

6th March 2026

As you are aware, we recently welcomed Ofsted inspectors into school. At this stage, we are not yet able to share any outcomes, as the report is currently being finalised by Ofsted. Once the report is ready for publication, we will ensure all families receive a copy and have the opportunity to discuss any aspects you may wish to explore further.

What I can say is that the inspection provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the strengths of our school and to reflect on the areas where we can continue to grow. We remain fully committed to providing the very best for every child, every day.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. It is genuinely appreciated, and it makes such a difference.

With warmest wishes, Ms Laver.

Pride of Priory

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

Britto - Rosa and Jaxon
Hepworth – Ellie and Jacob
Kusama – Albert and Rafe
Matisse – Emily S and George S
Ringgold – Hugo and Kenzie
Warhol – Celestina and Lenny

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

Britto – Teddy and Isla
Hepworth – Amelia and Ronnie
Kusama – Olivia and Penny
Matisse – Grace and Spencer
Ringgold – Freddie and Kathleen
Warhol – Oliver F and Ava

World Book Day

Yesterday we enjoyed World Book Day across the school, with the biggest excitement being the Priory Gold Bar sell organised by our wonderful PTA! Prizes from golden tickets have been flooding into classes this morning, and children are looking forward to the different rewards.



Teddy 'lympics

Reception and Year 1 had a wonderful time last week, taking part in this year's Teddy 'lympics. Children brought their favourite teddy bears and other cuddly friends to join them in a series of fun, friendly competitive games. The event was made even more special thanks to the fantastic support from our Year 6 helpers, who encouraged, guided and cheered on the younger children throughout. It was a joyful event celebrating teamwork, confidence and plenty of teddy-filled excitement!



Cross Country

Our Cross-Country Club continues to run come rain or shine, with pupils showing fantastic determination each week. Mrs L-M leads the club, and we are delighted that several of our young runners will be representing the school in an inter-schools event in the coming weeks.

Visit from Essex Fire Service

Matisse Class enjoyed an informative visit from Essex Fire Service this week. The firefighter taught the children how to stay safe at home, with a special emphasis on electrical safety. Pupils learned why chargers and tablets should never be left on soft surfaces, how to spot unsafe appliances and why it's important not to overload sockets.

Science Assembly

Our Science Assembly this week was incredibly exciting! Pupils learned all about physical and chemical reactions through lively demonstrations that truly brought science to life — including a safe, controlled display involving fire. The children were captivated throughout and left buzzing with curiosity and new scientific knowledge. Thank you for visiting, *Science Dude!*



Delicious Dojos

This Friday – and every Friday – the children with the most Dojo points in each class will enjoy Hot Chocolate with Mr Cole! It's a lovely way to celebrate positive choices, hard work and kindness across the school. We can't wait to see who will be joining him this week... who will it be?



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 – 95.4%
Hepworth – 97.7%
Kusama – 98.8%
Matisse – 91.9%
Ringgold – 95.4%
Warhol – 95.2%

Nut-Free / Tree Nut-Free School Policy

A friendly reminder that our school is a **no nut / no tree nut** environment.



For the safety of all students, **any type of nuts and tree nuts are not permitted on school grounds**. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (such as almonds, walnuts, cashews, pistachios, hazelnuts)
- **Pine nuts**
- Any foods containing nuts or nut products (such as chocolate spreads, pesto spreads and etc.)

We ask that you carefully check ingredient labels on snacks, lunches, and treats sent to 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, 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.

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.



Dates for your diary

- **10th March** – Y6 SAT's parents meeting 3:15pm
- **13th March** – Y3/4 Viking Day
- **18th March** -KS2 Cross Country Event (info to be sent) 3:30 – 5pm
- **20th March** – Red Nose Day – Crazy Uniform Day
- **20th March** – Rocksteady Concert 2:20pm – 3:15pm
- **24th March** – Parent Consultation Evening
- **26th March** - Parent Consultation Evening
- **27th March** – **Last Day**
- **1st April** - Year 6 October Residential 4th instalment payment due
- **30th March -13th April** – Easter Break / Inset Day
- **14th April** – Pupils Return
- **21st April** – Group Class Photos
- **22nd April** – Earth Day – Recycling Fashion Show (info to be sent)

