

# The Priory Press



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

This week has had an assessment focus at Priory. Staff have been celebrating the diligence and care pupils have demonstrated throughout and pupils know their teachers will use the information from the assessments to ensure they support all pupils to make the best possible progress.

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

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 – Rosa and Grayson  
Hepworth – Freddie and Ava  
Kusama – Leo M and Anais  
Matisse – Daniel and Lexi-Mae  
Ringgold – Gwen and Skylar  
Warhol – Macie-Mae and Sophia

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

Britto – Isaac & Esme  
Hepworth – Grayson M & Albie F  
Kusama – Olivia & Blake  
Matisse – Freddie & Albie M  
Ringgold – Nancy & Hugo  
Warhol – Amelia & James K

## 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 - 97%  
Hepworth - 94%  
Kusama - 97%  
Matisse - 94%  
Ringgold - 98%  
Warhol - 99%

## **Bikeability**

A huge well done to all our children who took part in Bikeability, come rain or shine your determination has shone through!

## **PGL Y6 Residential**

Year 6 are all off on their adventure to Suffolk next week. If you would like to follow their process, check on Facebook for daily updates (internet signal permitting!)

## **Fencing Club**

There are still places available in fencing club. It runs at 8am on a Thursday morning in the school hall. Please contact the office for more details.

## **World Mental Health Day**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, staff and pupils can wear yellow to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. Please check your email for further details.



## **School FAQs**

Q: *When is my child's PE day?*

A: Britto: Monday and Thursday

Hepworth: Monday and Thursday

Kusama: Monday and Thursday

Matisse: Tuesday and Friday

Ringgold: Monday and Wednesday

Warhol Tuesday and Friday

We ask for PE kits to be in school everyday as unforeseen weather or other school events affecting the timetable may change the day.

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](mailto:admin@priory.essex.sch.uk)

## **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.



## 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!



## Arbor – Parental Consent & Personal Details Update

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to log in to their **Arbor** account to review and update **personal details** and **parental consents** for their child(ren).

Keeping this information accurate is essential for ensuring we can communicate with you effectively and provide the best care and support for your child. It only takes a few minutes and helps us stay compliant with data protection and safeguarding requirements.

## 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am & 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm
- Kusama and Matisse – 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm
- Ringgold and Warhol - 17<sup>th</sup> 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

- **6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Year 6 Residential Trip
- **10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
- **17<sup>th</sup> Oct** – PTA Disco
- **24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Last Day
- **27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct- Half Term**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Pupils Return
- **10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Book Fair 15:20 – 16:00
- **11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Individual & Sibling Photos – Carmel Jane
- **11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30
- **13<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30
- **14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children In Need
- **21<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Flu Immunisation
- **21<sup>st</sup> Nov** – PTA Movie Night
- **5<sup>th</sup> Dec-** PTA Christmas Fair (tbc)
- **9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 9:15-10:15
- **10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 14:00 – 15:00
- **11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Kusama & Matisse** Christmas Production 17:00-18:00
- **12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Rocksteady Concert 14:20-15.00
- **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Ringgold and Warhol** Christmas Production 17:00 – 18:00
- **19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day – School Finishes at 14:45

