



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

This week at Priory

Last Friday our Orchard pupils showed off their sporting skills in their sports event. Our Nursery pupils also showed us their balancing, jumping and dancing skills. It was a lovely day with many lovely comments from parents.

This week we have continued to have sports events for Year 6, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4. Again, our children showed off a variety of sporting and sportsmanship skills. It has been a great but very tiring week.

Next week

Please do keep an eye on the Priory School Calendar on the website so that you don't miss any upcoming events!

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2023/06/>

Monday 3rd July: Y3 sports day 1-3

Thurs 6th July: Rec sports day 9-11

Y5 sports day 1-3

We also have our transition day on the 4th July. This will be an opportunity for children to meet their new teacher and visit their new class. After school that day, you will also be invited to come into your child's new classroom and meet their teacher.

Most of year 6 will be visiting their new schools on the 4th July. If your child is not having a transition day and they are Year 6 they are welcome to come into school but there will not be any formal teaching happening that day.

Sports Days

The Sports days for Y6, Y1, Y2 and Y4 this week have been a great success and we are looking forward to Reception, Y3 and Y5 next week. Thank you so much to all the family and friends who came along to support the children! I also want to say a huge thank you to all the teachers, support staff and especially the Year 6 Sports Leaders who did an amazing job of running the sports day events in the absence of the PE team, ensuring our pupils did not miss out on the **opportunity** to take part. A few parents have noticed that Mr Watson, our PE lead, hasn't been in school for some time. He is absent due to some health issues but is planning to return to Priory as soon as he is able. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



Industrial strike action

Many of you will have seen the news that the next industrial strike action has been agreed and is due to take place on the 5th and 7th July.

As previous strike days, I will try to give you as much notice as possible, but I don't tend to know how many staff intend to strike until a few days before. I am hoping to send out information today or Monday at the latest. But please understand that teachers are under no obligation to tell me if they are striking until the day of the strike.

The summer fayre has been moved to the 12th July. It starts at 2pm for all KS2 children and remains open to parents and younger children (with their parents) from 3:15 until 4pm.

Water Safety

As summer is fast approaching, please see the water safety resources to help everyone stay safe.

Message from RBFRS: [Emergency services across the Thames Valley join forces with local Olympic swimmer to share important water safety message | Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service \(rbfrs.co.uk\)](#)

Video made by local young people in Slough with Together as One: [Float to Live - YouTube](#)

Video with Olympic Gold Medallist swimmer Tom Dean: [Be #Waterwise this Summer - YouTube](#)

Video by the friends and family of Michael Scaife who lost his life in the Jubilee River: [Safety on the Jubilee River - remembering Michael Scaife - YouTube](#)

These resources have been shared on our Frimley Health and Care website: [Be safe around water | Frimley Health and Care](#)

Hannah Foster

Headteacher



Upcoming events

Yr3 Sports Day–3rd July 1:00pm

Yr 6 Transition - 4th July

Reception Sports Day– 6th July 9.00am

Lunchtime Musical Concert–6th July

Y5 Sports Day–6th July 1:00pm

Priory Friends Coffee Morning - 12th July

Yr 6 summer fayre - Moved to Wednesday 12th July due to the strike.

Little Canada - 14th -17th July

Rehearsals for Y6 Graduation - 18/19th July

Reception graduation - 19th July - time is now 2pm

Yr 6 graduation - 20th July

Yr 6 guard of honor - 21st July - more details to follow.

End of term- Friday 21st July: 11:30 Year 6 Guard of Honor, 12:15 school closes.

Priory School Jubilee - we are going to celebrate the school's opening on **Friday 8th September.**

The school will have been open for 70 Years!



Important Notices

Please can we remind everyone that Bikes and Scooter are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere on the school site. We had an incident this week where a child was knocked over.



Hayfever



As the weather has warmed up in recent days, a lot of the children are suffering from hayfever, which is impacting their day with sore and itchy eyes. Please give your child long-lasting hayfever medication in the morning before school if you know your child suffers from hayfever.

ParentPay Lunch Payments

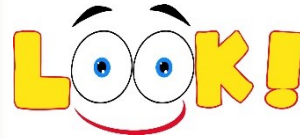


As we are fast approaching the end of this academic year, can you please ensure that any outstanding balances are settle before 21st July.



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.



