

The Priory Press



19th September 2025

What a busy few weeks we have had at Priory! Walking around the classrooms, it has been wonderful to see the children focussing their learning and living out our school rules: ready; respectful; safe.

Wishing you all a very happy and hopefully sunny weekend,.

Ms Laver

A great 'window' into our school is our Facebook page. Please consider following us.
@prioryprimaryschoolbicknacre



Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Tiberius & Bracken
Hepworth – Ronnie & Jacob
Kusama – Poppy & Erin
Matisse – George R & Sydney
Ringgold – Ted & Arabella
Warhol – Lenny & Tate

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

Britto –Beauden & Freddie
Hepworth – June & Aveda
Kusama – Penny & Callum
Matisse – Henry & Mason
Ringgold – Bella & Angel
Warhol – Ellis & Eviee

Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. DfE

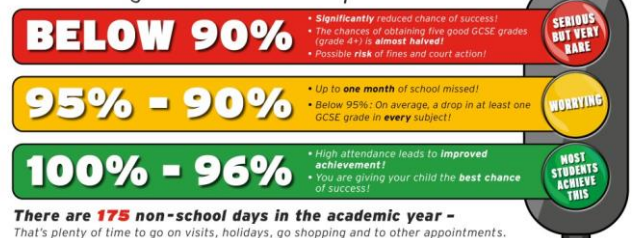
Attendance below 96% is a concern and is monitored by the school.

Class attendance this week:

Britto - 96.8%
Hepworth - 92.8%
Kusama - 98.1%
Matisse - 87.9%
Ringgold - 94.8%
Warhol - 94.9%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why attendance is important...



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.

Clubs

Last year, we were delighted to offer a wide range of extracurricular clubs at Priory, from coding to gardening and many more in between. We were thrilled with the positive uptake and the enthusiasm shown by our pupils. This year, we have again aimed to provide a broad and engaging selection of clubs. However, we've experienced a significantly lower level of interest, and unfortunately, some clubs have had to be cancelled as they were no longer financially viable to run.

We remain committed to offering a diverse and enriching programme of clubs that support our pupils' interests and development. To help us better understand what families and pupils would like to see offered, we would be very grateful if you could share your thoughts via the link below:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/gMdFmwAYst?origin=lprLink>

Your feedback will help us shape a programme that is both exciting and sustainable.

School FAQs

Q: What should my child do if they are worried about something?

A: There are lots of ways we can help. They can talk to any school adult. Also, each class has a 'caring cube' into which children can write down their worry, either named or anonymously. Class teachers check their cubes and help as required. We also have an online caring cube. [Click here](#). Our safeguarding team received an alert when this is used and follow up accordingly.



Have you got a question you think could feature here? If so, please email the school office, with the subject 'Newsletter FAQ' at admin@priory.essex.sch.uk

SEND Coffee Morning – follow up

Following our successful coffee morning this week, a parent has recommended the Families in Focus Saturday Activity Club - a weekly club open to children and young people from 0 – 25 years who have SEND.

[Click here for more details](#)



Reminder: Term Time Holidays – Important Information for families

We understand that travelling during term time is more affordable for families. However, please be aware that there is no legal entitlement for any pupils to take holidays during school time.

Under the School Attendance Regulations 2024, headteachers may only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances—and the desire for a holiday, at a less busy time, is not considered exceptional.

The Department for Education's national framework now requires schools to consider issuing a Penalty Notice after 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. These sessions can include any unauthorised absence, including lateness.

◆ Penalty Notice fines:

First offence: up to £160 per pupil, per parent
(£80 if paid within 21 days)

Second offence (within 3 years): £160 per
pupil, per parent

Please note: fines are issued and retained by
Essex County Council, not the school.

**Support Our School – Every Contribution
Counts!**

You can now donate to Priory Primary School
via ParentPay.

No amount is too small – every penny goes
directly towards enriching pupil learning and
enhancing educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Support Our School Through Our Amazon
Wishlist!**

Looking for a simple way to support our
classrooms? Check out our Amazon Wishlist!
We've put together a list of items that will
directly benefit our students and teachers—
from art supplies and books to classroom
essentials. Every contribution, big or small,
makes a difference and helps create a more
enriching learning environment.

🛒 Click here to view the wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/5PPZDjp>

Thank you for your continued support!

Dates for your diary

- **22nd Sept** – Bikeability **Group 1 & 2– Year 6** (Group 1 need their bikes for the 22nd Sept & 23rd Sept, Group 2 need their bikes for 22nd Sept & 8th Oct)
- **23rd Sept** - Bikeability **Group 1 – Year 6**
- **23rd Sept** – RWI Reception Class Parents Meeting 15:30-16:30
- **2nd Oct** – Bikeability **Group 2 - Year 6**
- **6th to 10th Oct** – Year 6 Residential Trip
- **17th Oct** – PTA Disco Times (tbc)
- **24th Oct** – Last Day
- **27th – 31st Oct- Half Term**
- **3rd Nov** – Pupils Return
- **10th -13th Nov** – Book Fair 15:20 – 16:00
- **11th Nov** – Individual & Sibling Photos – Carmel Jane
- **11th Nov** – Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30
- **13th Nov** - Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30
- **14th Nov** – Children In Need
- **21st Nov** – Flu Immunisation
- **21st Nov** – PTA Movie Night
- **5th Dec-** PTA Christmas Fair (tbc)
- **10th Dec** – Reception & KS1 Christmas Production 14:00 – 15:00
- **12th Dec** – Rocksteady Concert PM 14:20-15.00
- **17th Dec** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **17th Dec** – KS2 Christmas Production 17:00 – 18:00
- **19th Dec** – Last Day – School Finishes at 14:45