

# The Priory Post

## Welcome to our end-of-term newsletter!

It has been a very busy term for our pupils, and they are looking forward to the chance to relax and re-energise! There has been lots going on at Priory and so much to celebrate. We have had our amazing netball team go undefeated, our Year 4 and 5 boys' football team won their football tournament, and both our Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 teams won their heats of the Maths Championships and made it through to the final later in the year. The school has hosted our science fair, the children have been on school trips and residential, and we have invited parents into school on a number of different occasions.

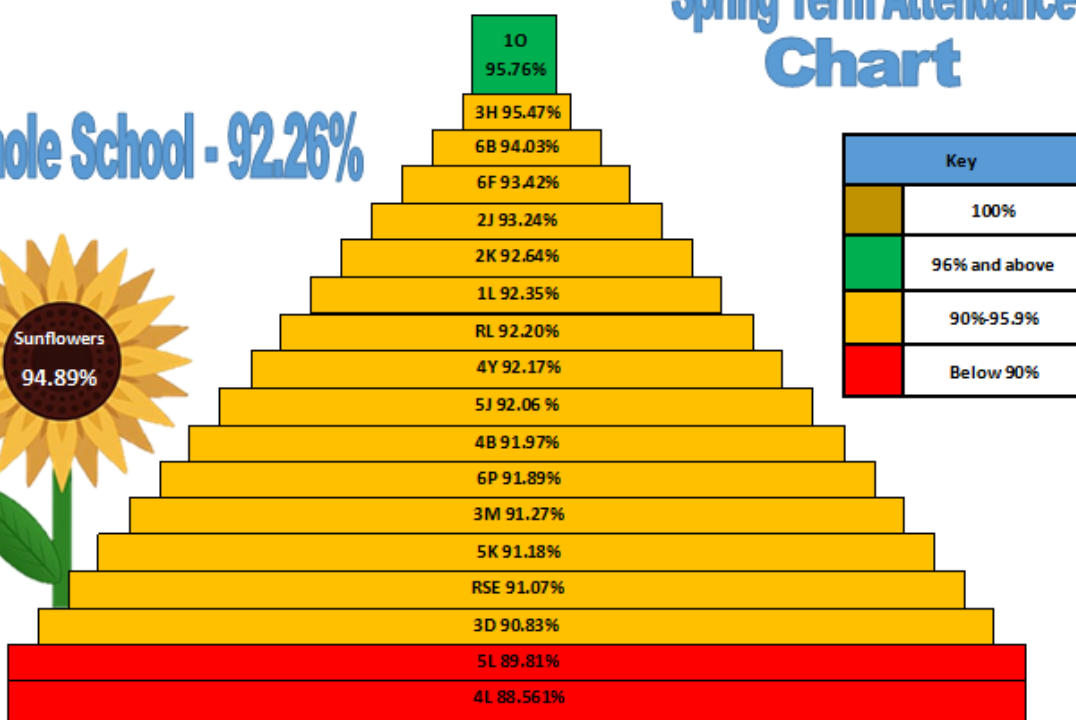
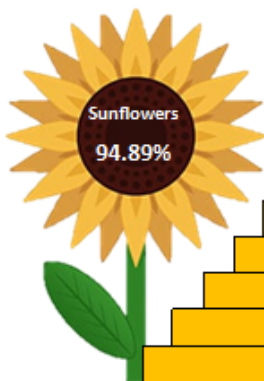
Easter songs and crafts have taken place in Nursery, and we appreciate all your hard work as the Easter bonnet parade performed by the children in Reception was amazing. Thank you for the high engagement with these sessions; the phonics workshops were our highest attended session ever! The children will have focused homework packs to complete over the holiday, so please help your child with their next step of learning. There will also be the Timetables battle across the Trust—help us come top!

Enjoy your Easter break.

