



Priory Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 13th October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, the KS2 Useful & Kind School Councillors delivered your generous harvest donations to the **Bedford Foodbank**. They were given a tour of the warehouse and discovered how the volunteers support families with food and the 'baby bank' for those times when things get really tough. Please remember that anyone can have difficult times - Priory Primary School can issue vouchers for families, so just have a quiet word with Miss Wilde or Mrs Fraser on the school gate if we can help.

Universal Breakfast Club - we run a free breakfast provision for 30 minutes before school registration.

- Pupils who would like a healthy breakfast should arrive at 8.15 am to be sure of enough time to eat!
- ALL PUPILS from Y1 to Y6 are welcome even if they have already had breakfast, and will be supervised by school staff, so adults can drop them at the school gate - no need to walk the one-way system anymore!
- HOWEVER, Nursery and Reception pupils - are welcome to come to breakfast - but they should still be taken to their classrooms at 8.35 am by a parent or carer, please.

The start of school is still 8.40 am, so can I please remind parents that they must **arrive before 8.40 am** leave the school site **by 8.40 am**.

We start our supervised Morning Walking for Y1 to Y6 at 8.35am. I'm delighted with how the children enjoy this start to the school day and how beautifully they look after each other, extending their friendships across the year groups.

Mobile Phones

A reminder for parents and important information for new parents. When you are on the school site we have a strict **NO MOBILE PHONES** policy as part of our Child Protection measures. We must have a completely fair, equal and simple rule for all. **Parents' and Carers' mobile phones must be kept in a pocket or bag if you cannot leave them at home.**

There is also a very positive benefit to this rule - it means that you can give full attention to your child when you drop off and pick them up from school. Your smiling face, and your listening attention is valuable and precious to them!

Please read on for more information about our first weeks in school, and future dates for your diary.

Kind regards,
Mrs Fraser



Week 1	Year 5	Year 3
Week 2	Year 5	Year 3
Week 3	Year 3	Year 4 & 5
Week 4	Year 6	Year R & 2
Week 5	Year 5	Year R
Week 6	Year 5	Year 5



PUNCTUALITY

Don't be late through the gate!
Be on time for school every day.

School starts: **8.40 AM**

Gates open: **8.15 AM**

School finishes: **3.25 PM**

ATTENDANCE – it is the expectation that children are in school every day. We understand that sometimes children are unwell. Please ring the school office **each day** that your child is absent to let us know what is wrong with them. You can leave a message on the answerphone if no one picks up. Clearly give the reason for absence – to say “not well” is not good enough, you must state what the illness is. Too many absences could lead to penalty fines, referrals to the Education Welfare Service and appearances in court.

Attendance Matters



Dates for your



Friday 17th October

Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card Day

Tuesday 21st October

Year 4 Multisports - Scott Primary School

Friday 24th October

Year 6 Black Voices Concert 2.00 PM
At: All Saints, Queens Park

Monday 27th - Friday 31st Oct Half Term Break

Monday 3rd November

- School re-opens
- Triple E Day

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

- Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November

- Act of Remembrance 11.00 AM
- Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.00 PM
- Year 2 Multiskills St Thomas Moore (AM)

Wednesday 12th November

- Year 4, 5 and 6 to Vue Cinema
- Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.00 PM

Friday 14th November

Children in Need Day

Wednesday 19th November

Year 6 to Vue Cinema

Tuesday 25th November

Year 1, 2 and 3 to Vue cinema

Thursday 27th November

Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics @ John Bunyan Centre

Friday 28th November

Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics @ John Bunyan Centre

Tuesday 9th Decembr

Year 2 Trip to Panto

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th December

- Chritmas activities tbc

Mon 22ND Dec - Fri 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 6th January

Spring Term begins

School re-opens

DON'T BE LATE!

