

The Priory Press



5th June 2026

As we return from what we hope was a lovely and restful half-term break, it has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have settled quickly back into routines, and classrooms have been busy, purposeful and full of positive learning energy.

We now begin our final half term of the academic year — always a busy and exciting time! There is a great deal to look forward to over the coming weeks, with lots of learning, events and celebrations ahead. Please do read on for important information and key dates.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Laver

Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Harry and Henry

Hepworth – Hallie and Ronnie

Kusama – Henry and Anais

Matisse – Locki and Oakley

Ringgold – Skylar and Ezra

Warhol – Josh and Eviee

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

Britto – Henry and Alfie

Hepworth – Oliver and Amelia

Kusama – Poppy and Phoebe

Matisse – Locki, Grace, Ruby

Ringgold – Reuben and Riana

Warhol – Sophia and Poppy

Year 4 Multiplication check

This week and next week, our Year 4 children will be completing their Multiplication Check. They have been practising incredibly hard and showing great determination — we are very proud of the effort they are putting in. Knowing times tables is such an important skill that supports so many areas of learning in maths, and the children's commitment to improving their recall has been fantastic. Well done, Matisse Class — keep up the brilliant work!

Mr Cole

It was wonderful to see Mr Cole in school today when he popped in to visit. Both the children and staff were very pleased to see him.

Unfortunately, he is not yet able to return next week. However, he is in regular communication with the Priory staff who are covering his class and is sharing planning to ensure continuity of learning.

We wish Mr Cole and his family all the very best and look forward to welcoming him back in the near future.

School Surveys

You will no doubt have noticed the spray markings on the ground around the school — certainly more than we had expected. The DfE are currently carrying out extensive surveys across a

number of schools to gain a better understanding of site conditions and to identify where improvements may be needed.

At this stage, we do not yet know what this will mean for Priory. We are awaiting their findings and will, of course, share any updates with you as soon as we receive further information.

PTA Fathers' Day Sale

The PTA will be selling Someone Special Gifts in school from **Monday 15th June**.

Dates: Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th June (No sale on Tuesday 16th due to the school trip)

Prices: £3 each or 2 for £5

Gifts are suitable for dads, grandads, stepdads, uncles, carers, or any special person.

Please send money in a named, sealed envelope with the number of gifts clearly stated.



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 –96%
Kusama –95.8%
Matisse –97.8%
Ringgold – 90%
Warhol –92%

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.



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.

Moving Payments, Meal Bookings, Clubs &

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

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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

3.15PM – 5.15PM



BOUNCY CASTLES



FOOD



REFRESHMENTS



GAMES



FACE PAINTING



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SILHOUETTES DANCE SCHOOL

★ PERFORMANCES ★

Dates for your diary

- **8th June** – District Sports Field Events – 4pm – 5.30pm
 - **15th June** - District Sports Track Events – 1pm – 3.30pm
 - **15th – 19th June** – PTA Father’s Day Sale – No sales on 16th June
 - **16th June** – Whole School Trip – Layer Marney Tower
 - **23rd June** – Food & Farming Day Trip – Y4 , 5 & 6
 - **24th June** – Y6 Sandon Induction Day
 - **26th June** – **Hepworth** Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
 - **26th June** – Reception 26-27 Stay and Play 14.00 – 15.00
 - **26th June** – **PTA Summer Fayre – Non Uniform Day for a donation**
 - **29th June** – Y2 Minigames
 - **1st July** – Sports Day – 1.15 – 3.00pm (Back up Sports Day 9th July)
 - **2nd July** – Y5 Sandon Taster Day
 - **2nd July** – **Kusama Class** Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
 - **3rd July** – **Matisse** Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
 - **7th July** - Reception 26-27 Stay and Play 14.00 – 15.00
 - **8th July** - **Ringgold** Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
 - **10th July** – **Britto** Class Assembly 9.00 – 9.30am
 - **10th July** – **Rocksteady Concert** 14.20 – 15.00pm
 - **17th July** – **Warhol** Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
 - **17th July** – **Year 6 (only) Departure from Priory at 2.25pm – via Reception class Gate**
 - **17th July** – **Last Day – School Ends 2.45pm**
 - **17th July** – Y6 Leavers Disco
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- **2nd Sept** – **Pupils Return**