

Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy

“Fun, friendship and sharing kindness make every day brighter.”

Celebration Assembly

A prestigious celebration assembly took place today, recognising fantastic effort and contributions in Reading, Maths, Arts, Sports and Kindness. Congratulations to the following children for winning these awards:

Sports – Rosie S
Arts – Ruby B
Reading – Iris S
Maths – Jude I
Kindness – Ella H



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.

Farewell and New Beginnings

We would like to say a farewell to Mr Dawson, who will be starting at his new school after Easter, good luck in your new role! We also say goodbye to Mrs Rogerson and Mrs Hughes as they begin new adventures. Thank you for all you have contributed as Middy Supervisors and our school community - we wish you all the very best!

We are also pleased to share that Mrs Blindell will be starting in Breakfast Club after Easter. She is already a familiar face to the children, having been a valued member of our support staff for many years, and we know she will be a wonderful addition to the team in this role.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Brown as the new Year 3 teacher after Easter. She visited the school on Monday and spent time working with the children, who all enjoyed a lovely afternoon getting to know her. We look forward to her joining the team.

A Week of Wonder: British Science & Lego Robotics

We have had a fantastic time in school, filled with exciting learning opportunities and achievements. We were delighted to celebrate British Science Week, inspiring curiosity and exploration across all year groups.

Year 5 have been buzzing with creativity this term as they explored the fascinating world of Lego Robotics. Working in teams, pupils designed, built and programmed their own robotic creations, learning how each component worked together to bring their ideas to life.

A highlight of the project was constructing miniature fairground rides, complete with spinning seats, rotating platforms and imaginative themes. Once built, the challenge was to program their models so they could move independently, testing and refining their code along the way. Whilst we ran into some technical issues, the classroom quickly transformed into a lively workshop filled with problem-solving, teamwork and plenty of proud smiles.

This hands-on experience not only strengthened their STEM skills but also showed just how far imagination and perseverance can take them.

On Your Bikes!

Year 5 took part in an exciting four-day Bikeability course this term, learning how to safely navigate roads, junctions and local streets on their bikes. Instructors were impressed by how quickly pupils developed their awareness of traffic and their understanding of safe cycling practices.



Throughout the course, the children demonstrated real perseverance as they practised new skills, even when the tasks became more challenging. Their strong listening and communication skills helped them work effectively with their partners and instructors. It was also wonderful to see the maturity and courage they showed when riding in real-life road situations.

Singing Stars Shine Bright

Our Key Stage 2 choir proudly represented Millfield at Priory Voices, performing Waterloo by ABBA alongside other primary academies across the Trust. A huge thank you to Mrs Acaster and Mrs Anderson for leading the choir and helping to build the children's confidence. Thank you to those that came to watch and support our children!





Children in all year groups absolutely loved hunting and solving the clues to reveal their favourite book characters old and new. Thank you as always to parents for the support and effort put into providing the children with such fantastic costumes.



Teamwork on the Pitch

Our football team demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship in their match against St John's, with both teams securing a 2-1 win in each game.



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic enrichment day, taking part in a variety of cross-curricular activities, while Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Lincoln Zoo, Reception to Rand Farm and Year 5 to the National Space Centre!



A Sea of Red for a Great Cause

We also celebrated Red Nose Day by coming to school dressed 'red to toe'. It was amazing to see all of our children supporting Comic Relief by wearing a sea of red and raising money for such a fantastic cause. The total money raised on the day was £ 292.40.

A Love of Reading

Back in March we celebrated World Book Day, and oh what a fantastic day it was! The children pulled out all the stops to wear a variety of costumes and we had great fun in guessing who was who. It was lovely to see the children enjoying a love of reading with children right across the school, discussing what we love about the books we are currently reading, and have read in the past. The highlight of our day was a book character treasure hunt that had been designed by school council.



Wheat Class enjoyed an exciting day out at Lincoln Zoo this term as part of their science topic. We were given a guided tour by Zookeeper Jess, who introduced us to all kinds of animals, from Penguins to Tigers and talked to us about their diet, behaviours and habitats. We really enjoyed watching the Spider monkeys using their super strong tails to help them balance on the high ropes and the penguins diving under water to catch fish. We got very close to a group of inquisitive lemurs who were having lunch, and we even braved stroking Stanley, the ball python!

Barley Class had a wonderful day at Rand Farm on Tuesday! They listened beautifully and followed instructions to complete their activities. It was amazing to see their confidence grow around the animals.



They enjoyed feeding the animals, seeing the chicks in the hatchery, going on a tractor ride, watching the milking demonstration, and even feeding the lambs their milk! They finished the day with a play and a snack before getting the coach back to school. A very exciting day!

This term, Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the Leicester Space Centre, where their curiosity and excitement were sky-high from the moment they arrived. One of the most memorable moments was seeing a real piece of the moon up close. The pupils were also captivated by the planetarium show, which whisked them through our solar system in a breathtakingly immersive experience. Throughout the day, they eagerly interacted with the hands-on exhibits, experimenting, exploring and discovering new facts at every turn. It was a trip that truly brought their learning to life and left them inspired by the mysteries of space.



