

# The Priory Press



17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. It has been a very busy first week back, with lots of learning already happening across the school.

Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm and energy, and there is a real sense of purpose as children have settled quickly back into routines.

This week we were also delighted to welcome Mrs Adams to our school community. The children made her feel very welcome, and it has been lovely to see her already becoming part of school life. There has been a real buzz of positivity around the school, with pupils engaged, motivated and eager to learn.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Laver

## **Pride of Priory**

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

Britto – Hudson and Alfie  
Hepworth – June and Oliver  
Kusama – Phoebe and Penny  
Matisse – Sydney and Daniel  
Ringgold – Finley and Jamie  
Warhol – Matilda and Stanley

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

Britto – Maisie and Isaac  
Hepworth – Amos and Joshua  
Kusama – Olivia and Freddie  
Matisse – Freddie and Emily  
Ringgold – Kiana and Arabella  
Warhol – Celestina and Macie-Mae

## **Fun Run**

Well done to all the children who participated in the Maldon Schools' Fun Run. We were really proud of your effort, attitude and support for each other!

## **Ofsted Update**

As a school we have now received a draft copy of the report following our recent Ofsted inspection. Once this has been officially published, we will share it with the community.

## **Phonics Screening Meeting**

If you have a child in Year 1, you will have been invited to a meeting to find out about the national Phonics Screening Check. We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. [Click here for further details of the check.](#)

## **Delicious Dojos**

This Friday – and every Friday – the children with the most Dojo points in each class will enjoy Hot Chocolate with Mr Cole and Ms Laver! 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 them 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 – 100%  
Hepworth – 99%  
Kusama – 100%  
Matisse – 92%  
Ringgold – 96%  
Warhol – 96%

## **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!

### **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.



### **Moving Payments, Meal Bookings, Clubs & Trips to Arbor**

We are pleased to inform you that we are moving all school payments, meal bookings, clubs, and trip management over to **Arbor**. This change will allow everything to be managed in one place, making it easier for you to stay organised throughout the school year.

**We will stop using Parent Pay from April, however you can start booking meals, clubs and trips on Arbor from today, including Y6 residential.**

**Please clear any outstanding payments before April.**

You are now able to:

- **Book meals for the Summer term**
- **Book and pay for clubs - Art Club - Summer Term 1**
- **Book and pay for trips** all through the Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App.

We understand that moving to a new system can take some time to get used to. If you need any assistance with logging in, navigating Arbor, or making bookings and payments, please contact the school office, we are very happy to help.

#### **Meal Bookings**

To order your child's lunch, **you must top up their account first.** Meal choices cannot be saved until there is enough credit on the account. Please ensure that you **pre-book your child's meals in advance.**

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

### Clubs

To book your child into a club:

1. Navigate to your child's **main dashboard** on Arbor.
2. Scroll down to the **Activities** section.
3. Follow the on-screen steps to sign up.

For additional guidance, please visit the Arbor Parent Help page:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008179494-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

### Trips

Trips can also be found under the **Activities** section, alongside clubs.

Please follow the instructions on the Parent Help page to book and pay for trips:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008180414-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Trip-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-the-Parent-App>

For more parent support:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/sections/12209476383517-Parent-Portal-and-App-Payments-School-Shop-Meals-Clubs-and-Trips>



## Dates for your diary

- **20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Book Fair 3.20pm – 3.50pm
- **21<sup>st</sup> April** – Group Class Photos
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Earth Day – Info Sent
- **23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Year 1 – Phonics screening meeting for parents
- **30<sup>th</sup> April** – SEN Coffee Morning 9.00 – 9.30am
- **4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday
- **11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SAT's Week
- **15<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Disco (times tbc)
- **18<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Priory Bake Off
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** – Mini World Cup Y1 & Y2
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** – Ringgold Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** – **Last Day – Finish 3pm**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May** – INSET DAY- NON PUPIL DAY
- **25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May** – **HALF TERM**
- **1<sup>st</sup> June** – Pupils Return
- **8<sup>th</sup> June** – District Sports Field Events – 4pm – 5.30pm
- **15<sup>th</sup> June** - District Sports Track Events – 1pm – 3.30pm
- **15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Father's Day Sale
- **16<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole School Trip – Layer Marney Tower
- **23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Food & Farming Day Trip – Y4 , 5 & 6
- **24<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Sandon Induction Day
- **26<sup>th</sup> June** – Hepworth Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
- **26<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception 26-27 Stay and Play 14.00 – 15.00
- **26<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Summer Fayre
- **29<sup>th</sup> June** – Y2 Minigames
- **1<sup>st</sup> July** – Sports Day – Information to be sent
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y5 Sandon Taster Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Matisse Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am

