

Priory Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to share some exciting updates from across the school.

The Power of Reading Every Night

Reading is one of the most powerful tools we can give our children. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each evening can make a huge difference to their vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence. To celebrate this, we've launched a **monthly reward system** for children who consistently read at home. Whether it's a bedtime story, a comic, or a chapter book, every page counts and every reader could be our next prize winner!

Coming Soon: Reading Guides

We're thrilled to announce that guides on **Read Write Inc. (RWI)**, **reading fluency**, and **reading for pleasure** will be available soon. These resources are designed to help families support their children's reading journey at home and understand how we teach reading in school.

Clubs and Competitions

It's been wonderful to see so many children engaging with our wide range of **after-school clubs**. From art to athletics, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye out for upcoming competitions, including the **rugby festival** and the **WBA tournament** - we're proud of the enthusiasm and teamwork our pupils continue to show.

Author Visit Inspires Young Minds

This month, a group of children had the exciting opportunity to meet a published author. Their curiosity and thoughtful questions were a credit to our school, and we hope this experience will inspire even more storytelling and reading at home.

Playground Behaviour Reminder

We'd like to remind all families about the importance of **respectful behaviour on the playground**. The start and end of the school day should be a calm and positive experience for every child. Please be mindful of the language used during drop off and pick up times, as children are present and easily affected by adult interactions. Let's work together to ensure our playground remains a safe and welcoming space for all.

Our Core Values: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

At Priory Primary School, these principles guide everything we do. They help create a nurturing environment where children can thrive, learn, and grow into confident individuals.

Thank you again for being part of our school community.

Upcoming events

- Girls football League (start date TBC)
- Mixed boys/girls league (start date TBC)
- Netball League (start date TBC)
- On the bus Trip- Friday 3rd October 2025
- School Trust council meeting at Woodside- Friday 10th October 2025
- P.E Leaders Meeting- Tuesday 14th October 2025
- West Bromwich Albion Football– Wednesday 15th October 2015
- School vaccinations- Thursday 16th October 2025
- Parents Evening– Wednesday 22nd October 2025 and Thursday 23rd October 2025
- Cinema reading winners - Tuesday 11th November 2025 and Thursday 27th November 2025
- **Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025**
- Year 6 Mixed Tag rugby tournament at Dudley and Kingswinford Rugby Club - Wednesday 5th November 2025
- School photos- Thursday 13th November 2025
- School photos (catch up)- Thursday 20th November 2025
- **Term End - Friday 19 December 2025**
- Year 6 Residential– Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th February 2026

Attendance update

Your attendance shapes your academic journey and every day counts.

Our attendance for the last two weeks is...

93.21%

1st	Year 3 96.13%
2nd	Year 5 94.53%
3rd	Reception 94.20%



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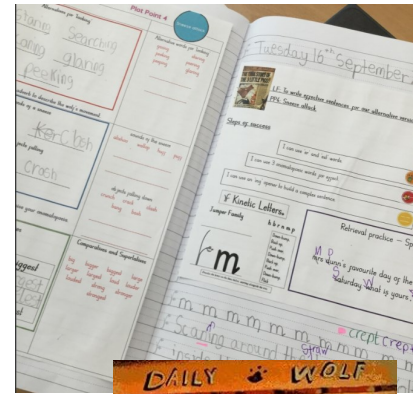
School policy states you must inform the school if you are intending on going on holiday, by filling out a school leave of absence request form (can be collected from the school office), which should then be returned with a minimum of 15 days notice.

Spotlight on Lower Key stage 2

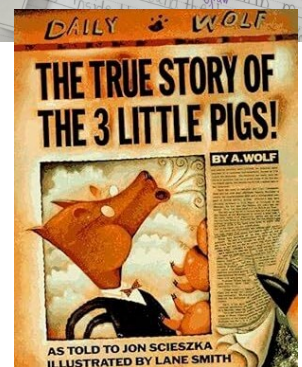
Years 3 and 4, we have had an excellent start to the new school year! We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers and settling into life as a lower Key Stage 2 child.

Year 3

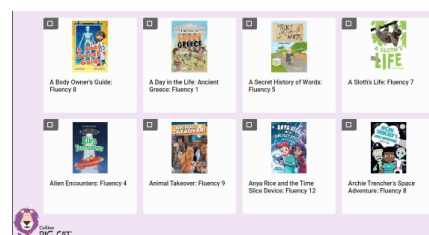
In Year 3, we have begun to explore our new history topic of Prehistoric Life, where we have explored life in the Stone Age. We have explored how life in Prehistoric times was very different to our lives today!



