

- **9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Science Week
- **16<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole school trip to the Wilderness Foundation
- **17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Group Photo
- **20<sup>th</sup> June** – Matisse Class Assembly 9:00am
- **23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 6 transition week
- **23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 5 Sandon Taster Day
- **23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Open Afternoon
- **27<sup>th</sup> June** – Kusama Class Assembly 9:00am
- **27<sup>th</sup> June** - New EYFS Induction session 1
- **27<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fayre
- **30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 Minigames
- **1<sup>st</sup> July** – Ringgold Class Assembly 9:00am
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Hepworth Class Assembly 9:00am
- **4<sup>th</sup> July** – Britto Class Assembly 9:00am
- **4<sup>th</sup> July** - Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm
- **8<sup>th</sup> July** – New EYFS Induction session 2
- **9<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day PM
- **11<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 Samba Drumming Workshop
- **11<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers Disco
- **18<sup>th</sup> July** – Warhol Leavers Assembly 9:00am
- **18<sup>th</sup> July** – Last Day – School finishes at **2.45pm**
- **21<sup>st</sup> July** – INSET DAY
- **22<sup>nd</sup> July** – INSET DAY

