



Priory Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term.

This edition of the newsletter features a wonderful article from Miss Wilde about the work our teachers do to develop EMPATHY amongst our children, which is such an important life skill and value for our communities in the current climate.

We appreciate everything that parents and carers do to support our Values Education. Talking of which, please can you return any remaining School Values pyramids to help us decide the values for the coming few years? Deadline Friday 9th May.

At this time of year, we also see our pupils reaching a very important stage. Year 6 will be doing their KS2 SATs, which is the moment they show the best of themselves for their onward journey into Secondary School, and in the coming weeks, pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will be doing national tests of various kinds. It is really important that we give them the best chance of success by making sure everyone gets a good night's sleep, reduced exposure to blue light from being on screens and a healthy breakfast! (Remember you can have a FREE breakfast from 8.20am each morning at school!)

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Fraser

Attendance Cup

Week 1	Year 1
Week 2	Year 4, 5

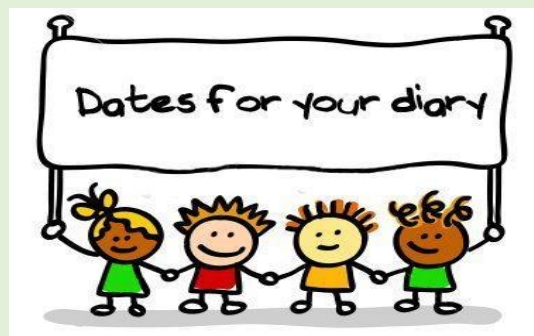


Punctuality Award Winners



Neil the Sloth is awarded to the class that has the best record for arriving on time each day

Week 1	Year 4
Week 2	Year 1, 4



Mon 5th May Bank Holiday Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tues 6th May

Summer Gardening Workshop 9.30 AM - 11.30 AM (Year 4)

Weds 7th, 14th & 21st May

Year 6 Homework Club 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM

Thurs 8th May

-Ark Farm Visit - Nursery and Reception 9.45 AM - 11.15 AM

-Year 3 Multi-Sports Festival

Fri 9th, 16th & 23rd May

Stay and Play with Pre-school 2.00 PM - 3.15 PM

Sun 11th May

Priory Primary pupils invited to sing at Miracle Church service

Mon 12th - Thurs 15th May

Year 6 SATs

Mon 19th May

Maths with mums 9.00 AM - 10.30 AM

Thurs 15th & 22nd May

Homework Club with parents 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM

Fri 23rd May

Shuttleworth Trip (Year 2) 9.00 AM - 3.00 PM

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

Half Term Holiday

Mon 2nd Jun

Children return to school 8.40 AM Prompt



As you probably know from the news, many schools across the country are struggling financially, and Priory Primary is no exception.

How Can You Help?

Care of books and school property: This is very straightforward. Please make sure that reading books going home are well cared for, so we don't have to keep replacing them.

EasyFundraising: Priory Primary has an Easy Fundraising Account which goes towards the costs of school trips and visits. We can raise money from online shopping companies when you shop online, without it costing anything extra to you.

How it works - Set up an account via this link

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/priory-primary-school>

When you shop online, go via the Easyfundraising site to see if the shop you are using is linked (I always use Argos this way, for example), and then click through to do your shopping. A percentage of your spend is automatically given to the school!



This is the QR code for the EasyFundraising page

School Lunches: Believe it or not, it costs the school when children bring packed lunches. It would help us enormously if ALL children had a school lunch from Relish. These are completely FREE for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The costs per day for older children in £2.45. All meals can be ordered online at home, on a day by day basis. If pupils who bring a packed lunch just have 2 or 3 school lunches each week, it would make a BIG difference to us.

Thank you in anticipation of your help



Hello parents & carers,

During the Autumn term I delivered some assemblies to pupils to develop their understanding of what empathy is and how they can make sure that they demonstrate empathy towards others. I plan to revisit this with all pupils before the end of the school year and thought that I would take this opportunity to also share this with you.

What is empathy?

Empathy is being able to **understand** and **care about** how **someone else** is feeling



We use this expression to encourage children to try to imagine how someone else might be feeling.

Why is empathy important in our school community?

