



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 - Friday 20th December 2024

Priory Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service at Priory Church was an absolutely delightful occasion which united the school community on Tuesday evening. All the children joined together to create a service that touched everyone's hearts and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. The service was filled with carol singing, dance, choral speech and hand bells. Focusing on the theme of Joy this week, as we marked the third week of Advent, the children gave a joyous performance. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of the children. It was lovely to see so many families attend the service; thank you for your heartfelt applause and cheers of appreciation for the children's effort and achievement.

Once again, I would like to thank the whole staff team at Priory School for their support and encouragement of the children and in helping them to prepare for this special service. A particular thank you goes to Miss Worrall for her musical direction and for all her hard work with singing rehearsals in the past few weeks.

Here are a few photos from our dress rehearsal.



Nativity Set

We decided to buy a new nativity set for our school which would represent diversity. The children voted in their classes for their favourite set. This week it arrived and during worship we revealed our new scene. Some children explained why this was their favourite set.

"It's wooden and we can paint each of them differently to show they are diverse."

"We have to imagine their faces."

"They are decorated in different patterns which is diversity."



Christmas Events

We very much enjoyed our Christmas Lunch on Thursday. The hall was filled with Christmas music as the children sat down together to eat their delicious food prepared by our wonderful catering team. There was much delight at pulling the crackers, wearing party hats and sharing traditional cracker jokes. I would like to thank the kitchen staff for preparing such a wonderful lunch for both the staff and children.



We had a visit from Santa on Thursday as well. He arrived in school with a Ho, Ho, Ho and took to the classrooms. Each class received a box of gifts from Santa; there were games and toys and resources which the children will enjoy using in their breaktimes and in their learning this year. Thank you FPS for organising this event.



And finally.....may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a wonderful time with your families and loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January**.

Looking Ahead...

We warmly invite parents to our Epiphany Service at Priory Church on Friday 10th January (9:45am). FPS are hosting a coffee morning in the school hall before the service. Please pop in for a drink and a mingle.

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 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
Tuesday 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

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