Sign of the Week

Eid al adha

https://youtu.be/_KtXPblv-JI



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>



New Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)

Weekly attendance percentages: 19th- 23rd June 2023

Whole school - 95%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 95%

Congratulations to **5Boyce** with **99%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have continued exploring their topic for this term, Under the Sea! This term our topic book is *Sharing a Shell* (story can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ6SvbrEhvl>)

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who were able to come and support their child during sports day. It was a lovely day and all the children had lots of fun!

Also we hope you all enjoyed visiting the orchard on the Thursday afternoon and taking part in some of our learning activities.



This week during **English** the children have been identifying the verbs 'doing words' within the story such as 'swim, hide and scuttle', using colourful semantics. They have also been using colourful semantic sentence strips to create simple sentences to describe the actions of some of the characters. Using their phonics knowledge to spell and write the 'doing words' and continue developing their letter formations.



This week in **Maths** the children have continued to develop their knowledge of place value of ten and ones units as well as exploring hundredths by partitioning two and three digit numbers. The children have been using ten number frames to strengthen their one to one correspondence skills and number puzzles to support their knowledge of number sequencing.





Year 5–Chairs on Strike

Tuesday 27th June, 2023

LO: To write a persuasive letter.

Today, we were shocked to find that, when we returned to class after lunch, there was nowhere to sit! The chairs had written us an angry letter explaining that they had gone on strike!



We decided to write them a letter back apologising for the things we had done to upset them and to persuade them to come back.

We worked in teams to use our best persuasive language features and were eventually successful. The chairs are back!





Nursery Sports Day

Nursery had great fun at their Sports Day. They showed off their throwing, balancing and dancing skills before completing in a relay race and being presented with a medal. Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer their children on during one of the hottest days this year!





Year 6 Sports Day

Year 6 had their final sports day at Priory School, here are some of the pictures of this event.





Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!



The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust for a challenge celebrating play and participation. This year's theme will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sport and keep their minds and bodies active over the summer.

Children aged 4 and over can complete the challenge by enjoying six books over the summer, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. Those that finish will be awarded a medal and certificate to mark their achievement. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. It helps prevent the trend for reading skills to dip over the summer holidays, and enhances and supports the school's reading initiatives. The fun rewards motivate the children to progress through the challenge and it is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to count towards the challenge.

Slough Libraries will be launching the challenge on Tuesday 4th July. It's free to take part - children just need to be library members. It's quick and easy to join.

The challenge will end on 16th September, so children have plenty of time to complete.

The resource pack is on our website.

Schools can access a range of materials and activities to support you to encourage your pupils to participate, including posters, newsletter copy and assemblies.



Music News

Marvellous Musicians!

At least twice a year, we like to highlight our instrumental musicians and give them the **opportunity** to share a little of what they have been learning in their individual and small group lessons with others in the school community. This week we were treated to two fantastic lunchtime concerts in the music room, led by our visiting instrumental teachers Mr Lazenbury and Mr Keen, and comprising performances from our brilliant KS2 students who have lessons in school. We heard pianists, keyboard players, a flautist (performing on flute), a clarinettist and violinists too!

Thank you to the parents, friends and staff who supported our young musicians by joining us on Monday and Tuesday. We are very proud of all of our performers and your **determination** and hard work preparing your pieces to play with such confidence. Congratulations! We now look forward to our drum, guitar and ukulele concert next Thursday 6th July!

Mrs Shaw





Year 6 Summer Fayre

Dear Parents,

Year 6 are organising a summer fayre which will take place on Wednesday 12th March between 2pm-4pm. This is an opportunity for the Year 6 children to develop business and enterprise skills as well as deepening their understanding of finance. Any profit will be used to buy a leaving gift from the Year 6 children to the other pupils in the school. Previous Year 6 cohorts have bought a spotlight and microphones which are used in many school performances.

Children from Years 3-5 will visit the fayre with their classes between 2pm-3pm and parents and younger siblings are invited to attend between 3:15-4pm.

One of the stalls we hope to run is a children's tombola. We would be grateful for any suitable donations for this stall including:

- Sweets (no nuts)
- Chocolates (no nuts)
- Biscuits (no nuts)
- Small toys

We will have a collection box for donations in each Year 6 classroom so please start to send them in.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fayre!

Thank you,

Year 6





Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

School Uniform

Please find attached a £5 off voucher when spending £35.00 or more online only on our website:



SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT
The Uniform Specialist

Gift Voucher

£5.00 OFF YOUR NEXT ONLINE ORDER
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £35.00

ONLINE CODE: 5SDD23

This voucher can only be used online at www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk. Offer is valid until 31st July 2023 and may only be used once. Offer can only be used on a transaction of over £35.00.

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