

NEWSLETTER 2

28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Priory Lane Community School Newsletter

Positive Learning Celebrating Success

AT A GLANCE

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A message from Mrs Leighton



Can you believe we are already half way through our first half term? It has been a really busy 4 weeks in school and the children are now well settled into their new classes. School Councillors and Eco Councillors have been elected for each class and our brand new Senior Prefects have also been elected by the pupils and staff. Congratulations to Harry and Emily who were the successful candidates for the role of Senior Prefect. It was a huge privilege to watch so many of our prefects bravely share their manifestos with the whole school before the elections took place. All of them were worthy of the position of senior prefect - they spoke confidently, articulately and passionately about our school and their role. This year's School Council is made up of a representative from each class from Year 1 to Year 6. I can't wait to meet our new councillors: Nancy, Nala, Ahaad, Jake, Clara, Julia, Selena, Liliana, Daisysue and Emily later this week. Well done to every child who put themselves forward for all of these roles and responsibilities.

Musical Instrument Tuition

Something new for this academic year that we hope to continue into future years is that we have commissioned North Lincolnshire's Schools' Music Service to teach all of year 2 and year 4 to learn to play a musical instrument. Year 2 are currently learning to play the recorder and year 4 are learning to play the trumpet. So far the year 4 children have learnt about musical notation and the importance of rhythm. We hope

to invite parents to a performance later in the year.

We also continue to offer ukulele, guitar and piano lessons from private music tutors each week. If your child is interested in taking up additional music tuition, please ask the office for details.

Allergy Policy

From September 2026, Benedict's Law came into force along with updated statutory guidance for all schools around the management of allergies in schools. Our Allergy Policy is published on our school website and can be accessed [here](#).

One of the biggest changes is that we are no longer able to distribute sweets and cakes brought into school for pupil's birthdays. Every child will continue to receive a birthday card from myself and a happy birthday wish in assembly, but we can no longer hand out edible items sent into school. This change will come into effect from 1st October 2026.

If we are giving the children edible items in school (such as Fudge Cake Friday), these will be given in line with our allergy policy and parental consent.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

SRP Consultation Meeting

The consultation meeting about our planned specialist resource provision (SRP) here at Priory Lane was due to be held on 17th September - the day school was closed due to no water supply. This meeting has been rearranged for Tuesday 29th September at 9am. Please join us if you have any questions or comments about the opening of this provision.

Free School Meal Eligibility

This week we will be sending all parents a letter and form regarding applying for free school meals. Even though all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for a free school meal, it is really beneficial that families who are eligible apply for free school meals. North Lincolnshire Council pays for all children who are eligible to have a free access to holiday activities. In addition, being registered for free school meals really helps our school. Free school meal eligibility is directly linked to our pupil premium funding. Pupil premium funding helps school to pay for additional teaching assistants, computer equipment and trips. At a time when all public sector budgets are being cut, every little bit of funding really does help.

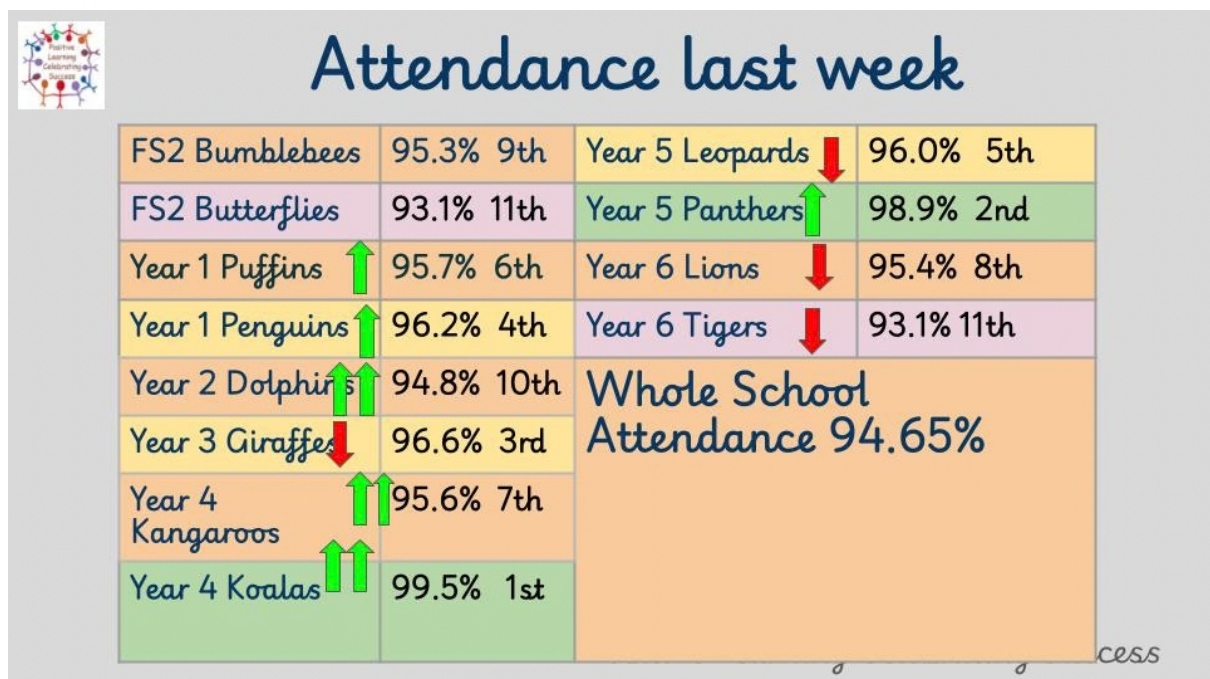
Attendance Matters

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



Here are our latest attendance percentages. Our minimum attendance target is 94.8%. After a strong start to term, last week we were 0.15% short of our target. Every day and every pupil counts. Let's see an improvement this week.

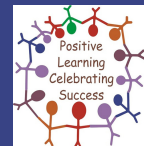
Well done to Panthers, Giraffes and Koalas who have all topped the Priory Lane Attendance League this year. Who will it be next week?



Our overall attendance so far this year is 94.7%. This is below our target of 94.8%

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.



- SRP Consultation meeting Tuesday 29th September @9.00am
- 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

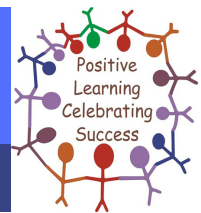
Save the Date - Early Notification

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