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS**

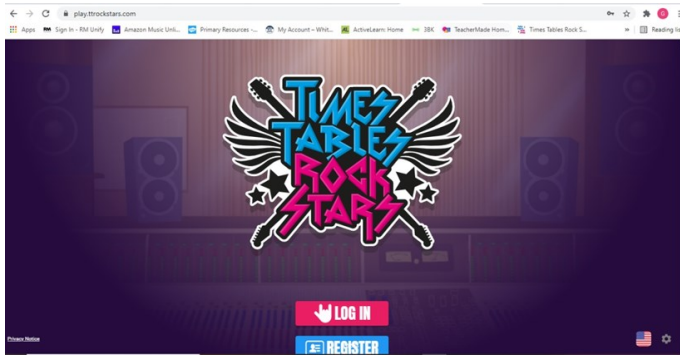
## Spring Term Attendance Chart

**Whole School - 92.26%**



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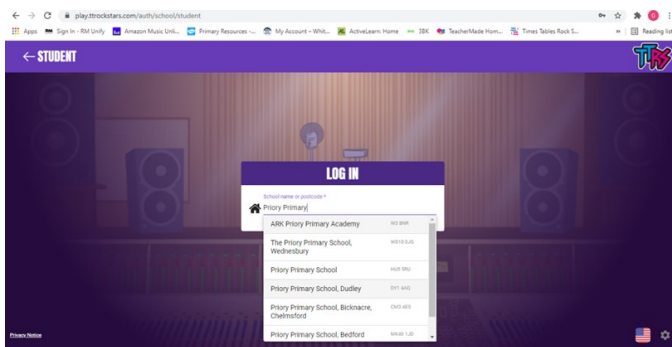
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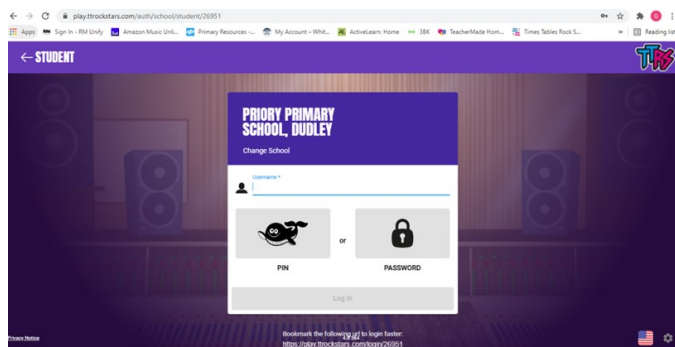
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Then click Log in.

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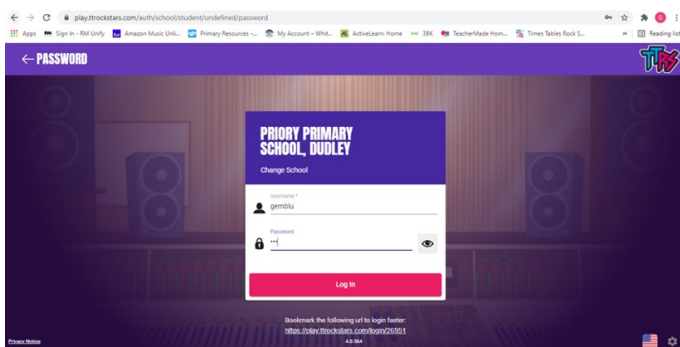
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Type in Priory Primary School Dudley.  
There are several Priorys, it needs to be  
the Dudley one!



Enter your child's username, this  
should be in their school planner. If  
not, please contact your child's class  
teacher. Then select password.



Enter their password. Then click on Log in.

Select the game type you want to play.

# Astley Burf

The week after we came back from February half term, Year 6 went on residential! We had such fun and conquered a lot of our fears. We enjoyed high ropes, a climbing wall, archery and team-building activities. Together, we stayed in cabins and learnt how to be more independent.



*Year 6, we are so proud of you! You showed great resilience and work really well together as a team. We saw brilliance from all of you. Well done!*



**Young Voices 2025!**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the Priory Performers performed in one of the largest children's choirs as part of Young Voices. The children worked incredibly hard leading up to the event, learning songs and dance routines. On the day they shone! Their dedication and talent were incredible, they represented the school perfectly and had a fantastic day!



Priory Primary held our third annual Science fayre on sustainability on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This year has been our most successful science fayre yet, with 41 entries! The children should be proud of their hard work as all the projects were informative, eye catching and lots of research had been completed before hand.



We hope you all enjoyed taking part, as much as we enjoyed viewing them and seeing each and every child shine.



Comic Relief 2025

On Friday 21st March Priory Primary School celebrated Comic Relief's 40th Birthday!

We are asked children to add a splash of RED to their uniform in the funniest way possible, for a £1 donation. Children arrived with red noses, red hair and hair accessory, red socks, red t-shirts and even the teachers joined in! During the day, the children took part in the Lego Building the School of the Future Challenge, which had been set by Lego and Comic Relief. The classes used a variety of approaches, including computer aided design, pens and pencils and Lego!

The children understood the fantastic work Comic Relief does and engaged in a positive activity linked to the future of learning and the planet.

Special thanks to the Trust Parliament members who visited classes and spoke about the activities in assembly.

