

Priory Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter has a special feature about Healthy Schools Week and some important date changes for events at the end of term, so please read through carefully.

However, first of all I would like to report back to you about the Schools Values Consultation. Thank you to all those who took part - we have 6 clear values that stood out as most important to you, the school community, for us to focus on in 2025 - 2026: Love, Respect, Honesty, Self-Worth, Responsibility and Courage.

On Monday 16th June, the school photographer will be doing our class photographs. Please make sure that pupils are in full and correct school uniform. School socks, shoes and hair ribbons should all be school colours, please. **ONCE THE PHOTO SAMPLES COME , YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIRECT PURCHASE FROM THAT COMPANY.**

For Sports Day events, the following week, we ask pupils to wear t-shirts in their House colours and school PE kit for other activities - please check the details in this newsletter. Look out for our playground sale of second hand uniform and PE kit on Wednesday 18th June 3.30pm. (Any donations of outgrown items would be most welcome).

During Healthy School Week, we will have a focus on packed lunches which **MUST** follow the healthy schools standards if parents choose to provide their own food.

Finally you may have heard the wonderful news that the government is extending the number of pupils who can have free school meals. If families are in receipt of Universal Credit, they will be able to have free lunches from Sept 2025!

The coming weeks are going to be super busy, so please do check the calendar of dates and note some of the changes we have had to make to accommodate all our exciting plans!

Kind regards,
Mrs Fraser

Attendance Cup

Week 1	Year 3
Week 2	Year 3



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 1
Week 2	Year 1



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

Early is **ON TIME**
On time is **LATE**
Late is **UNACCEPTABLE**

**DON'T
BE LATE!**



***The school day starts at
8.40 AM ***

***The school day ends at
3.25 PM***



STOP PRESS

Our last day of school will be Wednesday 23rd July. School closes at 12 noon and gates will be open from 11.50 AM

JUNE

Fri 13th - Year 1 Multi-Sport Festival (Westfield)

Mon 16th - School Photos - full school uniform to be worn

- 4.00 PM Reception New Parents information meeting

Tues 17th - Year 5/6 Girl's Football (Biddenham)

Weds 18th - 3.30 PM uniform and PE kit second hand sale on the playground

-6.00 PM Reception New Parents information meeting

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th
Healthy School Week

Mon 23rd - 9.30 AM Sports Day at Livingstone Primary School - Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6

-1.30 PM Y4 Sports Day - Priory Primary

-Booktastic Festival Y4

Tues 24th - School Council trip to the Tower of London

Thurs 26th - Booktastic Festival
Year 3

Fri 27th - 2.15 PM Stay and Play in Nursery: pre-schoolers and Parents / Carers

Mon 30th - MOVE UP DAY - all pupils will spend the day in their new class and meet next year's teacher

JULY

Weds 2nd & 9th
Year 6 swimming

Thurs 3rd & 10th
Year 1, 2 & 5 swimming

Thurs 3rd - Reception trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park (More information at a later date)

Fri 4th - 2.15 PM Stay and play in nursery for pre-schoolers and Parents / Carers

Fri 5th - Sat 6th - Y4 camping overnight at school

Mon 7th - Thurs 10th
Year 6 Germany Trip

Thurs 10th - STEM FAIR
Year 5 and 6 (Biddenham)

Fri 11th - Nursery's trip to Gulliver's World

Weds 16th - 10.30 AM Year 6 Leaver's assembly

-Fiddle Fiesta for violinists in Y4, Y5, Y6 at Sharnbrook Academy

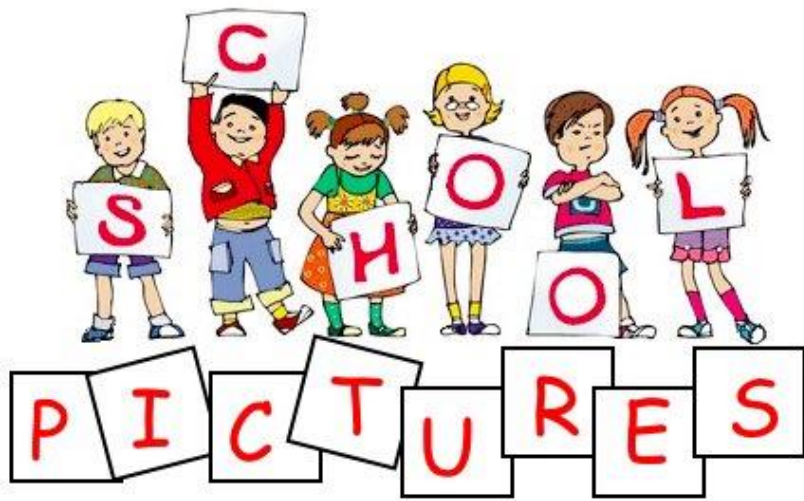
FRI 18th - Year 6 trip to Brighton

Mon 21st - 3.30 PM School Fayre

Weds 23rd - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.00 NOON**

Thurs 24th July - Tues 2nd Sept
SUMMER HOLIDAY

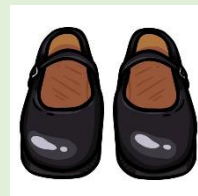
Weds 3rd September
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
8.40 AM PROMPT



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 16th June. Pupils must come to school in full and correct uniform



Wednesday
18th June



Second Hand
Uniform Sale



3.30 PM
On The
Playground



Healthy Schools Week: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June

Healthy Lunches

If your child has a school lunch from Relish, they will be eating a healthy meal because it is carefully regulated for a balanced and nutritious diet. However, if parents provide a packed lunch, the school requires that it meets the same healthy diet standards.



packed lunch **MUST** contain:

- A source of protein (meat / fish / cheese / egg / combination of beans & pulses)
- A minimum of 2 portions of fresh food - raw vegetable / salad / fruit portions
- If you provide a drink - it must be sugar-free (water is always available)



A packed lunch **MUST NOT** contain:

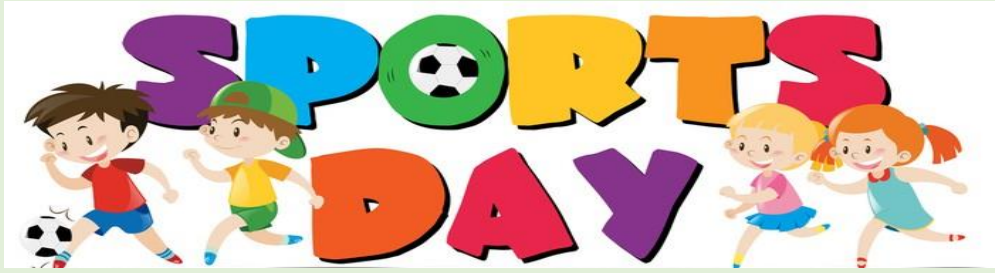
- Any chocolate product - no chocolate bars, cakes or biscuits
- Sweets or fizzy drinks



During Healthy Schools Week, we will do a packed lunch check at the start of the day. If we notice pupils do not have a healthy balanced lunchbox, we will advise parents / carers and ask for a healthy replacement or provide a school packed lunch instead. For pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 this is free, in Years 3 - 6 the cost is £2.45



Healthy Schools Week: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June



A week of exciting active learning - children will have activities such as gymnastics, yoga, basketball, dancing, football, circuits and swimming!

Pupils should wear PE kit this week - HOWEVER - we recognise that for personal hygiene, they will need a fresh clean t-shirt each day so we suggest:

Monday - t-shirts in House Colours

Tuesday - Friday - pupils can wear school PE shirts or school blue polo-shirts.
Please see the photos for correct PE kit.



Sports Day

For Year 1 to Year 6 pupils (**except for Year 4**)*

Monday 23rd June - 9.30am at Livingstone Primary School playing field, reached at the top of Slade Walk - parents / carers are invited to join us and cheer on the children - plus special parents' races - wear your trainers!

For Year 4 only*

Monday 23rd June - 1.30pm at Priory Primary School playground Parents / Carers welcome - come to the playground gate at 1.20pm

*** Year 4 have a special invitation to the University of Bedfordshire for the Booktastic Festival on the same morning as Sports Morning.** After much consideration, we giving Year 4 their own sports afternoon, so they don't miss out on either opportunity.

House Colours:

Radcliffe House - Red

Thomson House - Blue

Clough House - Green

Howard House - White

Priory Primary School – Required 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 blue T-shirt (**no logos**)
Plain navy or black shorts or Plain Black Tracksuit bottoms (**no logos**)
Royal blue jumper or fleece (**no logos**)
Black/dark Trainers and socks



Autism (known as Autism Spectrum Disorder)

This is a very common condition. More than one in 100 people are autistic and there are at least 700.000 autistic adults and children in the UK. It is not yet known what causes Autism, but it can run in families.

