



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring 1 - Friday 12th January 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

First of all I would like to say Happy New Year to all the Priory families; I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. What a fabulous start to term we have had. Our Epiphany Service at Priory Church was a wonderful way to begin our term, joining in worship to mark the Wise Men's visit to baby Jesus. Following the service we 'Chalked the doors' of Priory School and each class said the following prayer.

Dear God,

Bless our school and our learning this year, that in our classes we may find epiphany and friendship, courage and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ.

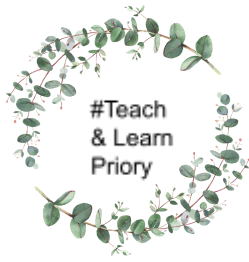
Amen



We have launched #Teach and Learn Priory and already the children are demonstrating our Made to Flourish Mindset to help them grow and develop in their learning. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend my Headteacher New Year Welcome on Tuesday afternoon. I hope that this has helped you to understand our focus for the term based on the Christian belief that 'With God all things are possible'. If you were unable to attend the session, there is a copy of the slides on your child's Google Classroom.

As part of our #Teach and Learn Priory focus, we have planned several workshop sessions for parents to attend in the coming weeks. Each of these sessions will have a specific focus and is designed to help inform parents to help support their child with home learning. More details will follow and be published on Google Classroom.

Mrs Richardson

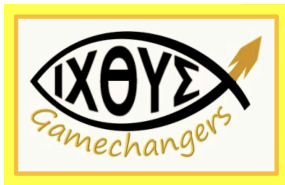


WORSHIP

In worship this week we have been exploring our Made to Flourish Mindset through the Power of Yet. We have taken inspiration from Moses striking the rock which poured with water, ending the thirst of all his followers. His unwavering faith in God's word has helped us to reflect that 'With God all things are possible'. Sometimes in our learning we have challenges to overcome, but with faith and effort we can all grow as learners. The children have been practicing saying 'I can't do it Yet!' and believing that they can achieve their goal. We have also been doing puzzles to challenge ourselves.



GAMECHANGERS



As part of Winchester Diocese, Priory School enjoys taking part in their annual school project. This year the theme is **Gamechangers**. Through this project, in the coming months, we will be finding out more about Gamechangers in the Bible and whose actions have created ripples of change and good. We will also be learning more about modern day Gamechangers who we can take inspiration from.



Our first Gamechanger we have looked at is Thomas Edison, famous for the invention of the lightbulb. Thomas Edison spent years and years researching and experimenting, having to show much resilience. He famously said:

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that haven't worked."

This clearly demonstrates the Power of Yet and that his constant belief enabled him to keep trying in the face of setbacks. He certainly had a Made to Flourish Mindset and will inspire us all to demonstrate reliance everyday.

Navigator Workshop

After such a successful workshop in November, Steph Rice, our School Navigator will be hosting another themed workshop for parents on **Monday 15th January at 2:30pm**. It will be based around Healthy Communication in the Family. Please see the attached leaflet and register your attendance using this link.

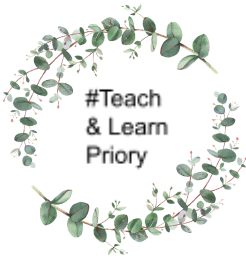
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We look forward to seeing you there.





ATTENDANCE



Maintaining regular school attendance is a key part of helping your child to flourish. We know that through regular attendance your child's learning journey will be well-sequenced and they will be able to continuously build on prior learning, helping them to make expected progress.

Each winter season, there are an increased number of bugs and viruses for us to contend with. We understand that there may be occasions when your child is too unwell to attend school. If your child is struggling to attend school for any other reason, please come and talk to us as we are here to help.

Attendance which falls below 90% is categorised as 'persistent absence'; your child's attendance will be monitored more closely and you may receive a phone call from one of our team. Leave of absence cannot be authorised except for exceptional reasons and therefore we ask that parents adhere to our term dates and do not request leave of absence in term time.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or to check their current percentage, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

PHONICS WORKSHOP CLASS ONE



We are pleased to offer a bespoke Phonics session for Class One parents on **Thursday 18th January at 2:30pm**. The session will be led by our English Lead, Miss Field, who will give parents an overview of our Little Wandle scheme and the progression of skills and knowledge through year one. She will also include key information about the Year One Phonics screen which takes place later in the year. Following this, parents will be invited into the classroom to carry out a short phonics activity with their child. We hope that many parents will be able to attend in order to help their child flourish as a lifelong reader.

Coming Soon: Future parent workshop dates:

Tuesday 23rd January - Online Safety Workshop for Parents 9:00-10:00 am

Friday 9th February - Maths Challenge Parent/child Challenge 8:45-9:30 am

Friday 23rd February - Made to Flourish Mindset Presentation Time TBC



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.

Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd september 2024	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Term Starts
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	Half term
Monday 4th November 2024	INSET day
Friday 20th December 2024	Term Ends School finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 6th January 2025	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Monday 24th February 2025	INSET day
Friday 4th April 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm



INSET days and Key Dates

Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET (school closed)
Wednesday 3rd January	School Term begins
Friday 5th January	Epiphany Service at Priory Church 9:45am ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM
Tuesday 9th January	#Teach and Learn Priory Headteacher Vision 2:45 pm Everyone welcome
Monday 15th January	Navigator Workshop - Healthy Communication 2:30 pm
Thursday 18th January	Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop 2:30 pm
Monday 22nd January	Dogs Trust Workshop for children
Tuesday 23rd January	Online Safety Workshop for parents 9:00 - 10:00 am
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February	FPS Disco
Friday 9th February	Parent/Child Maths Challenge 8:45 - 9:30 am
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 23rd February	#Teach and Learn Priory Celebration (Timings TBC)
Monday 4th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day 2024
Thursday 28th March	Final day of Spring Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holiday



Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 16th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term School closes early at 1.15pm