



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Summer 1 - Friday 16th May 2025**

- Headteacher update - Year Group Round Robin
  - Worship
  - Gamechangers
- Key Dates 2025 - 2026

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The school has been buzzing with special learning taking place in every year group. Here is our news from each class.

### **Acorns**

Acorns Class had a wonderful time on their first school trip to Longdown Dairy Farm. Every child got to bottle feed calves and goats, feed bigger goats, hold a chick, collect an egg, stroke a guinea pig and ride on the tractor. The children were so excited to meet all the different animals and learnt a lot of new words and terminology which they are now using in their role play and writing.



### **Class 1**

Class 1 were super excited to take part in their first skateboarding workshop. They were eager to put on their safety equipment and get started, learning how to balance and propel themselves forwards. There were times when all the children lost their balance or wobbled but they immediately bounced back and showed great resilience. It was easy to see their progress in such a short space of time and they deserve a huge 'congratulations' for going out of their comfort zone.



## Class 2

Class 2 enjoyed our VE Day Celebrations in school. As a class they wrote a lovely poem to remember the people who sacrificed so much for their country. In the afternoon, they cheered, clapped and waved their flags in celebration of 80 years since the end of the war.

## Class 3

Class 3 has been completing a sewing project in Design and Technology. This is an activity that takes much resilience, concentration and perseverance. All the children have been learning to thread a needle and sew different stitches. Well done to Class 3 for producing their pencil cases.



## Class 4

Another trip took place last week when Class 4 visited the Science Museum in Winchester. They visited the Planetarium (which was a great hit) as well as exploring sound. They really enjoyed all the interactive stations.



## Class 5

A big thank you and well done goes to Class 5 for their contribution to our VE Day Celebrations. The bake sale last Friday was so well organised, fantastic posters and great sales behind the stall. Their efforts has raised £102 which will be donated to The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.



## Class 6

Miss Field and I are so very proud of all the year 6 children for taking SATs week in their stride; children have completed tests in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths this week. They should be commended for their commitment and positive attitude. Each day they arrived with cheerful smiles and enjoyed a delicious breakfast with their friends before starting the tests. This is a big milestone and a great achievement so we celebrated with an ice cream this afternoon. Thank you to Miss Field and all the staff who have supported these children in their learning at primary school. We would also like to thank the adults at home who have encouraged their children along the way.



## WORSHIP



We are continuing our TriWonder worship theme thinking more about what 'wonder' is. In worship we blew bubbles. Bubbles always bring gasps of joy and giggles which is the essence of wonder. It is a time that brings great joy. However, it can be fleeting (just like our bubbles that go POP!) and therefore we need to appreciate the wonder around us. The children have been challenged to spot wonder on their way to and from home to school this week.

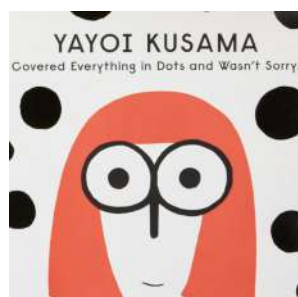


We have looked at Psalm 118:24 - 'This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it'. Wonder is worth rejoicing and at this time of year, there is plenty to admire.

## GAMECHANGERS



Inspired by our TriWonder project, the children have been looking out for things in nature that make them curious. We were delighted that Isla in class 4 has been studying stag beetles in her garden. She decided to make an information page about them and she discovered lots of fascinating facts to share with us.



We also learnt about a Japanese artist called Yayoi Kusama (AKA The Polka Dot Princess); she takes inspiration from nature and is fascinated by dots. Her work, made of tiny dots, is bright and colourful but also celebrates the nature around us. Her Made to Flourish mindset helped her to become a famous artist.

I have challenged the children to make their own drawings in the style of Yayoi Kusama. Take a look at this [video](#) for ideas.

Don't forget that next week is Arts Week. We will all be using our creativity to celebrate nature. Parents are invited to our exhibition on Friday 23rd May at 2:45pm.

## UNIFORM LABELLING



Please can we ask parents to ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and PE sweatshirts are clearly labelled with your child's name for the summer term. With the warmer days, we are finding items of uniform on the playground. If they are named we can easily return them to their owner. Thank you for your help with this.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2024 -2025. We hope that by publishing these dates in advance, families are able to plan in advance to avoid absences during term times.

Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May	Arts Week
Monday 19th May	PSHE Workshop for parents 2:45pm
Tuesday 20th May	House Day (wear a coloured accessory)
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Thursday 12th June	<b>Key Stage 1 Sports Day (am)</b>
Friday 13th June	Summer Fayre 4 pm
Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June	National School Sport Week - Always Active Wear PE kit everyday
Friday 20th June	House Day celebration Lunch (wear a coloured accessory) A special hot lunch meal can be ordered. More details to follow.
Thursday 26th June	<b>Key Stage 2 Sports Day (am)</b>
Friday 27th June	Transition Day Year 6 New EY Play and Stay
Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 Production 6 p.m.
Thursday 3rd July	Year 2 Dance Festival
Monday 7th July	New EY Play and Stay
Tuesday 8th - Friday 1th July	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 10th July	Christchurch Dance Festival Year 2
Monday 14th July	End of Year Pupil Reports
Tuesday 15th July	Open Evening Parents 3:30pm - 4:30pm QDOS Uniform supplier will be in the school hall from 2:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 17th July	International Firgun Day
Monday 21st July	Leavers' Service Priory Church 9:45am
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm

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Wednesday 3rd September 2025	INSET day
Thursday 4th September 2025	Autumn Term Starts
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	INSET day
Friday 19th December 2025	Autumn Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET day
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Spring Term Starts
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026	Half term
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET day
Friday 27th March 2026	Spring Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 13th April 2026	Summer Term Starts
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET day
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Summer Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm