

PRIORY COMMON SCHOOL

SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER 2025

We take **Pride**, we **Care**, we are **Successful**.

Message from Head of School

Hello, Priory Common School Friends and Families,

As we reach the end of another remarkable academic year, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding half term. The energy and enthusiasm throughout our school community has been truly inspiring to witness.

Our recent assessment week provided a wonderful opportunity for all our pupils to demonstrate their 'sticky knowledge' – those crucial learning foundations that remain with them long after lessons end. It is always such a privilege to see how much our children have absorbed and retained throughout the year, and their achievements are a testament to their hard work and curiosity.

Our end of year results across all year groups are truly something to celebrate. These outcomes reflect the incredible dedication of our teaching staff, the hard work of our pupils, and the invaluable support from our families. It really has been a team effort, and we should all feel immensely proud of what we have achieved together.

The development of our ASC Unit continues to progress beautifully, with the building work well underway for our September opening. What has particularly delighted me is how engaged our pupils have been with this exciting development. They have had fascinating opportunities to observe the crane installing the roof, speak directly with Ashe construction managers, and have their thoughtful questions answered. The fact that members of the Ashe construction team joined us for Sports Day perfectly exemplifies the strong community partnerships we value so highly.



While we did not take home the top prize at the Milton Keynes Education Awards, being nominated as finalists in three categories for the third consecutive year is recognition we treasure deeply. Our sister school, Romans Field, was also nominated in two categories, which speaks volumes about our collective commitment to excellence. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for us – your support means everything.

I am particularly proud that the winners of the Ashe Construction Sustainability Poster Competition now have their work professionally displayed at our school entrances, sharing their important environmental messages with our entire community.





Additionally, achieving first place on the Milton Keynes Walk to School leaderboard and 32nd place in the country demonstrates our shared commitment to sustainable travel choices. A big well done to our sister school, Bradwell Village, who have also made it into the top 10 of the Milton Keynes Leaderboard.



As we look ahead to the next academic year, we are excited to introduce our new school logo alongside a revised website that will better serve our community.

I am delighted to welcome Miss Atkins and Mrs Seguin to our teaching team next term. Both bring fresh ideas and a genuine passion for early years education that I know will benefit our pupils tremendously. Please do say hello when you see them around school.

As we welcome new faces, we are also celebrating new beginnings. Please join me in wishing Miss Geyton all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her and look forward to hearing her wonderful news in due course.

To those families leaving us, we wish you every success on the next step of your journey. To our new families joining us, welcome to our wonderful school community. Thank you all for your continued cooperation, hard work, and dedication throughout this academic year.



Thank you all for your continued support and partnership in education making Priory Common School a wonderful place of learning and growth. I hope you have a wonderful summer break, and I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Best wishes,
Gill Cash
Head of School

Improving the Quality of Education

I think the progress and attainment charts for each Year Group, below, speak for themselves! What absolute superstars our children are. I could not be prouder of every single one of you! 🥰

Year 2 – End of Key Stage 1

READING						
	All	Boys	Girls	PP	SEND	EAL
EYFS Exit for this cohort	46%	31%	64%	40%	40%	33%
KS1 National 2023	69%	65%	72%	54%	28%	65%
KS1 exit for this cohort	84%	77%	92%	71%	40%	75%

WRITING						
	All	Boys	Girls	PP	SEND	EAL
EYFS Exit for this cohort	46%	31%	64%	40%	40%	33%
KS1 National 2023	61%	54%	66%	44%	19%	58%
KS1 exit for this cohort	64%	69%	58%	43%	40%	58%

MATHEMATICS						
	All	Boys	Girls	PP	SEND	EAL
EYFS Exit for this cohort	62%	56%	64%	47%	40%	47%
KS1 National 2023	72%	71%	70%	56%	37%	69%
KS1 exit for this cohort	80%	77%	83%	64%	40%	75%

Year 1 – Phonics Screening

82% of our Year 1 pupils passed the Phonics Screening, scoring 32+ out of 40.

Reception – Early Learning Goals and Good Level of Development

	GLD	CL	PSED	PD	Reading	Writing	Maths	UW	EAD
National 2023-24	67.7%	79.3%	82.9%	84.8%	70%		77%	80%	84.7%
Baseline for this cohort		56%	56%	38%	31%	38%	38%	44%	69%
EYFS exit for this cohort	76%	94%	88%	88%	76%	76%	76%	82%	88%



Behaviours and Attitudes

As we reach the end of another wonderful summer term, I wanted to share some important information about attendance across our school community.

Our overall attendance for this academic year stands at 94.5%, which is just below the National Average of 94.8%. While we are close to this benchmark, I know we can do even better together.

I am particularly proud to celebrate that 12% of our pupils have achieved an amazing 99%+ attendance this year. You will know who you are - well done! Your commitment to being in school every day really makes a difference.

