



# Priory Primary School Newsletter

Autumn 2- Issue 7

## The Priory Post

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*Dear parents and Carers,*

*As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our children, families and staff for their continued support and commitment to our school community.*

*This term has been filled with exciting learning experiences, celebrations and opportunities for children to shine. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm, creativity and kindness shown by our pupils, and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.*

*I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their hard work and care, and our parents and carers for the positive partnerships we share. Working together makes such a difference to the children's learning and wellbeing.*

*As we look ahead to the Christmas break, I hope it is a time for rest, joy and special moments with family and friends. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.  
We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new term.*

*Warmest wishes,*

*Mr Griffiths*

*Headteacher*

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## **Winter Warmer Packs**

Dear parents and Carers,

This year, Priory Primary School has received funding from the Local Authority's hardship fund. We have chosen to use this money to provide every child in the school with a Winter Warm Pack. The packs are designed to help children keep warm and comfortable over the winter months and provide a small amount of support with the ever-increasing costs to heat our homes.

The packs consist of a children's snoodie, a blanket and a hot water bottle and they will be gifted to all children on the last day of term, Friday 19th December, before they leave for the Christmas break.

We hope this small gesture will provide some practical support and comfort during the winter season.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school and for everything you do to ensure the wellbeing of your children. May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry (and warm) Christmas holidays and a happy new year.

Wishing you and your family a safe, warm, and restful holiday period.

**Mr Daley**

**Executive Headteacher**



## Upcoming Events

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- *Term End - Friday 19 December 2025 (2pm finish)*
  - *Term Starts- Monday 5th January 2025*
  - *Year 6 Online Safety Talk- Wednesday 14th January*
  - *Year 6 Residential– Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th February 2026*
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## Attendance Update

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and overall development. Every day in school counts, as it provides not only academic learning but also access to extracurricular activities and pastoral care, which are essential for your child's

wellbeing and growth. Ensuring your child attends school regularly sets a strong foundation for their future success.

We kindly remind parents and carers that if your child is absent from school, the absence must be reported either via ParentMail or by calling the school absence line, in line with our school attendance policy.

We have noticed an increase in absences not being reported this term, and we appreciate your support in ensuring all absences are communicated promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Congratulations to Year 3, who currently have the highest attendance in school.**



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***1st place: Year 3 with 93.48 %***

***2nd place: Year 5 with 91.15 %***

***3rd place: Year 2 with 91.06 %***

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## Spotlight on Early Years and Key Stage 1



### Early Years

Our Time for Twos group have been busy celebrating their topic *Crash, Bang, Pop* over the autumn half term. As part of this, we were delighted to invite parents and carers into the setting to spend time with their children. Families enjoyed taking part in a range of Christmas craft activities together, before finishing the session with a festive singalong. It was a lovely opportunity to share learning, creativity and special moments with our families.









Children and their families in Nursery enjoyed spending time together taking part in a range of festive craft activities, with lots of opportunities for creativity and fun. We especially loved having dedicated time to explore the activities at their own pace, supported by familiar adults. We ended our wonderful session by coming together for a cheerful Christmas singalong, which was enjoyed by both children and families and created a lovely festive atmosphere.







This term, our Reception children have been learning all about celebrations and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this theme through stories, discussions, and creative activities. As part of this learning, they worked incredibly hard to practise and perform their Nativity, showing great enthusiasm, perseverance, and teamwork throughout the process.

The children performed the Nativity three times in total—once for Key Stage 1 and twice for parents—and each performance was a huge success. They sang beautifully, spoke clearly, and showed growing confidence on stage, making all three performances a joy to watch.

We are extremely proud of how well the children rose to the challenge, supporting one another and demonstrating such maturity and resilience. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support; it was wonderful to celebrate this special achievement together.



## Key Stage 1

In year 2, the children have been exploring maps and the local area. They have understood the meaning of map symbols and followed a route on a map. In DT, the children have designed and made vehicles. They followed a design brief and their plan to make a successful vehicle. In Writing, year 2 enjoyed visiting the park in Dudley to stimulate their poetry writing and have used the short film 'My Christmas Star' to write stories about working hard to achieve a goal. We are really pleased with the children's writing, especially their use of conjunctions and commas in a list.

