



NEWSLETTER 1

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Priory Lane Community School Newsletter

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AT A GLANCE

- Welcome back to 2026 - 2027
- Introducing our new staff
- Dates for your diary
- Attendance updates

Welcome Back

A message from Mrs Leighton



Welcome back to Priory Lane and a very warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. It has been a busy start to the term with a few changes to share with you. We welcome new members of staff to our team this year. Miss Welch and Mrs Holey join us teaching in Year 5 Panthers and the Year 4 Kangaroos. Miss Browne, Mrs Distefano and Mrs Sands join our teaching assistant team and Miss Harris joins our main school office.

Following parent feedback, we have decided to send newsletters fortnightly instead of every half term. This should enable us to share information in a more timely fashion and ensure you have the dates of events well in advance. A 'Dates for your Diary' section will be included in every newsletter and will be added to as soon as we confirm a date in our calendar. Please have a look at this section for some of the events that we have already arranged for this term and academic year.

Clubs

This year our clubs will run in 6 weekly blocks (usually a half term) Every teacher will run a club at some point through the academic year. We hope that this will allow for a wider range of clubs and for more children to be able to join a club at some point in the year. Mrs Holey and Miss Foster start us off with a Gardening and a Cooking Club. Later this term there will be two new clubs: Bookworms and The Crafty Crew. In 2027,

watch out for: The Book Bugs, Sports Stars, Choir, Archaeology, more Cooking and lots more.

Hoodies

We are aware that some of you have asked if it is possible to swap hoodies for an alternative size. We are able to swap some hoodies, but unfortunately it will not be possible to swap all of them, particularly for sizes larger than 11 - 12 years old as this was the largest children's size our stockist had. If you would like to swap a hoodie, please call into the office and we will see what we can do. If you are unable to swap your hoodie, a plain blue hoodie, zip up top or sweatshirt is acceptable. Blue hoodies with a plain white Priory Lane logo can be purchased from Stitchline by telephoning 01724 845702. They do not stock our hoodies but will make them to order if you ring them.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Every week a pupil from each year group will be chosen to come and enjoy a hot chocolate treat on a Friday afternoon. Last week, Nala, Afaaf, Lilliana, Clara, Neveah and Maya joined me for hot chocolate with all the toppings and brought the piece of work they are most proud of from the week. It was wonderful to give the pupils who always go above and beyond with our expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe a special treat. I can't wait to see who will be joining me next week. A perfect way to end the week!

Attendance Matters

Which classes are in the green section of the attendance diamond?



Here are our latest attendance percentages. Our minimum attendance target is 94.8%.

Each week class teachers will be sharing with their class the colour band that they are in. The children know that we are aiming for every child to be in the green or yellow band. Whenever your child's attendance drops into the orange band or below we will be in touch to let you know. Our discussions will focus on how we can work with you to improve attendance rather than punitive measures and fines. Children learn best when they are in school every day and we want them to succeed. We have had a really strong start to the academic year with attendance. Thank you for your support.



Attendance so far this year

Well done Year 5 Panthers	98.68%	Year 5 Leopards	91.13%
Year 1 Puffins	98.11%	Year 5 Panthers	98.68%
Year 1 Penguins	98.25%	Year 6 Lions	97.5%
Year 2 Dolphins	93.82%	Year 6 Tigers	91.67%
Year 3 Giraffes	97.13%	Whole School Attendance 96.2%	
Year 4 Kangaroos	95.08%		
Year 4 Koalas	98.19%		

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We've surpassed our target. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

Dates For Your Diary



Here are the dates for some of the things we have arranged this term. Please keep checking back as more dates are added.

- Parents' Evening - Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 15th October
- Harvest Festival at St Hugh's Church - Thursday 15th October @10.00am. All welcome!
- Break up for Half Term - Friday 23rd October
- Return to school after Half Term - Monday 2nd November
- Christmas Pantomime in school: Aladdin - Friday 4th December
- Christmas Fair - Friday 11th December
- Christmas Carol Service at St Hugh's Church - Thursday 17th December
- Break up for Christmas - Friday 18th December

Save the Date - Early Notification

Events we have coming up this year.

- World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2027
- Mother's Day Service at St Hugh's Church - Friday 5th March 2027

- Year 6 Residential - Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th March 2027
- Annual Garden Party - Friday 16th July 2027
- Break up for the summer holidays - Wednesday 21st July 2027

Stay in Touch

Ways to contact us and stay in touch with events



- Catch us on the playground. We are visible on the playground and at the front of school every morning and evening. We wear pink high vis vests so you can spot us easily.
- Telephone 01724 844812 - If the staff member you need is unavailable, they will call you back as soon as they can.
- Email - admin.priorylane@northlincs.gov.uk
- Follow us on our new facebook page - Priory Lane Community School - Scunthorpe.