We have also been enjoying our focus text in writing, The true story of the three little pigs. We have been exploring the story from the wolf's point of view - did you know he said blowing the houses down was an accident? We're not convinced he's telling the truth!



Children in Year 3 who have graduated phonics are now taking part in Reading Fluency lessons, where we have been exploring the Collins Hub to access our range of books this week. Children have now brought passwords home in their planners and can access their books at home. Please encourage your child to read using Collins Hub three times per week and encourage them to read aloud to you where possible. Happy reading!



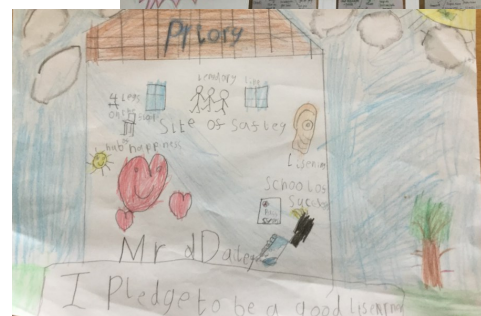
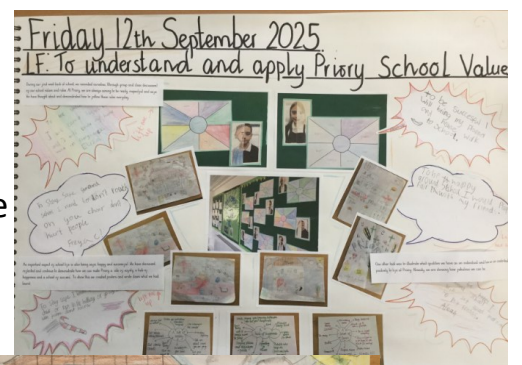
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Year 4

In Year 4, we have begun our 'Living things and their habitats' topic in Science lessons. We have been investigating a range of animals and their habitats including reptiles, mammals, birds and fish. We have been developing our scientific vocabulary and asking thoughtful questions.

In our Art lessons, we have been exploring the style of Tudor portraits - they are very different to photographs that we are used to today! We have been experimenting with tones, shading, texture and different mediums to draw with. We will be soon using our skills to draw our own Tudor portrait of ourselves and look forward to sharing these with you!

In Year 4, we all have the exciting opportunity to go swimming for a term at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre. 4B have already made a splashing start this term and are making fantastic progress in learning front crawl. 4L will be swimming in Spring term, followed by 4H in Summer



Spotlight on Sports at Priory



Give your brain a movement break! We use this thought our school day to increase our activity levels. We try to be active for 30 minutes every day at school.

Free access for parents:

<https://platform.imoves.com/sign-up?>

Please make sure earrings are removed for P.E days (no plasters).

Please make sure the correct P.E uniform is worn for lessons and clubs

(see uniform page for more information).



Special shout out to Aleah Anslow and Tyler Rae Bowater for being chosen by their team mates for trainer of the week during Football club this week.

Spotlight on Sports at Priory



A great start with 765 active trips so far this term.

Remember three active walks a week across the month will earn you a badge.



Additional opportunities:

- Libre netball club based at Dormston for children school year 5 and 6. Please see Miss Haden for contact details.
- D K rugby are looking for players in school years 5 and 6 - dfdkrfcschliaison@gmail.com
- All stars cricket - lots of venues to play cricket. <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>



Well done to those who have made a fantastic start to the term, getting back focused and sharpening up on our times tables. A big well done to our top 3 Times table Rock stars who have got the most correct answers.

Keep playing and it could be you next time!



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We are very lucky to have a new spelling program coming to Priory! We are now subscribed to 'Learn with Emile', an app and online resource based around spelling.

Over the coming weeks, children will be given their log in details (the same as their Times Tables Rockstars login) and be set work, tasks and games. Each child will have a tamagotchi on the app that, when they earn points for playing spelling games and correctly spelling words, they can watch grow. This is a fun and interactive way to help our children at Priory be star spellers.

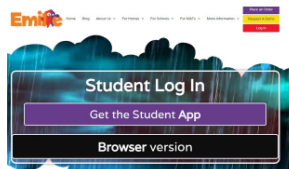
We hope you join us in supporting the use of this in school and at home.

Please see the details below:

Student Portal:

The student portal is how pupils access Emile.

The app and browser version are largely the same, but the app has full control of the Tamagotchi feature and access to the Story Mode. The Story Mode is full of real games that allow students to explore the subject in a context.



Browser Version:

The browser version does not need to be installed and so can be accessed by nearly every online device.