To end the term, year 1 and 2 performed two shows of 'Christmas by Candlelight' to a packed hall of parents. All the children sang tunefully and read poems loudly and clearly. The actions to songs had everyone smiling and dancing along.

We are very proud of Year 1 and 2 this term and can't wait to see what next term brings!





## Poppy Appeal Fundraising

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all our parents and families for your generous donations to the Poppy Appeal. Your kindness and support help us honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community.

Together, we have made a meaningful contribution, and we are proud of the compassion shown by our school community.

Thank you once again for your generosity.



<p><b>Thank you</b></p> <p>Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.</p> <p>To <u>Priny School</u></p> <p>Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.</p> <p>Together we raised <u>£218.66</u>.</p> <p>To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit <a href="http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal">rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal</a></p> 	<p><b>Thank you</b></p> <p>Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.</p> <p>To <u>Pringsholt</u></p> <p>Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.</p> <p>Together we raised <u>£25.37</u>.</p> <p>To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit <a href="http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal">rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal</a></p> 
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## Sports at Priory



### Dodgeball Tournament – Wednesday 3rd December

This week, two Priory teams took part in an exciting dodgeball tournament at The Link Academy in Netherton. Competing against 16 teams, **Priory B secured an impressive 2nd place**, with **Priory A finishing 4th**—a fantastic achievement for both groups!

The children had an amazing afternoon, showing brilliant teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

We are also pleased to celebrate **Class 5G**, who have been awarded *Living Streets Class of the Month* for December, recognising their excellent commitment to active travel.



## Dance festival 2025

### Year 6 Dance Festival – Tuesday 9th December

On Tuesday 9th December, some of our Year 6 children attended an exciting dance festival at Windsor High School. Throughout the session, pupils had the opportunity to learn new skills, work with specialist instructors, and collaborate creatively with one another.

The children created and performed a beautiful routine to “*Brother*” from *The Lion King*, showcasing confidence, teamwork and expressive movement. They represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





## Spring Term Sports Clubs

### Monday

- Year 6 Dodgeball *KS2 Hall*

### Tuesday

- Girls' Football – Years 4, 5 & 6 *KS2 Hall / Outside*

- Dance Club – Years 2 & 3 KS1 Hall

### **Wednesday**

- *Year 5/6 Netball KS2 Hall / Outside*
- *Dodgeball – Years 3 & 4 KS1 Hall*

### **Thursday**

- *Fitness – Years 4 & 5 KS2 Hall*

Parents will be asked to complete a ParentMail form to register their child's interest. These lists will then be passed to the teacher running the club, who will confirm the children allocated a place. The school office will notify parents via ParentMail if their child has been successful in securing a place.

## **Priory Performers**

Priory Performers created a party atmosphere on Thursday after school when they performed a mix of Christmas favourites, including Dominik the Donkey and Let it Snow! and party songs, including Golden, Firework, Wake me Up and Price Tag, for their families. They have worked hard to learn the lyrics and dance moves to be able to create a memorable show.

Next term, the Priory Performers will be working on a production of Spring Chicken where they'll be acting, singing, dancing and farmyard fun! Make sure to sign up via Parent Mail if you would like to be involved



## Times Tables Rock Stars Battle



## Advertisement

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dudley Voices for Choice support adults who have learning disabilities or who are autistic. You can access the website here to see the support and community they offer.

<https://www.dudleyvoicesforchoice.org.uk/>

They are also offering a number of events over December to bring communities of people together with similar lived experiences. You can see the events offered below. There is an email address on the flyer below you can use to contact Kelly Slade for more details.





# SOFT PLAY SESSIONS ONLY £2

WITH WINTER WEDNESDAYS THIS DECEMBER!

**SLIDE INTO SOFT PLAY...**  
at Duncan Edwards, Crystal and Halesowen  
leisure centres and pay only £2 per child on  
Wednesdays in December\*

Find out more at [www.dbleisure.co.uk/soft-play](http://www.dbleisure.co.uk/soft-play)



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