ParentPay

As you know, from Easter we will be using ParentPay to enable parents to give consent for school trips, to pay for school trips and book Breakfast Club. Thank you to those who have already activated your account. For those of you who are yet to do so, please can we ask that it is done as soon as possible, and before we return after the Easter break, using the activation codes sent via email. Please note that one code has been sent per child. If you require an additional activation code, please email jwallis@prioryacademies.co.uk

School Patrol Crossing – Collection

Many of you will be aware that Julie, the school patrol crossing lady, will sadly be leaving on Friday 22nd May. A few parents have suggested how lovely it would be to get her a small gift, from the children, as a “Thank you” for seeing us all safely across the road. Therefore, if you would like to make a small donation you can hand it in at the school office, by Friday 1st May. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please use the link below to register your child’s interest in Summer Term Clubs, run by school staff to give children extra wonderful opportunities.

[Overview of Clubs - Summer Term \(27/4/26 - 15/6/26\) – Fill out form](#)

Synergy After School Club

If you wish to book your child onto a Synergy after school club, please click on the following link:

www.synergyeducationgroup.co.uk/book-now

You will be able to book from 5.00pm Thursday 2nd April.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join our amazing lunch team, please see the end of this Newsletter for more information and how to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!

Good Lookin Cookin

The deadline for ordering meals from GLC for the first week back is 3.00pm Thursday 16th April.

Smart and Proud - School Uniform Reminder

We have recently noticed that school uniform is not always being worn as expected. During school photographs yesterday, it was very apparent that some children were not in full school uniform. It is important that we all follow the uniform expectations, as this helps us feel a sense of belonging and shows pride in our school.

Please remember that trainers are not acceptable as school shoes, and white socks or sports socks should not be worn as part of the uniform. We kindly ask all families to check the full uniform requirements and ensure children come to school correctly dressed each day. Please follow the link to our school website for the complete uniform list.

[Heighington Millfield Primary Academy - Home](http://www.heighingtonmillfieldprimaryacademy.co.uk)

Looking Ahead - Exciting Changes to Our Grounds

We would like to inform you that on Monday 30th March, the planned wildlife area and flood defence works commenced. Although there has been a slight delay from the original February half-term start, we are pleased that the project is now ready to go ahead. Further details will be shared next term regarding alternative arrangements, including the use of a space within the village for sporting events during this time.

Warm Regards,



Miss Donna Woosey (Headteacher)

Academy Calendar Dates – Term 5

Date	Event	Class
20.4.26	Children start back at school	
21.4.26	Y2 Enrichment Day 2.15pm	Rye Class/Y2
28.4.26	Swimming for 6 weeks	Poplar/Year 3
4 th – 8 th May	National Mental Health Week	All Classes
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs	Vulcan Class/Y6
22.5.26	Final day of term	

Academy Calendar Dates – Term 6

Date	Event	Class
1.6.26	Children start back at school	
1 – 12 th June	MTTC	Willow/Y4
w/c 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Wheat/Y1
17 – 19 th June	Laches Wood Residential	Vulcan/Y6
17.6.26	Y1 Enrichment Day	Wheat/Y1
19.6.26	Priory Sport Event	Typhoon/Y5
20.6.26	Millfest!	Whole community
3.7.26	Reports out to parents	All Classes
8.7.26	Y4 Enrichment Day	Willow/Y4
9.7.26	PTA Disco	All Classes
14.7.26	Y6 Fun Day	Vulcan/Y6
15.7.26	Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 4pm	All Classes
16.7.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm	Vulcan/Y6
17.7.26	Final day of term	



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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.



SEND Cuppa and Conversation

Tuesday 12th May

2:00pm - 3:15pm

This term's SEND support for parents and carers is focusing on ADHD

We are delighted to welcome Sharon O'Dell. She is the CEO of ADHD Lincs, a local charity based in Lincoln offering support and information to individuals, families and anyone living and working with ADHD and associated conditions.

Sharon will give a short introduction, then open the room up to a Q & A session

If you would like to join us to listen, have questions answered or enjoy a slice of cake with other parents who might be experiencing similar challenges, please book your place by emailing Mrs Tait on

DTait@prioryacademies.co.uk or give the school a ring on 01522 872625.

We look forward to seeing you there!



MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

SALARY: PPS2 £24,413 PRO RATA TO £4,140 PER ANNUM

7.5 HOURS PER WEEK, 38 WEEKS PER YEAR

PERMANENT

START DATE: ASAP

SUPPORT STAFF

We wish to appoint Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our existing team to provide effective lunchtime supervision to the Academy 1.5hrs/day.

Application forms can be found on our website at www.prioryacademies.co.uk under the Vacancies tab, where you will also find the job description. Please note CVs are not acceptable.

Keen to find out more? A visit to the Academy would be warmly welcomed. Please feel free to make an appointment by contacting Dilys Tait on 01522 872625 or emailing dtait@prioryacademies.co.uk