



# Priory Primary School

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year.

Our Value for the first autumn half term is GRATITUDE.

Gratitude - being thankful for things in our life that help us and nurture us - is something we all share equally. There is no 'should' in being grateful - we have to feel it for real otherwise we are saying "Thank You" without really meaning it. So it would be fantastic if you can talk about this as a family - what are you thankful for today? And why do you feel thankful for it? Saying it out loud really helps us feel it!

Many people of faith put thankfulness into their prayers, and this term quite a few pupils are learning about how our faiths love and value the creation of our natural world. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful autumn days, the sunshine, the colours and the fruits coming into season!

Please do check our website page <https://prioryprimary.co.uk/class-topics-this-term/> to see the 'Knowledge Organisers' - what your children are learning this half term. Some classes are still updating - we have refreshed our curriculum! - So please check back in a few days if your child's is not there yet.

We hope you are finding the new **Homework Folders** helpful for keeping track of your child's homework.

Finally, we will be sending home information in the coming week about Trips and Visits this year, to help you plan and budget.

*Mrs Fraser*

(Head Teacher)



## Attendance Cup



Week 1	Year 6
Week 2	Year 6
Week 3	Year 4



## Attendance Target

The school has an overall target of 95% Attendance this year. We have had a tricky start with lots of absence but each week is getting better - keep it up and we will get there!

Week 1	86%
Week 2	88%
Week 3	90%



### Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
10.00 AM at school

### Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September

National Teaching Assistants Day

### Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

School Photos

### Tues 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health Day

### Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival

### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October

Teddy Bears (indoor!) Picnic

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October

Half – Term Holiday

### Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

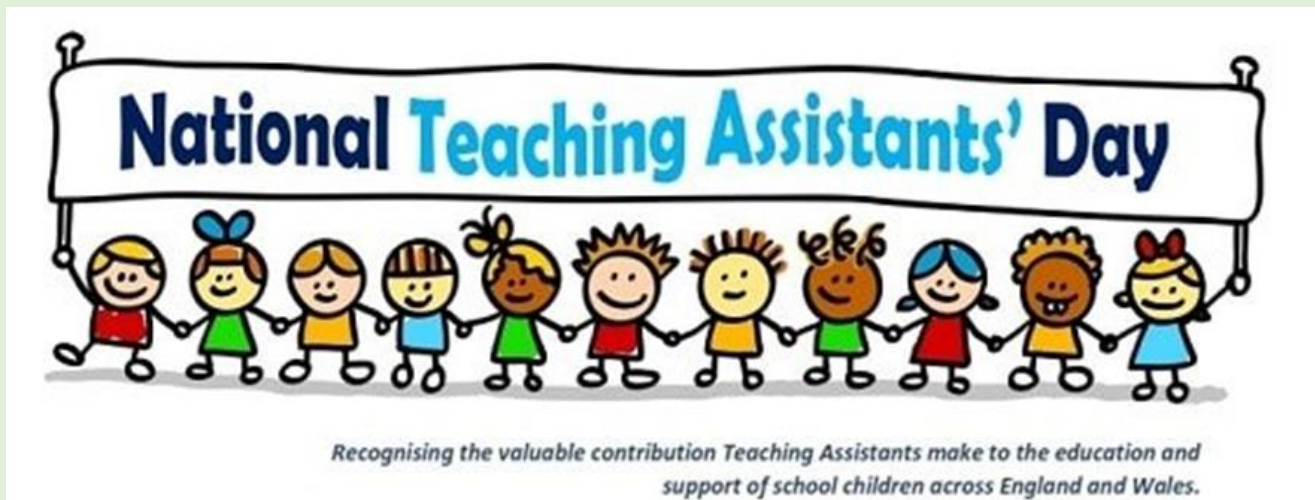
Children return to school

### Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3.30 PM – 5.30 PM



On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, parents and carers are welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Cakes will be on sale for 50p per slice / each. **Come to the front entrance for 10am!**



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September is National Teaching Assistants Day. You and your child/children might like to make cards or write a letter to show your appreciation for the incredible support we have in school from our team of Teaching Assistants.



## School Photos

The photographer will be in school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on the day. Ensure that your child/children is in the correct school uniform.



There will be a teddy bear's picnic - indoors - on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, for the pupils, parents and carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. More details to follow soon.

Harvest Festival falls on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October this year. We will collect donations at the school for Bedford Foodbank.



# SCHOOL OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES



**Gates Open at: 8.50 AM Prompt  
(8.40am for Morning Nursery Class)  
School Starts / Children in Class at: 8.55 AM  
Arrival at 9.00 AM = TOO LATE!  
School Ends at: 3.25 PM Prompt**



## **LATENESS IS RUDE AND CAUSES:**

- \*Disruption in the office
- \* Disruption in the classroom
- \*Disruption for the teacher and the other children
  - \* Impacts your child's learning
  - \* Impacts your child's attendance marks
- \* And is very disrespect to staff, other parents and children

# Priory Primary School – Uniform



**SCHOOL  
UNIFORM**

**You can purchase  
school uniforms  
from Josens**

**Address:  
25 Harpur Street  
Bedford  
MK40 1LA**

**You can also  
purchase from their  
online shop:**

**[www.josens-  
schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.josens-schoolwear.co.uk)**

## Winter Uniform

Grey or black skirt/trousers (**no  
sweatpants**)

Blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt or Cardigan

Dark shoes (**low heels, no  
trainers**)

White, black or grey socks/tights

## Summer Uniform

Grey or black  
skirt/trousers/shorts (**no  
sweatpants**)

Or blue dress (striped or check)

School polo shirt

Dark shoes (**low heels, no  
trainers**)

School sweatshirt or cardigan

White, black or grey socks/tights

Hat for use during outside  
activities

**No shirts/t-shirts with logos!**

## P.E. Uniform

Blue Priory Primary P.E. T-shirt or

Plain white T-shirt (**no logos**)

Plain Black shorts or Plain Black

Tracksuit bottoms (**no logos**)

School Jumper or Plain Black

Jumper (**no logos**)

Black/dark Trainers and socks