

## NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous - and extremely busy - start to the Summer Term and this looks set to continue until the end of term! We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children during this half term following a very successful residential to East Barnby for our Year 5s, a two-week swimming programme for Year 4 children and a visit to the Jorvik Centre in York. We have planned visits in the coming weeks to Bridlington Animal Farm for our Year 2 children and our Year 5s have a World War II experience planned at the Streetlife Museums. Last week the children participated in a House Day, working with other children in their Key Stage in Ferens, Johnson, Bilocca or Sullivan. They produced some excellent work, did some fabulous research and really enjoyed working collaboratively with different groups of children.

Our Year 6 children are now very ready for their SATs. They are all working really hard and we are absolutely delighted, and very proud, of their continuing efforts in the run up to these tests. We know that they will do their very best! Following the SATs week, there will be an opportunity for the children to relax with a pyjama and film day and the following week will include a visit to Raywell to experience a variety of outdoor challenges.

On Wednesday 22nd May (for KS2) and Thursday 23rd May (for KS1), we are inviting parents in to join their children for some spelling and grammar learning. We will be opening the doors at 9am on both days, you will spend half an hour in class with your child and this will be followed by the opportunity to meet with staff and governors to give any constructive feedback about the school. We do hope that you will be able to join us! We can now share the dates for Sports Days which will include a family picnic. (See Diary Dates)

Thank you for your continued support using the online school payment and messaging system, Arbor, this term. Please do speak to Mrs Cole if you need support with this.

We look forward to seeing you at some point during this busy final half term!



Mrs Alyson Thompson  
Head of School

### PLEASE USE THE CAR PARK WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION!

We are very lucky to have the car parking facility at Priory. We try very hard to keep your children safe by encouraging parents to use the car park with due care and consideration. We have been told that some parents are not keeping to the 5mph speed limit on the school drive. Unfortunately, we do continue to have drivers who drop their children at the roundabout putting their child and others at risk. If this continues I will be asking that these cars do not come onto the school site - this is not something that I wish to do. May I also take this opportunity to remind you to only use the disabled parking bays if you hold a blue badge and get out of your car to collect your child.

Thank you for your support in keeping all the children safe at Priory.

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## Meet the Governors

We are very lucky at Priory Primary School to be supported by our committed and hard-working governing body. We have regular events when you will be able to meet with governors and share with them your views of the school.



### Ann Matthews—Chair of Governors

I have served on the governing body of Priory for several years. I have worked in education since 1997 in a variety of roles and schools and I believe my experience of these means that I have a deeper understanding of the barriers faced in education and the ways forward. I have previously served on governing bodies in a previous school, where I served on personnel and exclusion panels.



### Joe Tomlinson—Vice Chair

Initially working as a PE Coordinator and teacher at Collingwood Primary School, I moved on to undertake a variety of roles at The Football Association supporting children and the teachers and coaches who work with them. I now lead Physical Foundations in helping a variety of schools develop their Physical Education Curriculum and activity offer. As a governor I enjoy seeing and supporting the way that Priory engages, empowers and embeds its curriculum and many other aspects of school life to its community.



### Tracey Parkinson

I've been a member of Priory Primary's Governing Body for the last 13 years. I worked at the school for almost 20 years as a Teaching Assistant, based across various year groups before deciding to take early retirement in December 2021. I live locally and both of my adult sons went to Priory and I feel that the school is at the heart of the local community. I enjoy being a part of the school's ongoing success and hope to continue my Governor role well into the future.



### Jayne Russell

I have been a Governor at Priory Primary School for about 25 years. I became a member of the Governing Body just after my eldest son started the school - both my sons attended Priory. I have seen a lot of changes in the role of being a Governor over the years. I enjoy being part of the running of the school and being able to contribute to the schools successes. I have worked for the Department of Work and Pensions for 32 years as an Executive Officer, I work in one of the local Job Centres as a Work Coach and sometimes the transferable skills of my job role and that of a Governor is valuable.



