



We LEARN with PRIDE

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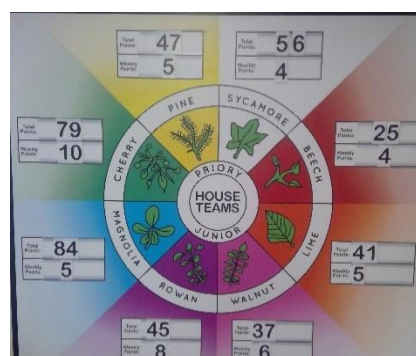
Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done! We've made it to the end of the first half term! Thank for so much for supporting me through this first half term. It has been a joy. There has been so much to celebrate already and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. Please see the final celebrations, updates and notices before half term.

House Captains

Congratulations to our new house captains! The people have spoken, and these children have been chosen to lead their house for the remainder of the year.

- Walnut** - Tilly, Freya
- Rowan** – Skylar, William
- Pine** - Eden, Evie
- Magnolia** - Neve, Sean
- Lime** - Eleanor, Jayce
- Cherry** - Emily, Jake
- Sycamore** - Vishika, Ben
- Beech** - Kian, Ashil



House Points

Whilst we're on house points, it seems appropriate to announce the winner for this half term. At the minute, Magnolia are in the lead with 84 points. It could all change as the year goes on. There's plenty more hard work to be done and plenty more house point tokens to be earned.

Cross-Country Event at Robert Mellors

Monday saw our Year 3 and 4 children complete in the first sporting competition of the year. Considering we have never competed in a cross-country competition before, let alone at a different school, the children did fantastically. There were some stellar performances, including Thomas and Zachary in year 3 who finished 6th and 10th respectively in their first event competing for Priory Junior School.



Football Team

Try-outs have been held for this year's boys football team. The team has been chosen and the following children will be representing Priory Junior School in this year's competitions.

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| Elliot N | Harry H | |
| Tyler H | Ollie H | Xavier K |
| Jayce BH | Thomas H | Shayan S |
| Ralph F | Max H | Bobby N |
| Evan L | Eden C | Harry W |
| Cairo K | Ben S | |



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Sporting Competitions

There will be lots more opportunities for children to represent Priory moving forwards. Mrs. Tilling and Mr. Foster have been looking at the school games calendar and picking out the events for children to compete in. This year I am keen for us to build up our sporting profile and provide more and more opportunities for the children to compete and represent out school.

The Halloween Disco

Thank you for much to everyone who came to the Halloween Disco. It was an amazing event and helped raise money to support funding things that are important to our school community. Thank you, too, to the staff who committed their time, effort and energy to supporting this event. And a special Thank You to Miss Carrington



for providing me with a Panda

face for the duration of the evening courtesy of the face-painting stand! The costumes were incredible, the hair was spectacular and the inflatable costumes were too big to fit through most of the doors!

PINS Coffee Morning... Well, afternoon!

The PINS coffee afternoon was brilliant. Thank you to those who turned up to learn more about and support the neurodiverse community. It's always a pleasure to welcome people into school for a chat and a cuppa. We are proud of the role that we play in supporting our community and are committed to continuing to support all our families by bringing people together, including professionals from other sectors such as healthcare and education.



This shop is open!





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The Year 6 have worked their first shifts in the shop. Children have been spending (or saving) and will have been coming home with new treats! There's still time to spend your Prides, though. Next half-term the shop will be open again so if you haven't quite saved enough this time, there's always next time!

The shop is one of things most associated by pupils with their time at Priory. Here's where it all started.
<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/primary-school-teaching-value-money-2026038>

A New Defibrillator

School has now installed a defibrillator at the front of the Main Entrance. Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again. The defibrillator is accessible to members of the community. Hopefully, it won't get much use, but it is important for families to know where it is.



School Uniform

Wearing school uniform is important. It shows that we belong to the same team; a team that values Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality. It shows that we belong to Priory Junior School. By wearing our uniform, it shows that we care about each other and we have each other's backs. Now we are through the first half term, please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and dressing to impress. Information can be found in the *Priory Way: Expectations for Pupils* document on the school website and below:

From next half term, children not wearing the correct school uniform will be provided with uniform at school to change in to. We appreciate that there may be odd occasions where children may not be in uniform due to exceptional circumstances. However, if children are not in the correct uniform on a regular basis, uniform will be provided. There will be strict policies regarding uniform at secondary schools, and we would like to support children in being KS3 ready as soon as possible.

What dressing to impress looks like at Priory Junior School:

- Wearing the correct school uniform:

Navy blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan (no hoodies), grey skirt or grey pinafore dress or blue gingham dress, Grey or black school trousers, no leggings, sky blue polo shirt, sensible, black school shoes.

- Wearing the correct P.E. Kit: (P.E. Days only)

White t-shirt, Navy blue or black shorts, Trainers, Navy blue/black tracksuit, P.E. bag.

- **No trainers (unless it is P.E.)**
- **Shoelaces tied**



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- **Shirts must be tucked in**
- **Shoulder length (or longer) hair tied back.**
- **Jewellery should only include stud earrings (these will be covered with plasters for P.E.) and a watch (this will be removed for P.E) OR jewellery due to a religious obligation (this must be covered)**

If you are having trouble with school uniform, please get in touch with school. We may have some spare/old uniform that we can provide to support getting all children into school and looking smart.

External Monitoring

This week, the school has undergone some quality assurance processes to support us moving forwards and improve standards. As part of this process a consultant (and OFSTED Inspector) has come in to see what is happening here at Priory Junior School. Lessons were observed in English and Maths, books were scrutinised, teachers and pupils were spoken to about their experiences here, and an exploration of safeguarding practices took place. There were lots of positives, and some things to work on moving forwards. Some key strengths identified were:

- Teaching is good
- The curriculum in English and Maths is effective.
- Current safeguarding practice is secure and well-evidenced

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a great first term for me, and I really appreciate you welcoming me into Priory with open arms.

Have a fantastic half-term break and we will see you back at school on Monday 4th November.

Stay safe and take care,

Mr. Cross