

3rd July 2026

With just two weeks of the school year to go, there is still plenty happening at Priory. While the excitement of the summer holidays is beginning to build, our pupils remain focused and engaged in their learning, making the most of every opportunity in the classroom.

It has also been a real pleasure to enjoy the class assemblies that have taken place so far. They have given children a wonderful opportunity to share their learning and achievements with families and staff. We have more assemblies to look forward to next week, and I know they will continue to provide a lovely showcase of the progress, experiences and successes from across the year.

Ms Laver.

Pride of Priory

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

Britto – Milli & Isla

Hepworth – Lydia & Hudson

Kusama – Marcie-Mae & Harry

Matisse – Amelia

Ringgold – Eva & Kian

Warhol – George & Joshua

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

Britto –Beauden & Rosa

Hepworth –Ava & June

Kusama – Phoebe & Rafe

Matisse – Sydney & Mason

Ringgold – Skylar, Bella & Olivia

Warhol – Eviee & Oliver V-W

Year 2 Mini Games

On Tuesday this week, all of the Year 2 children and staff went to the Mini Games at Chelmsford Athletic Stadium. During the afternoon all of the children took part in various sporting activities such as throwing, cup stacking, horse racing to name a few.

There were 6 schools that attended and Priory came 5th overall!

Sports Day

On Wednesday this week we held our annual Sports Day. This is an event where the children can demonstrate several of the sporting skills they have been learning and developing over the year. All of the children worked hard and had lots of fun. A big thank you to Mrs L-M for organising the whole event.

Congratulations to all of the children.

1st Place – Yellow Team

2nd Place – Red Team

3rd Place – Green Team

4th Place – Blue Team



Food & Farming Day

On Tuesday last week, Matisse, Ringgold and Warhol visited the Food and Farming event at ARU Writtle. The children visited lots of tents full of different things to learn, activities to partake in and food to try! Despite the hot weather, the children really enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was outstanding! A big thank you to the parent helpers who attended, and the staff who organised and came on the day!



Reception Starters 2026 Stay & Play

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception starters and their families for our first Stay and Play session. Despite the very hot weather, the children enjoyed exploring their new environment, meeting staff and making new friends. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as they took part in activities and began their journey with us. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for their next Stay and Play session on Tuesday 7th July, giving them another opportunity to become familiar with school and continue building confidence ahead of September.

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 – 89%
Hepworth – 95%
Kusama – 93%
Matisse – 92%
Ringgold – 91%
Warhol – 89%



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.

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.



Dates for your diary

- **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
 - **16th Sep** – SEND Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00
 - **21st Sep** – Reception Class 2026 Fun Photo
 - **5th – 9th Oct** – Y6 Residential