### Brian Comerford

I joined the Governing Body at Primary Priory School in 2022. I am also a Community Governor at the Ormiston Maritime Academy in Grimsby. I left full-time employment at nearby Ideal Standard in spring 2020 after 36 years. Where I worked in the Marketing Department gaining extensive experience working in team leadership roles developing coaching and training capabilities.



### Ellie Hodder

I am a parent governor at Priory Primary School, my son attends the school and I have strong links to the local community, having grown up in the area. I work in the education sector and I am educated to BA (Hons) resulting in having a number of transferrable skills in relation to the business, management and financial aspects of school life. Priory have a strong team of governors who I will work with collaboratively to ensure the children experience the best possible education and gain the best possible outcomes.



## Janet Woodmanssey

I have three adult children and whilst they were at school I was a parent Governor. I now have three grandchildren, two at Priory Primary and another to come and feel I have the time to give to the school governor team. My work history has been two spells as a Police Constable including Vulnerable Victim Officer and Child Interviewer, I was also Safeguarding representative at my local church for a while. I am educated to BA (Hons) and did a postgraduate submission for Chartered Librarian.



## Amy Johnson

I have worked at Priory Primary School for 4 years now, joining the school as an ECT. I felt that becoming a Staff Governor would be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about how governance works and to challenge and support the school from a different perspective. I am very proud of all that we do to support our children academically, socially and with their personal development and will appreciate the opportunity to support this further.



## Allison Allinson

I have been a member of Priory Primary School staff for more than 20 years and living in the local community I have, over those years, seen the impact our school has had, and continues to have. I feel passionately about our young people and the wider local community. I like to get involved in all things to make the place where I live a better place, including volunteering to help others.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Congratulations to Alder Class for having the highest attendance scores to date!

Our attendance target for the year is 96% or above and sadly it doesn't look as though we will meet the target this year. One of the reasons for this is the significant number of term time holidays which have been taken and are due to be taken this year. We would like to remind you that **all** holiday absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

Group	% Attend
Ash	95.6%
Elm	92.2%
Beech	96.5%
Rowan	94.5%
Willow	95.7%
Cherry	95.2%
Maple	95.5%
Silver Birch	93.8%
Pine	93.4%
Alder	96.9%
Oak	94.5%
Holly	93.9%
Hazel	92.4%
Cedar	90.5%
Totals	94.3%

On a number of occasions this year, parents have told us that they mixed up the school holiday dates or that other members of the family have booked holidays not realising that they were during term time. The term dates for next year are detailed on the diary dates in this newsletter and are available on our website so that you have plenty of notice for next year's holiday plans.

**The fine for taking a holiday of 5 or more school days in one school year is £60 per child, per parent. (e.g. one child with mum and dad would incur a fine of £120 for a week's holiday). This is the current cost and we have recently been made aware that significant increases are being introduced.**

**We would also like to remind you of how we can support you in ensuring your child has the best attendance possible at school:-**

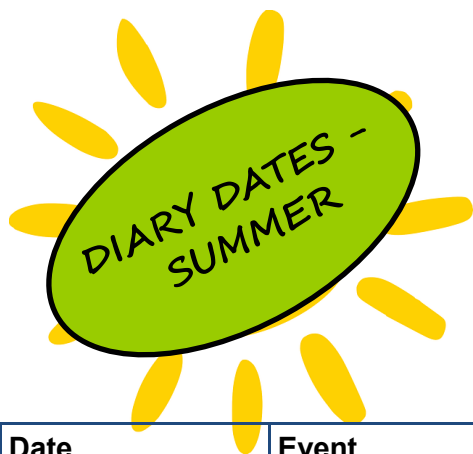
We provide before school care for the children if and when required. Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am.

With your permission, we can administer prescription medicines. We can also give the children children's paracetamol (Calpol) again with your permission.