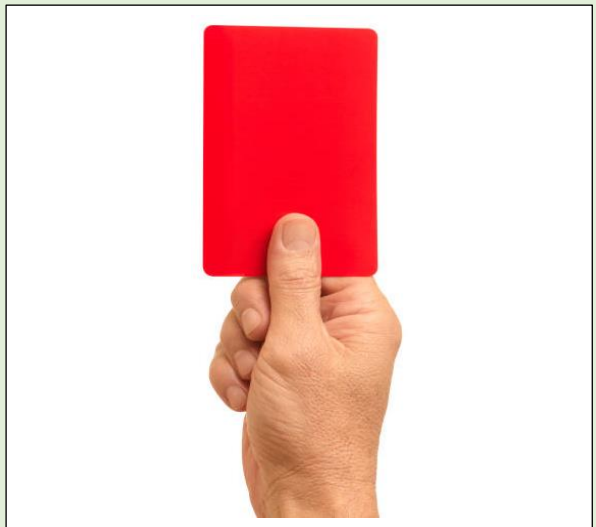


On Friday the 17th of October we are raising money to **Show Racism the Red Card**. Children can come into school wearing something red and donate £1 to raise awareness to:

Change Lives

Change Minds

Change Hearts



Children can also take part in the **Sponsored Silence Competition**. They can challenge themselves by staying silent for 10 minutes; encourage family and friends to challenge you to help raise as much as you can and help change lives for young people near you.

Our Photo Gallery – Visit to Bedford Foodbank



Black History Month

Black Voices Festival, celebrating the huge contributions black artists have made to music and culture. Bedford Music Club have put together a roster of world class artists with of course song and the spiritual at heart. **Our Year 6 pupils are part of this too, performing on Fri 24th at 2pm in Peace on Earth**

The festival will be taking place from October 24th to 26th.

On Saturday 25th October there will be a Study Morning at the Higgins Museum which will include important contributions on both the history (from Hiawatha to rap) and the present situation. This is an opportunity to see artists of this calibre in Bedford.

Anyone 18 years and under goes free, except to the DJ sessions. All the events are at: **All Saints, Queens Park** except the study morning which is taking place at the Higgins Museum.

You can get tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bedfordmusic>





Fri 24th

2.00pm

Peace on Earth

Local primary schools perform spirituals and Errollyn Wallen's (Master of the King's Music) Peace on Earth led by Vox Urbane.

6.30pm
Outdoor

Steel Pan Ensemble

Bedford Academy

Food £10 including glass of wine.

7.45pm

Classic Women

**Beatrice Nicholas (piano),
with Matt Home (drums),
Matayas Hofecker (bass).**

A concert inspired by female jazz legends Hazel Scott, Lil Hardin Armstrong, Dorothy Donegan and Nina Simone. These African American women were jazz stars who trained first as classical pianists. Scott, Beethoven, Tatum, Chopin, Bonds, Liszt, Simone.



Sat 25th

2.00pm

Reimagined Spirituals

**Leon Bosch (bass)
Beatrice Nichols (piano)**

Award-winning programme of Spirituals arranged for bass and piano.

6.30pm

Food £10 including glass of wine.

7.30pm

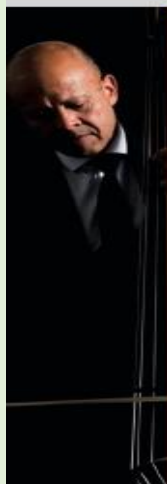
The Story Through Song

**London Adventist Chorale
Ken Burton (conductor)**

Much Black history over the past century and a half has been told through song which has captured the sound of the age.

10.00pm

DJ Lauren Smart



Sat 25th

The Higgins Art Gallery
and Museum.

11.00am

Hiawatha to Hip Hop

Hear about the huge success of Coleridge Taylor's Hiawatha, the message of Hip Hop (Robert Beckford) and where Black voices are headed (David Bryan Arts Council).

1.00pm



Sun 26th

Community Hymn Singing

3.00pm

Come and join local churches sing together with Vox Urbane's Vox Next Gen.

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Re:Past festival,
scan the QR code
and book your place.



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