Our school community is extremely diverse and brings together different faiths, cultures and ethnicities. This makes it desirable and necessary to show our respect for people who have different beliefs and/or different backgrounds from our own.

We also have some pupils who experience challenges with specific areas of their development or learning, such as communication, social skills, academic learning or a physical disability. It is important that other pupils treat them as equals and with respect.





How can you develop empathy in your children?

Model empathy by showing kindness: Demonstrate empathy in your own interactions with others, whether it's showing compassion to a neighbour or helping someone in need. Find out about opportunities to get the whole family involved in community activities which benefit others, such as litter picks or collecting for a charity.



Label emotions: Help children identify their own feelings and the feelings of others, using descriptive language e.g. "He looks angry because she took his pencil without asking first." Listen carefully to your children when they try to articulate how they are feeling. Then validate their emotions, rather than dismissing them. (This does not mean that you have to give in to them.) e.g, "I understand that you are feeling sad because I haven't bought you the sweets which you wanted. Eating sweets is not good for your teeth. You can have a healthy snack when you get home."

Read books: When we read stories, a character's emotions can feel really real. Tuning in to these emotions can help us learn about other lives, perspectives, and feelings. Ask children to consider how a particular character might be feeling and encourage them to give reasons for their ideas.



Empathy is a skill we can learn - and like a muscle, it grows the more we use it.

Miss Wilde

SENDCO & Inclusion Leader

Priory Primary School – Required 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



LATENESS IS RUDE AND CAUSES:

- * Disruption in the office
- * Disruption in the classroom
- * Disruption for the teacher and other children

IT ALSO:

- * Impacts your child's learning
- * And it is very disrespectful to staff, other parents and children



Enjoy the....



weekend



From only £25.95 per day!

SPORTY SCHOLARS

12.5% DISCOUNT CODE: EARLYBIRPMAY25 ends 30th April 2025

Multi Activity & Sport Camps

INFLATABLE WEEK

27th - 31st May 2025
Ages 3 - 14

Lego, Scooters, RC Cars, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing

Laser Tag, Nerf, Neon Sports

Zorb Football, Daily Sport Matches and Lots More

(Full list of activities per location on back page)

LOCATIONS: Milton Keynes, Bedford, Flitwick, Silverstone

TO FIND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR CAMP PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE www.sportyscholars.com OR CALL: 07511 194 319
Email: hello@sportyscholars.com We accept Childcare Vouchers

SCAN ME

YouTube

May Holiday

SPORTY SCHOLARS

INFLATABLE WEEK

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Bedford Goldington Green Academy Bouncy Castle UV Neon Sports, Zorb Football, Obstacle Courses, Bouncy Castle, Balance Bikes, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing, Daily Sport Matches	Flitwick Kingmoor Lower School Go Karts, Nerf, Inflatable Skittles, Scooter Races, Lego, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing, Daily Sport Matches, Bouncy Castle	Milton Keynes Holmwood School & Nursery Bouncy Castle, Laser Tag, RC Cars, Nerf, Inflatable Skittles, Scooter Races, Balance Bikes, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing, Daily Sport Matches	Milton Keynes Wilton Primary School Bouncy Castle, Zorb Football, Obstacle Courses, Nerf, Lego, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing, Daily Sport Matches
Trousdale Silverstone Primary School Laser Tag, RC Cars, Scooter Races, Bouncy Castle, Balance Bikes, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing, Daily Sport Matches	Stantonbury Stantonbury Leisure Centre Swimming, Zorb Football, Bouncy Castle, Nerf, RC Cars, Obstacle Courses, Lego, Scooters, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing	Swinbourne Swinbourne House School Bouncy Castle, Go Karts, Zorb Football, Bouncy Castle, Sport Matches, Nerf, RC Cars, Scooters, Lego, Obstacle Courses, Arts and Crafts, Wellbeing	We also have running Specialty Football Camps Milton Keynes, Bedford & Flitwick 9-3.30pm £20 per day 3-4.30pm £25

Don't Forget

Have you brought medication to camp today? If you have speak to your Camp Manager

Suitable Clothing (Swimsuit & Trainers)

Healthy Lunch

Water Bottle

Children's Sports Camp

12.5% DISCOUNT CODE: SUMMER2025
ends 19th June 2025

SPORTY SCHOLARS

From only **£26.50 per day!**
We accept childcare vouchers

SUMMER OF FUN

Multi Activity & Sport Camps Ages 3-14
21st July - 30th August

Daily Activities, Sport, Weekly theme activities,
Water Works Fridays, Specialised Activities & More!