Looking at our year groups, Year 2 achieved 95.4% attendance, Reception has reached 95.7%, and Year 1 has achieved 92% attendance. As our pupils move into their new year groups, I would love to see if we can improve on these current figures.

Regular attendance is so important for both attainment and wellbeing. Every day in school counts, and being here consistently helps our pupils build friendships, develop confidence, and make the most of all the learning opportunities we provide.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve excellent attendance across Priory Common School.

I am absolutely delighted to share that our pupils have achieved an incredible 18,024 positive behaviour points throughout this academic year – representing an outstanding 97% of all recorded behaviours. This exceptional achievement reflects the heart of who we are at Priory Common School, embodying our core values and mission statement: *we take pride, we care, we are successful*.



This remarkable success stems from our comprehensive approach to supporting every child. Through our positive management plans for identified pupils and the consistent use of zones of regulation across all classes, we have created an environment where positive behaviour flourishes naturally.

Most importantly, this positive behaviour culture has directly contributed to effective teaching and learning in every classroom, resulting in the amazing academic achievements we have shared earlier in this newsletter.



I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our pupils for their outstanding efforts and achievements. Your commitment to positive behaviour has not gone unnoticed, and it contributes significantly to making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

As we move into the next academic year, let us continue building on this success, fostering an environment where every child feels valued, understood, and motivated to be their best self. Together, we are creating a school community that nurtures not just academic growth, but also emotional intelligence and positive social interactions.

Personal Development



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Whole School	Assemblies	Class Based
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sports Day ❖ Newsround – daily ❖ Makaton signs – sit, louder, Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers, stand. ❖ Listening Calendar – Escape into a World of Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Weekly Values Assembly – appreciation ❖ Weekly Welcome Assembly ❖ Weekly Singing Assembly ❖ Weekly Listen to a Story – Author/ Illustrator of the Half Term Assembly Summer 2 – Michael Rosen 	Key Stage 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Oceans Day 8/6/2025 ❖ Empathy Day 12/6/2025 ❖ The King's Official Birthday 21/6/2025 ❖ Insect Week 25/6/2025 ❖ NHS birthday 5/7/2025 ❖ World Chocolate Day 7/7/2025 ❖ World Snake Day 16/7/2025

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Local election – favourite author ❖ Faith Day - Islam ❖ Crane observation and talk from Ashe (constructors building our Unit) ❖ Theatre visit – The Railway Children ❖ Ashe Construction Sustainability Poster Competition ❖ PSHE – outdoor team activities club ❖ PE – multisport club ❖ Mindfulness – Arts and Crafts Club ❖ National Picnic Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Weekly celebration assembly ❖ British Values ❖ Mystery Reader ❖ Air Ambulance assembly ❖ WOW assembly 	<p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transition to Year 1 <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transition to Year 2 <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Recycled Hobby Horse making with family and friends ❖ Sponsored Gymkhana ❖ Humanities Trip around MK ❖ Leavers Assembly ❖ Leavers Party ❖ Transition to Year 3
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Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 22nd July 3pm – end of school year
- Monday 1st September 1pm – 3pm – Drop-In Open Afternoon for Reception pupils.
- Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Day, school closed to pupils.
- Wednesday 3rd September – children return to school, register closes at 8.45am.

Message from Executive Headteacher

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with our school community. I am writing to share some wonderful news about our recent achievements and to celebrate the remarkable progress we have made together.

Our pupils have made great progress throughout this academic period. What particularly pleases me is seeing how our pupils have grown not just academically, but as confident, resilient young people who are well-prepared for their next steps. The progress data shows consistent improvement across all year groups, with many pupils exceeding their expected targets.

In terms of **attainment**, I am proud to share that our pupils have achieved strong outcomes that truly reflect their capabilities and potential. These results demonstrate that our curriculum is effectively supporting pupils to reach high standards while ensuring that learning is meaningful and engaging. Our focus on high-quality teaching and learning continues to yield positive results for all our pupils.



These outcomes reflect the dedication and hard work of every member of our community - from our talented pupils who have shown such commitment to their learning, to our exceptional staff who continue to provide outstanding education, and to you, our supportive parents and governors, who champion our pupils' success every day.

Beyond academic achievement, I want to highlight the **extensive personal development opportunities** we have provided this year. Our pupils have engaged in a rich variety of experiences including:

- Leadership roles within the school community
- Participation in local and national competitions
- Community service projects that have made a real difference
- Cultural and artistic performances that have showcased their talents
- Sports and physical activities that have promoted wellbeing and teamwork
- Educational visits that have broadened their horizons and deepened their understanding

These opportunities have been instrumental in developing our pupils' character, confidence, and sense of responsibility as active citizens.

As we move forward, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to these successes. Our achievements are the result of our shared commitment to providing the very best education and opportunities for our pupils. Together, we have created an environment where every child can flourish and reach their full potential.



I look forward to continuing this journey with you all and to building on these strong foundations in the months ahead.

Have a safe & wonderful Summer Holiday!

With love,



Executive Headteacher

Inclusive Learning Federation

