

The Priory Press



19th June 2026

As we move through the final half term of the academic year, it has been a pleasure to see the continued focus and positivity across the school. The children are working incredibly hard, and classrooms remain purposeful, calm and full of enthusiasm for learning.

This is always a busy and exciting time of year, with plenty still to look forward to, including trips, events and opportunities to celebrate the children's achievements. It is also a valuable time for consolidating learning and finishing the year strongly.

Please do read on for important updates and key dates for the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Lucia and Esme

Hepworth – Archie T and Isabella

Kusama – Henry and Rafe

Matisse – Henry and Daniel

Ringgold – Skylar and Ezra

Warhol – Ava and Hal

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

Britto –Beauden & Reuben B

Hepworth –Freddie C & Fenton

Kusama – Leo M & Erin

Matisse – Harry W & Emily C

Ringgold – Nancy

Warhol – Matilda & Oliver F

Summer Sunshine

With the lovely warmer weather continuing, please ensure your child comes to school each day well prepared.

All children should bring a named water bottle with them. We are unfortunately unable to provide spare bottles in school, but water bottles can be purchased via Arbor school shop if needed – having these clearly labelled makes things much easier for everyone.

We also recommend that children come to school with a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before the start of the day to help keep them safe and comfortable whilst outdoors.



Layer Marney Tower Trip

Our recent school trip to Layer Marney Tower was a wonderful experience for the children and a real highlight of the term. The visit provided a rich opportunity to bring aspects of our curriculum to life, giving the children a deeper understanding through first-hand experiences.

Staff at the venue commented on how polite, respectful and well-behaved our children were, which made us incredibly proud.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers for their support on the day, and to all of the staff involved in organising the trip – it is no small undertaking and is greatly appreciated.

Trips like this play such an important role in enriching our curriculum and creating lasting memories for our children.



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Well done to all of our Year 1 children who have completed the Phonics Screening Check this week. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked to develop their reading skills throughout the year.

Their growing confidence and progress in phonics is a real achievement – keep it up!

District Sports

Well done to all of the children who took part in this year's District Sports event – we are incredibly proud of you all. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent integrity, determination and encouragement for one another throughout the day.

A special thank you to Mrs L-M for organising and supporting the event – it is a significant undertaking and very much appreciated.

Thank you again to all involved – it was a fantastic opportunity for the children and a great example of Priory spirit in action.

PTA Fathers' Day Sale

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the recent Father's Day sale. The children always thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to choose and purchase something special, and it was lovely to see their excitement and thoughtfulness.

We're sure that many special people will be receiving some lovely surprises, and we hope they enjoy their gifts!

Thank you again to the PTA for making this such a special experience for the children.





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 – 95.2%
Kusama – 95.7%
Matisse – 91.7%
Ringgold – 91.3%
Warhol – 92.8%

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. Thank you for your support in helping us manage school meals effectively.

One Week to Go Until Our Summer Fayre!

The countdown is on — just one week to go until our Priory Primary School PTA Summer Fayre on **Friday 26th June, from 3:15pm to 5:15pm.**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with bouncy castles, face painting, games, stalls, a raffle, food and refreshments, plus a performance from Silhouettes Dance School. Don't miss our popular Hoop the Bottle stall too.

Non-Uniform & donations

To help make our Hoop the Bottle Stall a success, we are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform in exchange for a bottle donation.** Any unopened bottles are gratefully received and will be used as prizes on the stall

We are still looking for volunteers, even for just 30 minutes. If you can help, please speak to a PTA member or email PPS_PTA@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support — we look forward to seeing you there!



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.



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
- Internal Club bookings and payments
- 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.



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SUMMER

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ALL THE
FAMILY!

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

3:15 PM - 5:15 PM



NON-UNIFORM DAY

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BOTTLE DONATION

TO BE USED ON OUR

HOOP THE BOTTLE STALL!



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SILHOUETTES DANCE PERFORMANCE!



Thank you for supporting
PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Dates for your diary

- **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 bottle 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 Sep** – **Pupils Return**
 - **7th Sep** – Meet the teacher – Warhol – 15:15-16:00
 - **8th Sep** – Meet the teacher – Matisse - 15:15-16:00
 - **9th Sep** – Meet the teacher – Ringgold - 15:15-16:00
 - **10th Sep** – Meet the teacher- Hepworth - 15:15-16:00
 - **11th Sep** - Meet the teacher – Britto - 15:15-16:00
 - **14th Sep** – Y6 Bikeability Group 1
 - **15th Sep** – Y6 Bikeability Group 2
 - **16th Sep** - Y6 Bikeability Group 3
 - **21st Sep** – Reception Class 2026 Fun Photo