In Time for Two's the children have been learning all about Easter and the traditions linked to this celebration. They took part in an Easter craft workshop where parents came in and joined in with craft activities. The children also made chocolate Easter cakes by melting chocolate and then mixing in rice cereal, before completing their cakes by decorating hem with the Easter Bunny.



## Reception

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our phonics pop in. This half term we have been learning about people who help us. We were very fortunate to have a visit from the police officers and crossing guards. The children loved learning about the people who keep us safe in society.





## WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day at Priory. We spent the day sharing our love of books. In KS2, we created story sacks and then, in the afternoon, we shared these with Nursery and KS1. Look at the fun we had!



## Ducklings in Year 2!

Linked to our science work, Animals including humans, we have been incubating 7 duck eggs this term. Penelope, 5J, kindly gave Mrs Jones and 2J 7 runner duck eggs to look after. As part of their work on lifecycles, they learnt about how different animals begin their life, including birds starting as an egg and during their work on survival, they compared the ducks with themselves and found that both animals need water, air, food and shelter to survive.

As the eggs began to wobble and crack, the excitement in the classroom grew. On Monday 7th April, the children were thrilled to find two ducklings had hatched and were joined by two more on Thursday 10th April.

All four ducklings are doing well. They will return to Penelope and her family for the Easter holidays but she has promised to keep the children updated on their progress.

We may have the opportunity to have more eggs in the incubator after the Easter break.



All National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonsafesafety.com](http://www.nationalonsafesafety.com) for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

**Fortnite Chapter 2 has finally landed!** With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.

**AGE RECOMMENDATION 13+**

## What parents need to know about FORTNITE CHAPTER 2

**BATTLE ROYALE**  
Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar format. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, build buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to the crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes assuming you beat to the end and can be restarted regularly. Typically about 100 players have been found.

**IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?**  
Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is a game with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely about Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Ideally, it should be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

**FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?**  
While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used to purchase in-game items can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.

**SEASONAL UPDATES**  
Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially means new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map to interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.

**CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE**  
One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it matters what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation, Xbox One) as they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, the Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free), and then linked with your platform account. Doing this requires the user to be 13 years old or older. It's worth noting that because you don't have the same console and spend up a whole new world of playing online with friends.

**IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?**  
Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board) as an E10+ (Everyone 10+). This means that while it does contain cartoonish violence and the concept of being killed in-game, there is no blood and some way removed from their real life. In-game, characters don't die blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply knocked out of the match. Rewards players earn for playing the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.

### Top Tips For Parents

**BUYING V-BUCKS**  
As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases which can be made from the in-game store. You do decide to let your young one spend money on things like skins, but by taking your card information afterwards it can be very easy to purchase more items at the point of sale. It's important to set a limit on any purchases by the parent that are not necessarily needed to support the enjoyment of the game. This is the reason Epic Games of game.

**GAMING WITH STRANGERS**  
Fortnite allows you to play on the game, and as such, there is a risk that you will be placed into groups in the game. It's difficult to predict what your child will do or say in a game, it's a good idea for friends playing together to be grouped together. The only real concern is if they are grouped with someone unknown to them, which can be done in the game's settings. Using the 'Private' settings will ensure that only people you know will be able to play with you, it's a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

**LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE**  
It's important to set limits on how long your child can play for each day. It's also important to be flexible. If your child is playing with friends, it's a good idea to let them play for a bit longer than you would otherwise. It's also important to be flexible. If your child is playing with friends, it's a good idea to let them play for a bit longer than you would otherwise.

**TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS**  
If you're concerned about play time, it's a good idea to talk to other parents and carers. They may have some tips and tricks that you can use to help your child play more responsibly. It's also a good idea to talk to other parents and carers. They may have some tips and tricks that you can use to help your child play more responsibly.

**CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS**  
It's often overlooked, but having good gaming skills can be a great way to develop important skills. Gaming can help with problem-solving, teamwork, and communication. It can also help with hand-eye coordination and reaction time. These are all skills that are useful in many areas of life.

**PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF**  
There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself. This will help you understand what your child is doing and what they are enjoying. It will also help you to see what your child is doing and what they are enjoying. It will also help you to see what your child is doing and what they are enjoying.

**Meet our expert**  
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Please can I remind all parents and carers that abuse towards our staff will not be tolerated. Sadly, this term we have had a few incidents where staff have been the victim of verbal abuse. We understand that there are times when things happen in school that may cause anger and frustration. We are here to communicate and work with you to help find resolutions in the right way