Our school nurse is available every Friday afternoon for support and advice ranging from help with bedtime routines, diet, bed wetting to supporting you with implementing behaviour strategies at home. Miss Burgess, our Pastoral Lead, is available to talk with both parents or children each day if you have any concerns or worries.

If your child is ill please do make sure that you contact the school to inform us. If we do not receive a call from you we will contact you and all other contacts on your list. **We will make home visits if we are unable to make contact with you.**





Date	Event
Thurs 2nd May	Bikeability Y5
Fri 3rd May	Bikeability Y5
Mon 6th May	<b>Early May Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
Tue 7th May	Year 5 WW2 Visit
Thurs 9th May	Y2 Visit to Bridlington Animal Park
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Thurs 16th May	Year 3 Egyptian Enterprise - details to follow
Fri 17th May	Y6 PJ Party
Mon 20th May	Y6 Visit to Raywell
Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd May	Priory's Got Talent - First Round Auditions every afternoon
Weds 22nd May	Year 2 Class Assemblies Cherry Class 9 - 9.30; Willow Class 2 - 2.30
Fri 24th May	Golden Ticket Assembly for Grand Final Acts
Fri 24th May	<b>Last day of the half term</b>
Mon 3rd Jun	<b>Children return to school</b>
Mon 3rd Jun	Humberside Fire and Rescue Visit
Mon 3rd Jun	UKS2 Sports Day - family picnic from 12.30
Tues 4th Jun	KS1 Sports Day - family picnic from 12 o'clock
Weds 5th Jun	EYFS and The Meadow Sports morning (followed by family picnic)
Weds 5th Jun	Y2 Library Visit
Thurs 6th Jun	LKS2 and The Orchard Sports Day - family picnic from 12 o'clock
wc Mon 10th Jun	Y4 Multiplication Test Checks



<b>wc Mon 10th Jun</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening Checks
<b>Tues 11th Jun</b>	Nursery New Starters 'Look Around' - from 3.20pm
<b>Weds 12th Jun</b>	
<b>Weds 12th Jun</b>	Year 5 Enterprise and Assembly from 1.45pm
<b>Fri 14th Jun</b>	Careers Day for Years 5 and 6
<b>Weds 19th Jun</b>	Rowan Class Assembly 2.30 pm
<b>Thurs 20th Jun</b>	<b>Priory's Got Talent Finals from 6pm</b>
<b>Fri 21st Jun</b>	Beech Class Assembly 2.30 pm
<b>Fri 21st Jun</b>	Y3 Trip to Withernsea
<b>Mon 24th Jun</b>	Y6 start swimming sessions
<b>Weds 26th Jun</b>	Y1 Visit to Sewerby Hall
<b>Weds 3rd Jul</b>	FS2 School Visit to Hull Truck - details to follow
<b>Thurs 4th Jul</b>	Y6 Leavers' Play
<b>Fri 5th Jul</b>	Last swimming session Y6
<b>wc Mon 8th Jul</b>	Year 6 Transition Week
<b>Wed 10th Jul</b>	Transition Day - children meet their new teachers
<b>Tues 16th Jul</b>	Year 6 Prom - 6-6:30pm drinks in the garden with parents 6:30pm - 8.00pm prom
<b>Thurs 18th Jul</b>	Leavers' Assembly
<b>Fri 19th Jul</b>	<b>Final day of the Summer term – children finish at 2.00pm.</b>
<b>Term Dates for 2024-2025</b>	
<b>Tue 3rd Sep</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 25th Oct</b>	School closes for Half Term— 3:15 close for the children
<b>Mon 4th Nov</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 20th Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas—Children finish at 2pm
<b>Tue 7th Jan</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 14th Feb</b>	School closes for Half Term
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 4th Apr</b>	School closes for Easter - children finish at 2pm
<b>Wed 23rd Apr</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 23rd May</b>	School closes for half term - 3:10pm close for the children
<b>Mon 2nd Jun</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 18th Jul</b>	Final day of the Summer term - children finish at 2pm
<b>Staff Training Day—Monday in March (TBC)</b>	