What is autism?

Autistic pupils have differences in three areas of development. These are:



Social understanding
and communication



Flexibility, information
processing, and understanding

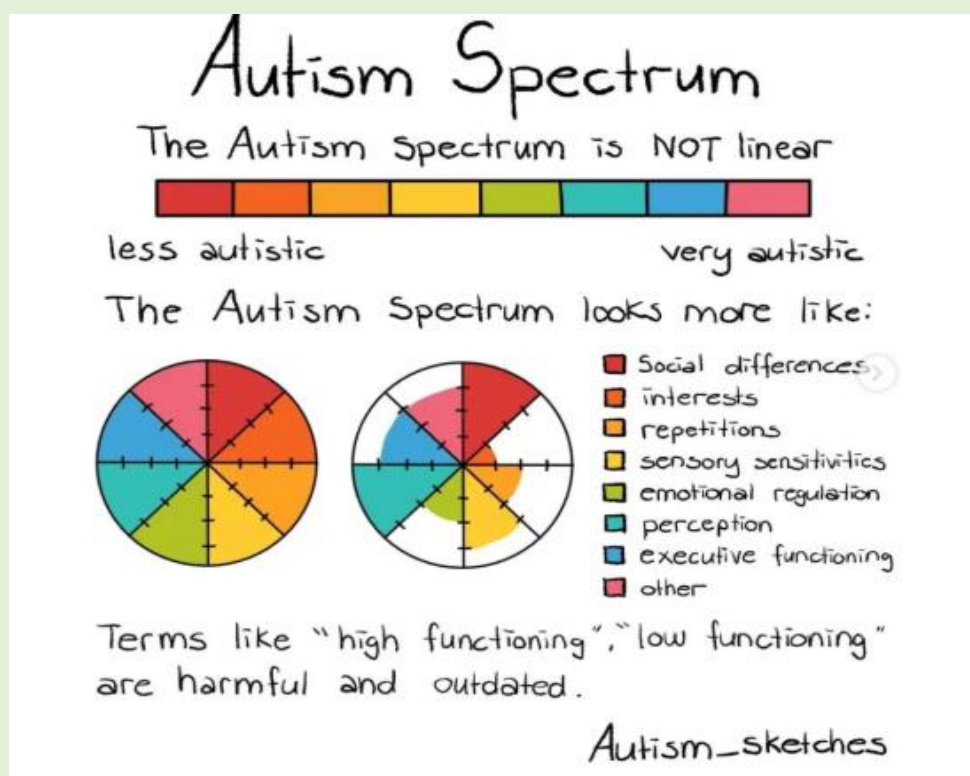


Sensory processing
and integration

Some children with Autism have learning difficulties and others don't.

Some children with Autism may have co-occurring conditions.

All Autistic people are individuals and will experience these difficulties to different degrees



Social Understanding and Communication

A child with Autism may find some or all of the following difficult:

- Being able to engage in joint and shared attention with others.
- Communicating their own needs or feelings.
- Understanding and using facial expressions, body language (such as pointing), and tone of voice.
- Understanding the actions and intentions of other pupils.
- Understanding and responding to instructions and explanations.
- Initiating a conversation or engaging in everyday interactions like small talk and chatting.
- Perceiving, understanding, and interpreting social behaviour, rules, and conventions. Understanding what other people might be thinking and feeling

Flexibility, information processing and understanding

A child with Autism may find some or all of the following difficult:

- Understanding what is happening now and next.
- Coping with any unexpected or sudden changes to routine.
- Managing transitions from one activity or place to the next.
- Seeing the bigger picture.

Generalising a new skill across a range of environments



Sensory Processing and Integration

A child with Autism may find some or all of the following difficult:

- Being over-sensitive (Hyper)
- Being under-sensitive (Hypo)
- Having difficulty filtering out irrelevant sensory information.
- Taking in and responding to multiple sensory information.
- Reduced body awareness.



Autistic children can experience high levels of anxiety



If you think that your child is showing characteristics of Autism, you could talk to me or contact your GP or Health Visitor.

If your child already has a diagnosis of Autism there is information and support available from Autism Bedfordshire.

<https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/>

The following strategies can support children with or without Autism:

- Have a consistent routine.
- Use visuals (pictures) to support daily routines and activities.
- Keep instructions clear and simple.
- Prepare your child for a change in their daily routine. For example, if you are going on a family day out to the zoo, show them pictures of where they are going and what they will see a few days before the outing.

Miss Wilde

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