

The Priory Press

20th June 2025



First and foremost, I would like to express my thanks to the parents and governors who joined us on our whole school, educational visit to Chatham Green on Monday. The children had a wonderful day and it would not be possible for us to have their curriculum enrichment days without these volunteers. Please do take a look at our [Facebook](#) page for some photos of the trip.

Looking forward, there are many opportunities in the coming weeks for families to come into school and I look forward to seeing many of you. Please check the diary dates below.

With warmest wishes,
Ms Laver

Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Beauden & Autumn
Hepworth – Erin & Phoebe
Kusama – Imogen & Henry
Matisse – Bella & Hugo
Ringgold – Jack & Lenny
Warhol – Katie & Harry M.

Last week, the following children were celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Millicent & Amelia
Hepworth – Albert & Henrik
Kusama – Ruby & James
Matisse – Max & Kenzie
Ringgold – Isabella & Harry
Warhol – Thomas & Taylor

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Well done everyone in Year 1. Last week you all completed your Phonics Screening Check. You have all worked so hard to develop your reading skills over the course of the year.

PTA Summer Fair



Don't forget our Summer Fair! This is on Friday 27th June. On this day we will also be welcoming new starters – those children and their families joining in our community in Reception in September.

This week is Science Week

This week has been full of discovery and excitement as we continued our **Science Week** following our fantastic educational visit on Monday!

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome special guests from the **Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society (CSES)**, who led a brilliant assembly. They inspired us with fascinating facts and fun demonstrations, showing how science and engineering are all around us.

Pupils across the school have been creating fantastic learning opportunities, ranging from bug-hunting in the school grounds (comparing the insects and wildlife we found on our trip) to explosions caused by irreversible changes!



Britto enjoyed the bug hunt on our trip so much that we did one in school too! We explored our school garden and found some similar bugs but also some different ones. We have drawn and painted bugs and there has been lots of water play this week, exploring floating, sinking, pouring and mixing. We have also got a Garden Centre role play area to develop our learning of plants. We love learning about the natural world around us!

Hepworth class have been outside into the garden to explore the wildlife. They searched for bugs, finding various insects like ladybirds, ants, and beetles. The children compared the similarities and differences, noting colours, sizes, and habitats. This activity sparked curiosity and teamwork as they shared their observations

This week, **Kusama** combined their science topic of light with their geography topic of rainforests to investigate how plants adapt to the lack of light. They also designed a rainforest animal with numerous adaptations combined. Thinking about change, they explored the idea of ice changing state from solid to liquid. They linked this to polar ice caps and created posters to encourage others to change the amount of pollution they create.

Matisse class went on a nature hunt to identify animals and their habitats. The pupils explored the garden, finding various creatures. A highlight was discovering a toad by the compost bin, which provided a perfect cool, damp environment. This activity sparked curiosity and appreciation for nature

In **Ringgold**, we have continued learning about life cycles and used research skills to find out about the life cycle of amphibians. We then investigated irreversible changes, first observing, then planning an explosive experiment!

In **Warhol** Class, we explored melting glaciers using ice cubes, stones & food colouring to see the impact of climate change. We also tested 1p, 2p & 5p coins to discover what they're made of and if they're magnetic! These activities were connected to future careers such as metallurgists and glaciologists!

Secondary School Transition Week

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be attending transition days at their respective secondary schools. This marks a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are confident that they are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Wraparound Care

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey about wraparound care. The leadership team and governors are now considering next steps for the school.

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

Click to our attendance webpage [Attendance](#)

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

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| Britto | 92.5% |
| Hepworth | 94.4% |
| Kusama | 94.2% |
| Matisse | 94.8% |
| Ringgold | 94.2% |
| Warhol | 90% |

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Why attendance is important...

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| BELOW 90% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

- **23rd to 27th June**- Year 6 transition week
- **23rd June** – Year 5 Sandon Taster Day
- **23rd June** – Open Afternoon
- **27th June** – Kusama Class Assembly 9:00am
- **27th June** - New EYFS Induction session 1
- **27th June** – Summer Fayre
- **30th June** – Year 2 Minigames
- **1st July** – Ringgold Class Assembly 9:00am
- **2nd July** – Hepworth Class Assembly 9:00am
- **4th July** – Britto Class Assembly 9:00am
- **4th July** - Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm
- **8th July** – New EYFS Induction session 2
- **9th July** – Sports Day 1:20pm
- **11th July** – KS2 Samba Drumming Workshop
- **11th July** – Y6 Leavers Disco
- **18th July** – Warhol Leavers Assembly 9:00am
- **18th July** – Last Day – School finishes at **2.45pm**
- **21st July** – INSET DAY
- **22nd July** – INSET DAY

