



We **LEARN** with **PRIDE**

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Key Dates:

Monday 12th October: Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 14th October: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly

Week Beginning 19th Oct AND 26th Oct – Half Term

Monday 9th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16th November: Assessment Week 1

Monday 23rd November: Assessment Week 2

Tuesday 1st December: Thursday 3rd December: Parents' Evening

Monday 14th December: Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 15th December: Y3 Nativity

Wednesday 16th December: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly

Thursday 17th December: Christmas Party Day – Non-uniform

Reading for pleasure

A huge congratulations to one of our pupils who has completed Nottinghamshire Libraries' Read to the Beat award! This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of the enjoyment, commitment and determination that reading can inspire. We are incredibly proud of her for taking on the challenge and seeing it through to the end. Well done — what a brilliant way to celebrate a love of books and reading!



Forest School

Our first Forest School exploring session was a brilliant opportunity for the children to get outside, be curious and learn from the natural world around them. Some children chose to work together to build a little stick tepee, while others explored the area looking for mushrooms. We talked carefully about the importance of not touching or eating anything we were unsure about and discussed how to explore safely and respectfully.





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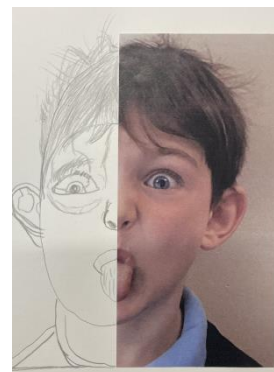
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There was also plenty of excitement as the children went hunting for bugs and other tiny creatures. The highlight had to be the discovery of four ladybirds, which caused quite a stir! It was a lovely session full of teamwork, investigation and lots of enthusiastic questions — a fantastic start to our Forest School



An Amazing Self-Portrait

We have also been incredibly impressed by a fantastic piece of artwork created by James. For this self-portrait, he used a photograph showing half of his face and carefully drew the other half by hand. The accuracy, attention to detail and close observation involved were remarkable, with features, shading and proportions matched brilliantly. It is a wonderful example of patience, skill and creativity, and a piece of work he should be very proud of.



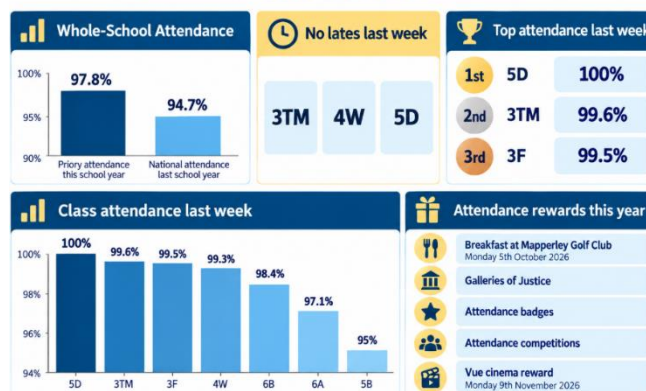
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Attendance – What a Start!

We have made a fantastic start to the new school year, with attendance currently standing at 97.8%. To put that into context, national attendance last year was 94.7%, so this is a brilliant position to be in. A special well done also goes to 3TM, 4W and 5D, who had no lates at all last week. Our top three classes for attendance were 3F in third place with 99.5%, 3TM in second with 99.6%, and 5D in first place with a perfect 100%. Fantastic effort!

Attendance Matters

Attendance data



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We have lots planned this year to celebrate great attendance, including attendance badges, class competitions, Breakfast at Mapperley Golf Club on Monday 5th October, a Galleries of Justice reward, and a Vue cinema reward on Monday 9th November. We know there will always be times when children are genuinely too unwell to attend, but when they are well enough to be in school, every day really does count. Thank you for such a positive start to the year!

Parent Drop-In

On Monday 12th October at 2:30pm, we will be holding our first Coffee and Conversation session for parents and carers, focusing on understanding behaviour and emotional regulation. We will share how, at Priory, we see behaviour as communication and how our approach is rooted in relationships, connection and helping children develop the skills to understand their emotions, make positive choices and repair relationships when things go wrong. We will also talk about the Priory Way and our PRIDE values, Zones of Regulation, co-regulation, supporting individual needs and how we celebrate positive behaviour. This will be the first in a series of informal sessions across the year, and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Some problems we're having!

You will have received an email from the office to inform you that we're having some technical problems. Our information management system – how we contact you, how you make payments, how we register the children – isn't working that well at the minute. Some work took place over the summer and has caused more issues than it solved. Please bear with us. I know it's frustrating. And we're sorry! Please use the office email or office phone number if you need anything from us and we will work as hard as we can to resolve these issues.

Have a great weekend.

Mr. Cross

