

Priory Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and vibrant half term, I'd like to thank you to all families for your continued support. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening your positive comments and engagement with your child's learning make a real difference, and we're grateful for the strong partnership we share.

Celebrating Reading and Book Fair Success

We were thrilled by the enthusiasm around our recent Book Fair. The number of books purchased was fantastic, and thanks to your generosity, we've been able to add even more titles to our school library. This not only supports our reading culture but helps every child access high quality texts that inspire and challenge.

Attendance Matters

While we've seen many successes this term, we are continuing to focus on improving attendance across the school. Every day in school counts missing even a few days can feel like skipping an episode in a favourite series, leaving gaps in learning and understanding. We know that good attendance is closely linked to progress, confidence, and wellbeing, and we're committed to working with families to support this.

Looking Ahead

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all enjoy a well deserved rest and some quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community.

Upcoming events

- **Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025**
- Year 6 Rugby Tournament- Tuesday 4th November
- Link Academy year $\frac{3}{4}$ football tournament -Wednesday 12th November
- Year 6 Mixed Tag rugby tournament at Dudley and Kingswinford Rugby Club - Wednesday 5th November 2025
- Cinema reading winners - Tuesday 11th November 2025 and Thursday 27th November 2025
- Dudley Gymnastics club Festival- Thursday 13th November
- Girl's Football Tournament—Monday 17th November
- 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.

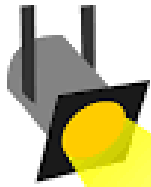
We need to make a big push to improve attendance in the next term as attendance figures are still lower than the national average.

1st	Year 1 95.49%
2nd	Year 5 93.77%
3rd	Year 2 93.75%



**POLITE
NOTICE**

Please be reminded that parents must report their children's absence via parent mail or by ringing the school office. If children are absent from school for more than 3 days, medical evidence should be provided.



Spotlight on EYFS



Reception

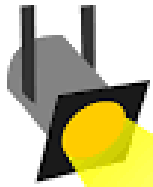
In Reception, we have all settled into our new school very well! We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers and exploring all our new areas.

We have been exploring many areas throughout our school, one of our favourite areas is the forest school. Where we have been exploring all the beautiful wildlife, insects and nature. During our topic lessons we have been learning all about our seasons and we have even taken a closer look at what our season of autumn looks like in our forest school through using our binoculars and special checklist to find all the orange, red and brown autumn leaves.



We have also had a very special visit from our road safety team. We all have taken part in dressing up as a lollipop lady/man to help teddy bear cross the road.





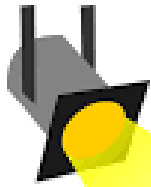
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Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful start to the year. We have all settled well and we have had some lovely opportunities this half term including going to forest school, visiting our 'little lender's library' and our special visitor from 'Dudley Performance Arts' teaching singing.





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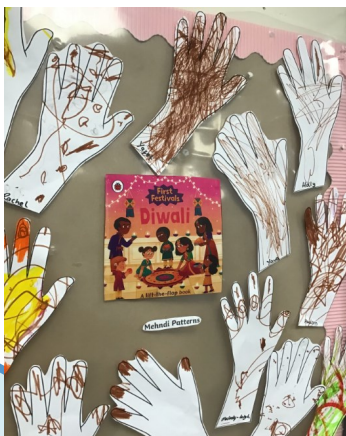
Time for 2s

Dudley library team came into Time for Two's to allow the children to participate in a Rattle and Rhyme session. During this time the children got to join in with a variety of nursery rhymes using instruments and props linked to nursery rhymes. The children had lots of fun and enjoyed joining in with the rhymes and activities put on by the library team.

Time for Two's also got to make chocolate cakes for Mac-Millan coffee morning. They melted the chocolate before mixing in the rice cereal and then scooped the ingredients into their cake cases. They finished off their cakes by decorating them with mini marshmallows.



The children have also been learning all about the celebration of Diwali. They have been exploring creating marks to represent Mehndi on hand templates. They created Rangoli patterns using natural resources in the forest school. They have also created diya lights by manipulating play dough around a battery powered tea light. The children in Time for Two's have had lots of fun learning all about Diwali.



Spotlight on Sports at Priory

Well done 5G!

Class of the month for October!

1st 5G

2nd 4B

3rd 4L



TOTAL ACTIVE TRIPS: 3,222

TOTAL NON-ACTIVE TRIPS: 183

If you would like your child to be part of an after school club after half term, ask the office about potential spaces.



“Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it or work around it.”

– Michael Jordan, former professional basketball player

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A massive well done to the Year 4 football team, who came first in the West Bromwich Albion football tournament!



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.

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)

Maths at Priory



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!

