

# The Priory Press



7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

We have had a very busy, first week back at Priory. We have welcomed some new pupils to our school and are welcoming more next week.

I have been in all the classes this week and have been very pleased with the pupils' attitude to learning. I have been especially impressed with the Year 2 pupils, really pushing themselves to write extended pieces, using punctuation accurately.

We still have a few places on our Reception 2026 prospective parent tours. 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/>

Admissions open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November for parents of children to apply for Reception school place, for September 2026.

[Primary School Places ECC](#)

With warmest wishes,

Ms Laver

## **Sock and Pyjamas!**

Next week is busy! It is Anti-bullying week and Friday, Children in Need. On Monday we are all wearing odd socks as part of our launch of antibullying week. On Friday, for Children in Need, we are wearing pyjamas / onesies / cosy clothes. Please give generously to this important charity via Parent Pay.



## **NSPCC – Online Safety**

We are all keen to keep children safe online. Esafety is an important aspect of our Computing curriculum at school. Why not take this family quiz about online safety, together?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/#>

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

@piorprimaryschoolbicknacre



### **Pride of Priory**

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

- Britto – Alfie A and Sterling
- Hepworth – Fred C and Ellie
- Kusama – Marcie-Mae and Elliott
- Matisse – Amelia and Emily S
- Ringgold – Joshua and Reuben
- Warhol – Ava and Stanley

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

- Britto – Isla and Jaxon
- Hepworth – Autumn and Lydia
- Kusama – Freddie and Harry
- Matisse – Imogen and Emily C
- Ringgold – Seren, Jamie and Kathleen
- Warhol – Isabella and Christian

### **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 – 99.2%
- Hepworth – 97.4%
- Kusama – 88.9%
- Matisse – 97%
- Ringgold – 90.1%
- Warhol – 94%

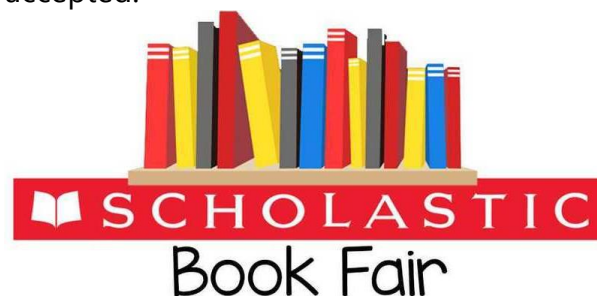
### **Times Tables Rockstars**

At Pride of Priory Assembly this half term, we are revealing the names of the top 3 pupils in the school who have the 'most correct answers' on TTRS. Who will have the most correct answers by Christmas?....



### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be in school next week. All children will have an opportunity to look at the stock during the school day. If you wish to make a purchase, Book Fair will be open Monday to Thursday 3.20pm – 3.50pm. Payable via scanning the QR code. No cash accepted.



## 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, medical information** 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.

## Saturday Activity Club for Children & Young People with SEND

Looking for a fun, inclusive weekend activity? The Saturday Activity Club (run by Families InFocus Essex) offers sports, crafts, and play for children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND.

Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre  
Saturdays, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Find out more and book here:

<https://www.familiesinfocusessex.org.uk/event/saturday-activity-club-2-3>

For further information and to book email [activityclub@fifessex.org.uk](mailto:activityclub@fifessex.org.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.



## **Christmas Productions**

- **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



# Dates for your diary

- **10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Book Fair 15:20 – 16:00
- **10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – Antibullying week – Monday wear odd socks
- **11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Individual & Sibling Photos – Carmel Jane
- **11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30 (NO ART CLUB)
- **13<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Parent Consultation Evening – 15:30 -18:30
- **14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children In Need – Wear Pyjamas, Onesies, Comfy Clothes
- **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

