



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

**Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Autumn 2 - Friday 24th November 2023**

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As a school, we have been focusing on Serving our Community; each class has written their own pledge. Here are their ideas with some pictures to show you what we have been doing.



Dolphins: Serving their community by getting to know their friends well.

Class 1: Helping to keep our school tidy by picking things up. (We now have a 'Leaf Crew'.)

Class 2: Bringing joy to our Priory Neighbours by posting a picture through their door.

Class 3: Helping at home by doing jobs and chores.

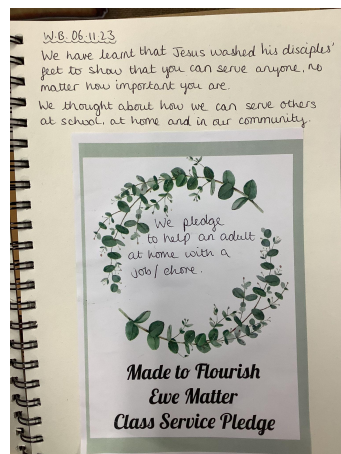
Class 4: Bring joy to others through poetry by writing each class their own poem.

Class 5: Bringing joy to the elderly community by writing a Christmas Card to residents of Southbourne Beach Care Home

Class 6: Serving our community by donating Christmas Food Hampers to Christchurch Food Bank.



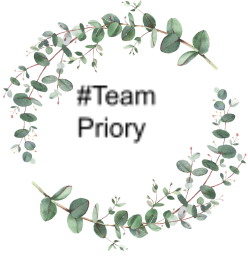
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## WORSHIP

In worship we revisited the parable of The Lost Sheep by looking at the modern day equivalent which was on the news recently. Fiona, the Lost Sheep of Scotland, was bravely rescued by two caring members of the community. Their act of service ensured the safety of Fiona and reunited her back with her flock.



We have also been exploring the feeling of Joy and how our acts of service will bring inner joy to ourselves and others. We played pass the Hula Hoop to experience the feeling of Joy and have pledged to spread joy to others in the lead up to Christmas. This is all part of our Made to Flourish journey.



## #Team Priory - We can change the world



### Plastic Bottle Lid Competition

We are one week into our class competition to see who can collect the most plastic bottle tops. All the bottle tops will be passed onto Circular 11, who use plastic to make new items such as planters and benches. Keep donating your bottle tops. **ONLY clean lids can be recycled.**

### Christmas Jumper Exchange

We are still collecting donations of Christmas jumpers and t-shirts for our Christmas jumper exchange in our main entrance. Please drop off any used but good condition items or pop in and browse the rail.

### Reverse Advent

Our Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team has devised a Reverse Advent Calendar for 2023. As we have been exploring the act of 'Serving' we thought it would be nice to continue the theme of giving in the lead up to Christmas. Please see attached the Reverse Advent Calendar with their ideas for each day in December. We hope that all families will take part.

### **Each day is themed: Giving to.....**

There are key dates that we would like the whole school to participate in.

**Monday 4th December: Give to the Planet: Walk to school Day**

**Monday 11th December: Give to the Planet: Scoot to school Day for Class 1, 3, 5.**

**Wednesday 13th December: Give to the Food Bank: We will be collecting food items to donate to Christchurch Foodbank.**

**Friday 15th December: Give to the Planet: Scoot to school Day for Dolphins, Class 2, 4, 6.**



## Christchurch Living Advent

Please use the link below for further information about the Living Advent Calendar. This is a fundraising event organised by Christchurch Rotary.

<https://christchurchlivingadventcalendar.org.uk/>



## Christmas Events



We have scheduled our Christmas events for children and families. Please see the list below with key dates. More information will follow about specific events and shared via Google Classroom

- Friday 1st December Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform with Christmas top)
- Christmas Fair 4-7pm
- Tuesday 5th December Year 1 and 2 Nativity - Baarmy Bethlehem 1:30 - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 6th December Year 1 and 2 Nativity - Baarmy Bethlehem 5:30 - 6:30pm
- Tuesday 12th December Christmas Carol Concert Christchurch Prioxy 6pm
- Friday 15th December Christmas Lunch and Class Party Day (non uniform)

## Sporting Events



Two of our football teams have taken part in tournaments over the past couple of weeks and have represented the school with grace and resilience. Please find below a short report from each team.

*"I loved the football competition. I think that it's a great experience and you have to be a good sportsman. It shows that you can build up strength and be the best you can be."*

### Six year 6 Girls' Football Team



"Year 5 and 6 played a football tournament against other schools in the local area. We showed resilience even though we lost a match. The team demonstrated excellent relationships and sportsmanship. I enjoyed our sense of community when playing together."

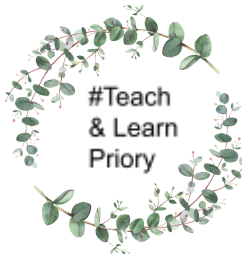
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## COMING SOON

### #Teach and Learn Priory - Made to Flourish



In Spring Term, our focus through our Christian Vision and Worship will be one of our next hashtags: #Teach and Learn Priory. To introduce this theme and to share our vision for the term ahead, I would like to invite parents to a short session on **Tuesday 9th January at 2:45pm.**

Working in partnership with parents and families is part of each child's flourishing journey and I hope to see many of you there.

## INSET days and Key Dates

We have scheduled our final INSET day for Monday 15th April. Please take a close look at our key dates below so that you are aware of upcoming events.

# Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

| Date                                 | Event   |
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| <b>Autumn Term 2023</b>              |   |
| Friday 1st December                  | Priory School Christmas Fair  |
| Tuesday 5th December                 | Year 1 and 2 Nativity Baarmy Bethlehem 1:30pm   |
| Wednesday 6th December               | Year 1 and 2 Nativity Baarmy Bethlehem 5:30pm   |
| Tuesday 12th December                | Carol Service at The Priory Church 6pm  |
| Friday 15th December                 | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Day<br>Non-uniform and Christmas Jumper/hat day<br>Final day of Autumn Term<br>School closes at usual time 3.15pm |
| Monday 18th Dec - Monday 1st January | Christmas holiday   |





| <b>Spring Term 2024</b>               |   |
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| Tuesday 2nd January                   | <b>INSET (school closed)</b>  |
| Wednesday 3rd January                 | School Term begins  |
| Friday 6th January                    | Epiphany Service at Priory Church 9:45am<br><b>ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM</b> |
| Tuesday 9th January                   | #Teach and Learn Priory Headteacher Vision 2:45pm<br>Everyone welcome             |
| Monday 22nd January                   | Dogs Trust Workshop for children  |
| Tuesday 6th February                  | Safer Internet Day  |
| Thursday 8th February                 | FPS Disco   |
| Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb     | Half-Term Holiday   |
| Thursday 7th March                    | World Book Day 2024   |
| Thursday 28th March                   | Final day of Spring Term<br>School closes at usual time 3.15pm                    |
| Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April | Easter holiday  |

| <b>Summer Term 2024</b>           |  |
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| Monday 15th April                 | <b>INSET day (school closed)</b>                                 |
| 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                   | <b>INSET (school closed)</b>                                     |
| Tuesday 23rd July                 | Final day of Summer Term<br><b>School closes early at 1.15pm</b> |