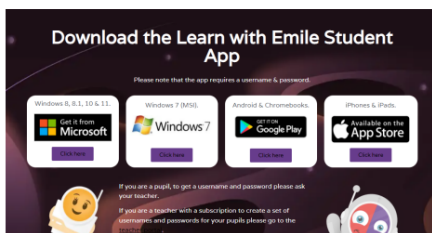
The browser version can be accessed using an internet browser such as Google Chrome using the following link: <https://games.emile-education.com/>

App Version:

The app is available from [here](#) or by searching "Learn with Emile" in all app stores.

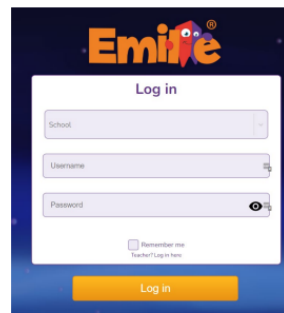
The app is available for the current device types:

- Windows 8, 8.1, 10 & 11
- Windows 7 (MSI)
- Android & Chromebooks
- iPhones & iPads



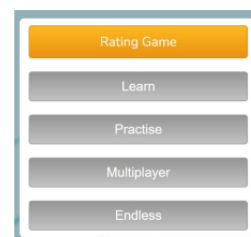
Logging In:

Students will receive their log in details from their school. These can be used on the browser and app version. We encourage you to use the free app as it has more resources and game modes which your students can learn and play.



Types of Games:

The following games can be accessed via the app or through your chosen browser.



Rating Game:

Before a student can access any other game mode, they must complete a Rating Game.

The rating game determines the appropriate level of game and activity accessible for the student. If a student is successful in subsequent games and activities, then they will complete another rating game to re-assess their level and determine their improvement.

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**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning



Magic Breakfast supports your child's school to provide nutritious breakfasts each morning.

We're pleased to let you know that your child can enjoy a free, healthy breakfast at school every day.

A well-balanced breakfast can positively impact learning, well-being, concentration, friendships and much more.

And with breakfast on offer each morning, you can be confident your child has access to the food they need to start their day fuelled and ready to learn.

Ask at school how your child can access their **free** Magic Breakfast!

Did you know?

Children who enjoy a Magic Breakfast every morning are on average 2 months ahead in their reading, writing and maths.*

*Based on research carried out by the Institute for Fiscal Studies when comparing children at KS1 over the course of a year



Find out more

Uniform

At Priory Primary School, we pride ourselves on looking smart and being an active member of our school community by wearing our school uniform. Wearing the Priory Primary School uniform promotes a sense of community within the school and allows children to demonstrate their pride in their school both within school and when they are out in the local community.

Summer Uniform from Easter until October half term:

- Blue gingham pinafore dress or grey or black shorts/trousers and white polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan (no hoodies)
- Black sensible plain shoes (no trainers or coloured logos)
- Winter Uniform from October half term until Easter:
 - White polo shirt
 - Navy sweatshirt/cardigan (no hoodies)
 - Black or grey trousers/skirt
 - Black sensible plain shoes (no trainers or coloured logos)

PE Kit –

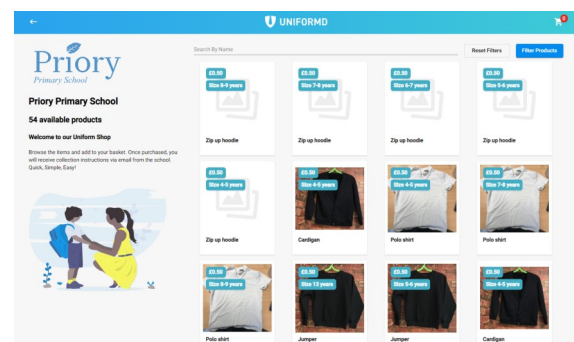
- White t-shirt/polo
- Plain black/navy tracksuit (no logos please) – black/navy shorts are welcomed in the summer
- Black pumps and/or trainers

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name!

Pre loved Uniform

We have lots of pre-loved uniform available to purchase. The school shop can be found on the link:

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/197>



We are pleased to introduce to you ParentLine, our new messaging service for parents and carers!

Managed by **Health Visitors and School Nurses**, we can offer advice and support on many topics like:

Sleep and behaviour

Emotional health and wellbeing

Visual and oral health

Illnesses

Stopping smoking

Parenting

Healthy lifestyle

Sexual health advice

Breastfeeding and hot

Health and development

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And much more



Text us today for confidential advice and support on:

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