

The Priory Press



18th July 2025

From everyone at Priory, we wish you all and very happy and healthy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd September.



Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Beauden, Aveda
Hepworth – Joshua, Penny
Kusama – George R, Emily S
Matisse – James, Angel
Ringgold – Harry, James
Warhol –

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

Britto – Hudson, Logan
Hepworth – Madison, Hallie
Kusama – Lexi, Spencer
Matisse – Riana, Ted
Ringgold – Huey, George
Warhol – Cameron, Charlie

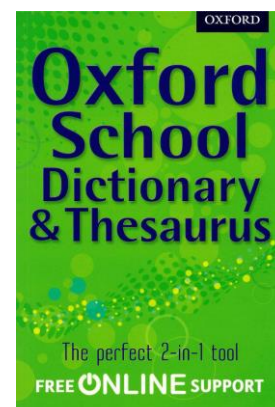
Message from the PTA

The PTA would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and families for their support at events this year! With your help we have raised money that has been used to purchase items for the school that will enrich all of our children's learning and experiences. We are looking forward to all the events we have planned next year and hope to see you all there! Next date in the diary is 'Bounce Back to School', our inflatables day! We are always looking for more members to join our PTA and you can help out as much or little as you like. 😊

Our Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Friday 12th September at The Drunken Dragon in Bicknacre. Please come along to find out more about us and vote for the new committee members roles.

New Dictionaries

Many thanks to the outgoing Year 6 parents for their kind donation to the school. These new dictionaries are much needed and will get a lot of use in the coming years.



Term Time Holidays

We fully understand and appreciate the reasons for taking a family holiday during school time as it is far cheaper to travel during term time. However, there is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday. The law specifies that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances". The School Attendance Regulations 2024 state that "the need or desire for a holiday" is not considered an exceptional circumstance.

The Department for Education has introduced a new statutory national Framework, that all schools in England must follow. There is now a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including lateness.

If a Penalty Notice is issued for an offence of unauthorised absence, the first will attract a fine of up to £160 per pupil, per parent (£80 if paid within 21 days); A second offence in three years will attract a fine of £160 per pupil, per parent. If a family is fined, please be aware that this is legally actioned by Essex County Council and not by school, any financial gains are kept by Essex County Council and not passed on to the school.

Click to our attendance webpage for further guidance. [Attendance](#)

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why attendance is important...

BELOW 90%

- Significantly reduced chance of success!
- The chance 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.

KS2 Samba Drumming

Last week, pupils in Key Stage 2 participated in an enriching samba drumming workshop, immersing themselves in the vibrant rhythms and cultural heritage of Brazil. The session fostered musical expression, teamwork, and coordination, as students explored a variety of traditional percussion instruments. Their enthusiasm and focus were evident throughout this memorable experience which not only enhanced their musical understanding but also encouraged confidence, creativity, and collaboration.

Support Our School – Use the New Charity Clothes Bin!

The PTA has installed a brand-new charity clothes bin in the front car park. Please consider donating any clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, or textiles. Every donation helps raise valuable funds for our school, supporting activities, resources, and events for our children. It's an easy way to give back while clearing out your wardrobe. Thank you for your continued support!



PTA Summer Update



Summer Fayre

Wow, what a very successful, yet hot summer fayre we accomplished!

On behalf of the PTA we would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the amazing school staff, governors and parent/grandparent volunteers who gave up their time to make the day a success. Thank you as well to everyone who attended.

We'd like to give an enormous THANK YOU to Meatline Catering Butchers (<https://www.meatline.co.uk/>) for providing the meat for our delicious BBQ. Their generous donation contributes a great deal to our fundraising efforts.

We also want to thank:

- Island Inflatables (<https://www.islandinflatables.co.uk/>) for supplying the bouncy castles.
- Inna (https://www.instagram.com/inna_art_uk/) for the lovely facepainting
- Scooty Wooty's (<https://www.scootywootysponyparties.com/>) for the adorable pony rides
- Silhouettes (<https://brand.page/silhouettesdanceandtheatreschool>) for the wonderful performance

And of course, a huge THANK YOU for our wonderful raffle donations from:

<https://www.barleylands.co.uk/> , <https://www.meatline.co.uk/> ,
<https://www.happyhealthyminds.co.uk/>, <https://www.razzamataz.co.uk/school/>,
<https://www.coop.co.uk/> , <https://thepartykingdom.co.uk/> ,
<https://www.barrettandcoe.co.uk/> and <https://www.talkingtots.co.uk/> , We hope you will consider supporting these local businesses who help us raise much needed funds for our lovely school.

We are pleased to announce that together we made a grand profit of **£1,209.43**.

Used Uniform Sale

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be holding some uniform sales after school. If your child has outgrown any items, please consider donating them so we can pass them on to another family. Items in good condition can be dropped off in the school office.



Clothing Donation Box

We now have a permanent clothing donation box available to use. Please follow the instructions listed on the box as some items are not accepted.



Thank you from the Priory PTA team

Dates for your diary

- **1st Sept** – Non Pupil Day
- **2nd Sept** – Pupils Return to School
- **3rd Sept** – Warhol Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **4th Sept** - Ringgold Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **5th Sept** – Bikeability Level 1 – **Year 5**
- **8th Sept** - Matisse Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **9th Sept** - Kusama Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **10th Sept** - Hepworth Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **11th Sept** - Britto Class Meet The Teacher 3.30-4.00pm
- **19th Sept** – Reception Class Group Photo
- **19th Sept** – Inflatables Fun Day 3:15pm
- **22nd & 23rd Sept** – Bikeability Level 1 & 2 – **Year 6**
- **23rd Sept** – RWI Reception Class Parents Meeting
- **6th to 10th Oct** – Year 6 Residential Trip