Whacky Water Week
Slip N Slide,
Water Balloon Activities,
Water Fight, Sponge Toss,
Cup Relay Race

The Magic of Camp
Quidditch Matches,
Wand Making,
Making House Crests,
the Sporty Goblet Cup,
UV Neon Sports & Disco

Best of the Best
Go Karts, Bouncy Castle,
Slip N Slide,
Carnival Games, Disco

Adventurous & Fun filled summer awaits!

Championship Week
Sport Matches, Wellness,
Yoga, Gymnastics,
Foot Golf

Den Base Camp + Gymnastics
Den Building, Inflatable
Nerf Obstacle Courses,
Gymnastics, Dance

Celebration of Nations
Summer Olympics,
Football World Cup,
Dance,
Creative Mask Making

Milton Keynes, Flitwick, Bedford, Silverstone, Swanbourne

To find out further information on our camp please see our website
www.sportyscholars.com or Call: 07511 194 319
Email: hello@sportyscholars.com We accept Childcare Vouchers

Summer Holiday

SPORTY SCHOLARS

SUMMER OF FUN

Championship Week
Exclusive Daily Activities @ Multi Activity Camp
Swimming @ Stantonbury & Goldington
Cookery Classes @ Holmwood, Goldington, Kingsmoor
Tri Golf @ Goldington
Balance Bikes @ Goldington, Holmwood,
Kingsmoor, Swanbourne, Willen

Den Base Camp + Gymnastics
Exclusive Daily Activities @ Specialised Football Camp
Willen, Kingsmoor, Goldington

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Booking Options: 8-5:30pm / 8-4pm / 9-3:30pm

Flexi Pay: Any bookings from April to end of June have the option to set up monthly instalments.

Locations & themes details: Age appropriate groups: Red Pandas: Ages 3,4
Bears: Ages 5 / Meerkats: Ages 6,7 / Lions: Ages 8,9 / Falcons: Ages 10+

MULTI-ACTIVITY & SPORT CAMP

Location	Age Group	Theme Week Schedule
Heronshaw School, Milton Keynes	Ages 4-12	21-25 July - Den Base Camp + Gymnastics
Willen Primary School, Milton Keynes	Ages 3-14	28 July-1 August - The Magic of Camp
Stantonbury Leisure Centre (Milton Keynes Daily Swimming)	Ages 5-14	4-8 August - Best of the Best
Holmwood School, Milton Keynes	Ages 3-14	11-15 August - Celebration of Nations
Swanbourne House School, Milton Keynes	Ages 3-14	18-22 August - Whacky Water Week
Silverstone Primary School (Toucester)	Ages 3-14	26-29 August - Championship Week
Goldington Green Academy, Bedford (Additional activities, Daily Swimming + 40ft Inflatable Maze)	Ages 3-14	21-25 July - Best of the Best
Kingsmoor Lower School, Flitwick	Ages 3-14	28 July-1 August - Celebration of Nations
		4-8 August - Championship Week
		11-15 August - Whacky Water Week
		18-22 August - The Magic of Camp
		26-29 August - Den Base Camp + Gymnastics

FOOTBALL CAMP

Locations: Goldington Green Academy, Bedford - Kingsmoor Lower School, Flitwick - Willen Primary School, Milton Keynes
Ages 5-12 - Timings: 9am-4pm £22.50 per day - 8am-5:30pm £27.50 per day

Don't Forget to pack!

- Suitable Clothing Indoor & Outdoor
- Healthy Lunch
- Water Bottle
- Have you brought medication to Camp today? If you have speak to your Camp Manager.

Booking Options: 8-5:30pm / 8-4pm / 9-3:30pm
Any bookings from March to June have the option to set up monthly instalments

Children's Holiday Fun