



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

## Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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## The Priory School Newsletter

### Friday 21st March 2025

### School Update

Spring always brings a sense of positivity and enthusiasm to the classroom. A sense of hope; a sense of aspiration. That has been no different this year as children have committed themselves to their learning.

At The Priory, we really value a commitment to reading, and here is a quick update from our KS2 classes about what they're reading at the moment and where they're up to:

- Year 3: We're currently reading 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. We're on Chapter 5. It's been quite funny!
- Year 4: We're currently reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We're about 120 pages in. We like it because of all the drama in it.
- Year 5: We're currently reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We're up to p100 and we like everything about it!
- Year 6: We're currently reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. There has been some drama involving the warden; and we've enjoyed some of the exciting and dramatic moments.

### Learn Priory



### Worship

As a school, we have continued our reflections through the season of Lent. We have thought about how many Christians, as well as thinking of this as a time to 'give something up', think of this as an opportunity to 'give something back'.

As well as exploring Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness, we have shared and explored how we can demonstrate kindness and 'give something back' during this season of Lent, doing everything from helping with the washing up to smiling at someone as they walk past you.

### Heart Priory



- 1 Choose an act of generosity
- 2 Complete it
- 3 Check it off
- 4 Celebrate!

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN.  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN.  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN.  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN.  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley

## Julia's House

In the last newsletter, we shared with you an update on our fundraising for Julia's House and our work on preparing for the 'tail trail'.

I'm delighted to tell you that between our Gamechanger Mini Market (£315), our Pyjamarama (£310) and our Cake Sale (£75), we have hit our grand target of £700. A huge thank you to all those who supported this effort in one way or another.

Team Priory



Last Monday, a group of our children (who represented our school brilliantly) had the chance to see for themselves where this money was going as they went for a tour of Julia's House in Corfe Mullen. They found out about the admirable work that the charity does to support families who need it, and were fascinated by the combination of specialist equipment and sense of fun that exists in the place.

Next stop: The 'tail trail' starts on the 5th April. Who will be the first to find our school tail?

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## Easter

We have two Easter events scheduled for the last week of term:

**Year R, 1 and 2 Easter Bonnet Parade:** Monday 31st March at 2:45 pm in the school playground. This will be accompanied by a cake sale run by FPS.

**Easter Service:** Friday 4th April at 9:45 am at Christchurch Priory.

Please also be reminded that term finishes on Friday 4th April at 1:15 pm. Please see the letter dated Monday 17th March for full details.

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## Staff News

We are delighted to share the news with our school community that Miss Field is expecting a child - due September 2025. Please join us in giving her our support and congratulations.

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## Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel'

The 'Big Walk and Wheel' is a national event taking place 24th March - 4th April that inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

Please do consider encouraging your children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

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## Girls Cricket Opportunity

Bournemouth Cricket Club are running a Girls Only All Stars this summer. It's an 8-week programme for 5-8-year-olds, starting mid-May and running through until July. See further information below:

**It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET**

**GIRLS ONLY ALL STARS  
@ BOURNEMOUTH CC**

WHERE: Bournemouth CC, Chapel Gate  
WHEN: Fridays 6-7PM  
STARTS: 16th May 2025

girlscricket@bournemouthcc.co.uk

Scan here to book!

Sign up today at  
[allstarscricket.co.uk](https://allstarscricket.co.uk)

## Key Dates 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates and key event 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 24th & Tuesday 25th March	Parents' Evening (YR - Y5)
Monday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade 2:45pm
Friday 4th April	Easter Service at Christchurch Priory 9:45am
Friday 4th April 2025	Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May	Arts Week
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Thursday 12th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Day (AM)
Friday 13th June	FPS Summer Fayre
Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June	National School Sports Week
Friday 20th June	House Day Celebration Lunch
Thursday 26th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (AM)
Friday 27th June	Transition Day
Tuesday 8th July - Friday 11th July	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 15th July	Open Evening for Parents
Monday 21st July	Leavers' Service Priory Church 9:45am
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends - School Finishes at 1:15pm



## 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.

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