

# The Priory Press

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



As we come to the end of another positive week at Priory, it has been lovely to see the continued enthusiasm for learning across the school. Classrooms remain purposeful and calm, with children focused and engaged in their learning. We are looking forward to Monday's annual Priory Bake Off and it will be wonderful to see the creations – we know there will be some fantastic entries!

Have a lovely weekend.  
Ms Laver

## **Pride of Priory**

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

Britto – Olivia and Reuben  
Hepworth – Remi and Jude  
Kusama – Callum and Albert  
Matisse – Florence and Imogen  
Ringgold – Rose and Seren  
Warhol – Jack and Harry

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

Britto – Oliver and Renee  
Hepworth – Archie and Jacob  
Kusama – Leo B and Rafe  
Matisse – Jackson  
Ringgold – Joshua and Haylee  
Warhol – Ava and Jack

## **RWI Book Amnesty**

We are currently missing a number of Read Write Inc. books, and some of our class sets are incomplete. These books are very expensive to replace, so we would really appreciate your help. Please could you have a look at home for any RWI books and return them to school as soon as possible. There will be no questions asked! —we just want to make sure all children can access the full resources they need for their reading.

Thank you for your support.



## **Well done, Warhol**

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for the way they approached their SATs this week. We were incredibly proud of the positive attitude, resilience and determination they showed throughout.

The children tackled each test calmly and sensibly, supporting one another and giving their very best effort.

Whatever the outcomes, they should all feel proud of how maturely they rose to the challenge.

A big thank you as well to our staff and families for the encouragement and support given to the children during this time.

## **Free School Meals – Important Update**

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is changing from September 2026. Eligibility is being expanded (including all households receiving Universal Credit), and transitional protections are ending, which means some families may now qualify while others will need to reconfirm their eligibility.

We strongly encourage all families to take a few minutes to check, as many who are entitled do not realise.

🏠 Check or apply

here: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

To complete the check, you will need your National Insurance number and some basic details. If you would prefer, the school can complete the check on your behalf—just contact the office.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, registering is still important as it helps the school access additional funding to support pupils.

All information is treated in confidence and applying will not affect your benefits.

Britto –98.5%  
Hepworth –96%  
Kusama –98.8%  
Matisse –92.8%  
Ringgold – 87%  
Warhol –99%

## **WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP- Layer Marney Tower 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Thank you to everyone who has made their payment for the whole school trip. We are really looking forward to this event, the whole day is full of fantastic activities. Please can I ask everyone who hasn't paid to do so before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any queries regarding this or need to pay in instalments then please speak to Mrs Thurlow in the office.

Without parents contributions trips will not be able to go ahead. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## **Booking School Dinners**

We would like to remind parents and carers to please ensure your child's school meals are booked in advance via Arbor. We have noticed an increased number of children having school dinners that have not been booked. If a meal has not been booked and your child is having school lunch, they will be provided with the main meal option available on the day. Thank you for your support in helping us manage school meals effectively.

## **Nut-Free / Tree Nut-Free School Policy**

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



## **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:



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.

### **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.



### **Update on Arbor – Payments, Meals and Trips**

From April, we moved all school payments, meal bookings, clubs and trip management to **Arbor**, bringing everything together in one easy-to-use system.

Using Arbor, parents and carers are able to manage:

- Meal bookings for the Summer term
- Club bookings and payments (including Art Club – Summer Term 1)
- School trips and payments

We appreciate that moving to a new system can take a little time. The school office are always available to support families with logging in, navigating Arbor, or making bookings and payments.

**Meal reminders:** Lunch accounts needed to be topped up in advance, as meal choices could not be saved without sufficient credit. Families were asked to ensure meals were pre-booked ahead of time.



**PRIORY SCHOOL**



# SUMMER

## FETE

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**3.15PM – 5.15PM**



**BOUNCY CASTLES**



**FOOD**



**REFRESHMENTS**



**GAMES**



**FACE PAINTING**



**WITH**

**SILHOUETTES DANCE SCHOOL**

**★ PERFORMANCES ★**

## Dates for your diary

- **18<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Priory Bake Off - 3pm-4pm
  - **21<sup>st</sup> May** – Mini World Cup Y1 & Y2
  - **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 – Non Uniform Day for a donation**
  - **29<sup>th</sup> June** – Y2 Minigames
  - **1<sup>st</sup> July** – Sports Day – 1.15 – 3.00pm
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y5 Sandon Taster Day
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Kusama Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Matisse Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
  - **7<sup>th</sup> July** - Reception 26-27 Stay and Play 14.00 – 15.00
  - **8<sup>th</sup> July** - Ringgold Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
  - **10<sup>th</sup> July** – Britto Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
  - **10<sup>th</sup> July – Rocksteady Concert** 14.20 – 15.00pm
  - **17<sup>th</sup> July** – Warhol Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
  - **17<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day – School Ends 2.45pm**
  - **17<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers Disco
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- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Pupils Return