



The Priory School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

We've reached the end of Autumn 1 and I think everybody is looking forward to pausing usual school activity for a week to recharge. What a 'full' first half-term of the school year it's been, with a great deal achieved but lots of exciting work ahead in ensuring the continued improvement we are striving for. It was great to see lots of parents at our Parents Evenings earlier this week and I appreciated so many of you completing the school survey - the feedback is very helpful. In the next newsletter I will summarise the results and let you know planned actions. Last week we had our SIAMS (church) inspection, which was a busy and testing day - I had hoped the final report would be published this week but we will need to wait a little longer. We very much look forward to sharing this with the school community. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for your support and positivity this half-term and a reminder that **Monday 3rd November is an INSET day**.

Mr Croutear

Year 6 pupil leadership & the return of HOUSEPOINTS!

After announcing our Autumn Term Headboy & Headgirl at the Harvest Service last month, we have now appointed the rest of our Year 6 pupil leadership teams. The roles of Worship Leaders, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Curriculum Ambassadors, Playleaders and the Eco-team will be held by different groups throughout the year to ensure all Year 6 pupils get the experience of a leadership post. We also elected our House Captains last week, with all pupils getting to vote for their preferred candidate for the academic year. Congratulations to: Lily E-L & Leo (York), Anya & Luke (Salisbury), Elodie & Rufus (Winchester) and Eva & Alfie (Canterbury).

Team Priory



Pupils were also informed today that, after half-term, housepoints will be returning. Pupils can earn housepoints from any member of staff for exemplary behaviour, acts of kindness and great effort with learning. These will be counted each week by the house captains and the weekly winners announced in Friday Celebration Worship. Each half-term, the house with the most weekly victories will enjoy a house treat arranged by their captains.

Rocksteady!

The week got off to an exciting start as we were treated to an awesome 'rock concert' from Jamie of Rocksteady, who taught pupils about a variety of instruments whilst performing a string of singalong hits! Rocksteady are offering a weekly club on Tuesday afternoons during the school day, with age-group 'bands' formed and we are delighted to see so many pupils signed-up already. Rocksteady is just the first wave of new musical opportunities planned for the Priory this year. We are keen to boost the arts culture within the school and raise the profile of music which can be so beneficial to children. Do look out for more opportunities coming soon!



FPS Disco!

The first FPS event of the term took place last week with two successful discos, as well as a non-uniform day to collect 'rainbow hamper' donations for the Christmas fayre. We are very grateful for the colourful array of items brought in last Thursday - the FPS are busy making plans for the Christmas programme which are set to be very exciting. More news coming after half-term! Thank you to all of the parents who helped out at the discos, especially resident DJ Mr Newell - the children had a great time!



Heart Priory



Basketball fundraiser

An innovative fundraising challenge is taking place during the first week back after half-term - Patrick from Class 5 is a keen basketball player, competing for the Bournemouth Oaks, and he wants to raise money for his club and the FPS. Patrick will be attempting to shoot 100 hoops during timed-slots at lunchtime (no doubt cheered on by a supportive crowd!). If you would like to contribute to Patrick's challenge, the link is below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/patricks-shoot-the-hoop-challenge>

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Uniform feedback

We are aware of issues with our current uniform supplier, both in terms of stock levels and the quality (e.g. colour fading). Feedback from parents is always welcome as we work with our supplier to ensure a high level of service. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Celebration

Headteacher awards were presented today to:

Freddie C (Class R)
Kyro T (Class 1)
Arthur W-W (Class 2)
Summer B (Class 3)
Joey M (Class 4)
Evan R (Class 5)
Jasmine J (Class 6)



Learn Priory



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Attendance Cup

For the first time this term we had a tie for the Attendance Cup - well done to **Class R** and **Class 2** who both achieved **98.4%**.

School Term Dates 2025-2026

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2025 -2026. We hope that by publishing these dates in advance, families are able to plan in advance to avoid absences during term times.

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

Key Dates Autumn 2025

Please find below our key event dates for the Autumn Term 2025.

Monday 3rd November	INSET Day
Thursday 6th November	Flu immunisations
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day School Open Morning (9.00 - 10.30am)
Monday 17th - Friday 21st November	Assessment Week
Thursday 20th November	School Open Morning (9.00 - 10.30am)
Friday 5th December	Pantomime - Alice in Wonderland FPS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9th December	Nativity Performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 10th December	Nativity Performance (5.30pm)
Tuesday 16th December	Priory Carol Service (6.00 - 7.00pm)
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm