

The Priory Press



17th October 2025

As we head towards half term we are so grateful for the contributions made already to our Harvest collection for the local food bank. Please bring items in before Friday 24th October. We are trying to create a 'harvest rainbow' display, with each class being assigned a colour (see below for details). This is to support the local foodbank.

Tours for September 2026 prospective Reception starters are booking up fast. If you would like a tour or know someone who may be interested, please click the link on the school website to book.

<https://www.priory.essex.sch.uk/>

With warmest wishes,

Ms Laver

School FAQs

Q: What colour item is my class collecting for harvest?

A:

Britto – Red (e.g Ketchup, kit-kats)

Hepworth – Orange (e.g tinned lentils, marmalade)

Kusama – Yellow (eg custard, some cereal boxes)

Matisse – Green (e.g. Tinned veg, UHT milk)

Ringgold – Blue (e.g. Tinned tuna, some toothpaste)

Warhol – Purple / Pink (e.g. Laundry tablets, handwash)

[Please click here for requested items from the food bank.](#)

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

A great 'window' into our school is our Facebook and Instagram pages. Please consider following us.

@prioryprimaryschoolbicknacre



Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Teddy and Logan

Hepworth – Teddy and Remi

Kusama – Henry and Phoebe

Matisse – Locki and James

Ringgold – Riana

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

Britto – Oliver M, Harry

Hepworth – Belle, Hellie

Kusama – Rafe, George

Matisse – Spencer, Ruby

Ringgold – Olivia, Ella

Warhol – Harry, George

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 – 95%

Hepworth – 94%

Kusama – 96%

Matisse – 87%

Ringgold – 95%

Warhol – 92%

Times Tables Rockstars

<https://trockstars.com/parents-tips-for-parents-and-carers/>

There are currently five members of staff in the top 20 leader board for TTRS! Key Stage 2 children have been challenged to try to push us down the rankings! Encourage your child to complete *Studio* games to improve their speed.



World Mental Health Day

Thank you to all who supported World Mental Health Day. As a school we raised £214.



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.



Thank you for Supporting Our School Through Our Amazon Wishlist!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased items from the school wish list. We are so pleased with the wonderful support we have received and very grateful the items when they arrive.

 Click here to view the wishlist:

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

Thank you for your continued support!



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.



Christmas Productions – Update

We're currently working with the Village Hall to explore the possibility of using additional space for our Christmas productions. To help accommodate more families, we're also adding extra performance dates as requested by families. These are:

- **Britto and Hepworth** – 9th December at 9.15am & 10th December at 2pm
- **Kusama and Matisse** – 11th December at 5pm
- **Ringgold and Warhol** - 17th December at 5pm

Once we receive confirmation about the hall's availability, we'll be able to advise families on how many attendees can be accommodated per performance, in line with the hall's capacity.

Thank you for your patience and support as we finalise these arrangements.



Dates for your diary

- **17th Oct** – PTA Disco – EYFS, Y1, 2&3 – 3:30-4:30 & Y4, 5&6 – 4:45-5:45
- **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 (NO ART CLUB)
- **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)
- **9th Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 9:15-10:15
- **10th Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 14:00 – 15:00
- **11th Dec** – **Kusama & Matisse** Christmas Production 17:00-18:00
- **12th Dec** – Rocksteady Concert 14:20-15.00
- **17th Dec** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **17th Dec** – **Ringgold and Warhol** Christmas Production 17:00 – 18:00
- **19th Dec** – Last Day – School Finishes at 14:45

