

Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy

"Every day is a chance to learn something new."

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. It has been lovely welcoming the children back into school, refreshed and ready for the term ahead. The spring term is always an exciting one, with a range of learning events and enrichment days already planned to inspire and engage the children. We are looking forward to a fantastic term full of curiosity, creativity, and new opportunities for everyone. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm Regards,



Miss Donna Woosey (Headteacher)

Celebration Assemblies

Each week, we hold Celebration Assemblies where families are warmly invited to join us in recognising our children's achievements. We celebrate pupils who consistently go over and above in their effort, kindness, or learning. These children are recognised during the assembly and have their photo proudly displayed on our Celebration Wall!

We're delighted to share that every child will be celebrated at some point during the year, ensuring that all of our pupils' unique contributions are recognised and valued.

Our core school values are: Passion, Curiosity, Courage, Generosity, and Wisdom. These values guide everything we do at school and help our children grow not only as learners, but as kind and confident young people.

Supporting our Service Families

We are proud to support our service families and recognise the unique challenges and experiences they may face. Our Forces Champion, Mrs Garraghty, works closely with children and parents to ensure the right support is in place throughout the year.

If a member of your family is due to go on deployment, please email her at jgarraghty@prioryacademies.co.uk with the expected length of deployment. This helps us plan appropriate check-ins and provide consistent emotional support for your child during this time.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The link to sign your child up for a club was sent out this week. Please complete the form by Monday, as clubs will begin next week. These clubs offer children a range of exciting opportunities and are fun, engaging and enriching to attend.



If your child takes a place in a club, we do expect them to attend each week, as we often have a waiting list of other children hoping to join.

PTA

Our PTA continues to be a fantastic support to the school, helping to provide children with wonderful resources and opportunities throughout the year.



This year, their focus is on supporting us with STEM resources, as we work to further develop STEM learning across the school.



To make their events possible, the PTA urgently needs more volunteers. It doesn't require a huge amount of time commitment, and we completely understand how precious family time is, but even offering to help at one or two events across the year would make a huge difference. The next PTA meeting will be held at the Turks Head on Monday 26th January at 7.30pm. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform, including appropriate school shoes. During PE, children must wear their full PE kit, along with sensible trainers designed for physical activity rather than fashion trainers. A gentle reminder that toys should not be brought into school, and any items found, including lipsticks or makeup, will be confiscated. Thank you for

helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.

Preloved Uniform

Don't forget to check our pre-loved uniform stored in baskets and on a rail in the main reception area— a sustainable and cost-saving option for all families. We even have some winter coats available!



Academy Calendar Dates – Term 3

Date	Event	Class
Monday 5th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6th January	Children start back at school	
15/1/26	Y6 Trip to the National Justice Museum	Y6
20/1/26	Swimming Lessons at Branston Academy	Y4 (for 6 weeks)
22/1/26	Magna Science Trip	Y3
5/2/26	Science Family Learning Event	All Classes (times TBC)
12/2/26	PTA Disco	All classes
13/2/26	Final day of term	

Term Dates 2025-2026

Module 1	Wednesday 3rd September 2025 to Friday 24th October 2025 <i>Holiday: Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November 2025</i>
Module 2	Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025 <i>Holiday: Saturday 20th December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December, Thursday 1st January</i>
Module 3	Tuesday 6th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026 <i>Holiday: Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February 2026</i>
Module 4	Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026 <i>Holiday: Friday 3rd to Sunday 19th April 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April</i>
Module 5	Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026 <i>Holiday: Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Monday 4th & Monday 25th May</i>
Module 6	Monday 1st June 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026
Staff training days	Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Three full staff training days, two days commuted to twilight sessions.