



The Priors School Newsletter - May  
2025

Welcome to our May Newsletter!

We have had a strange run of weather over the past month or so and it has been very hot. As we move into June and July it is even more important that you send your children into school with a sun hat and water bottles.

Even though it has been a short half term, we have had some lovely things happening in our school, including the wonderful Robins Class Assembly, Robins and Starlings beginning swimming and our Owls Class post SATs party. Looking ahead, we have some lovely things planned for the children in the school, including the Owl Class residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes, Robins visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park, Kingfishers visit to Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre, a Starlings visit (TBC) Key Stage Performance of "The Greatest Show" and Sports Day.

Our Year 6 children also completed their SATs test last week. We are so proud of how hard they worked and how well they took these tests in their stride. They showed incredible maturity and were just brilliant! Looking ahead, our Year 1 children have their phonics screen in June, Year 2 children will complete the optional KS1 tests and Year 4 children will complete the multiplication check.

We hope you have a brilliant half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

We also have a number of other ways you can keep up to date with the work of our school. We update our website regularly and we are very active on our school Facebook page. Please like and follow our page - @thepriorsschool

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## Our Solar Panels



We definitiely installed our solar panels in time to take advantage of this brilliant weather we have been having!

At the time of writing our panels have generated 2.4mWh of energy. According to Ofgem, the average UK household uses 2.7mWh, so in the first month of having them installed, we have generated almost enough electricity to power a home for a year!

We have also redeuced the amount of CO2 going into the atmosphere by 2200kg - which is the equivalent of driving a car for 10,000 miles!

We would like to once again place on record our thanks to Priors Educaton Trust, for their kind donation towards this project - without their support, we would not have been able to do this.

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

## Attendance

Attending school is very important. We expect every child to attend school every single day unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as your child is ill. Attendance is very important for your child's progress at school.

We have a legal duty to monitor the attendance of the children in our school. If your child's attendance drops below 95%, we will send you a letter informing you of this. If your child attendance drops below 90%, your child is classed as persistently absent, and a meeting will be arranged with you to discuss this.



Did You Know?

## Attendance Matters

The effect of absence on school progress.



A whole year has 365 days. A school year has only 180 days. This leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

## Getting your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know?	In a School year, if your Child is late every day by...	Your Child would have lost approximately...	or They would have missed approximately...
Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance.	5 minutes	3.5 Days from school	20 Lessons
	10 minutes	7 Days from school	41 Lessons
	15 minutes	10 Days from school	55 Lessons
	20 minutes	14.5 Days from school	82 Lessons
	30 minutes	22 Days from school	123 Lessons



We would like to thank you for prioritising school attendance for your children - it is extremely important that your children are in school on time, every day to get the most out of their school experience.

Our current attendance figure sits at 96.4%, which puts us in the top 10% of schools in the country, which is great news. However, our target is for around 97.5% attendance, which means we are just below our own expectations. We would like to remind you of the importance of school attendance over this last half term. This is the term where the learning from the year is brought together and consolidated, giving your children the best start for their next year group.

We have noticed that a few more children are arriving at school after 8.50am. Please ensure your child is on the front playground for 8.45am, ready to come in for the start of the school day.

Can we please ask, that if you do need a leave of absence, you do need to completed the absence request form which can be found in the entrance lobby or on our [website](#), even if you have had verbal confirmation from Mr Emms.





We are proposing to extend our school age-range from 3-11 to 2-11. We are doing this to allow us to take children from the age of 2 in our preschool in the half term of their third birthday. This will allow us to support parents with child care sooner than we can at this moment in time.

As part of this proposal, we need to run a consultation between Friday 23rd May 2025 to Friday 13th June 2025. The details of the consultation are below, and it would be great if you can support this change by responding before the deadline.

### **Early Years Change of Age Range Consultation**

#### **Summary of proposals**

## Proposed change of age range at The Priors School

(Prescribed alteration to the age range to become a 2 – 11 from the current position of 3-11)

### **Introduction**

The Trustees of The Warriner Multi-Academy Trust (WMAT) and the local governors of the Priors School wish to consult on a change of age range. The consultation runs from 23rd May 2025 – 13th June 2025

### **Need for change**

The school currently runs a pre-school provision for 3 and 4 year olds. There is a growing need within the local area for the school to create provision for 2 year olds.

### **The proposals**

WMAT and the Local Governors propose to increase the age range of The Priors School from age 3 - 11 (Nursery 2 – Y6) to an age 2 -11 (Nursery 1 – Y6). The school will look to create 4 spaces for 2 year olds in the term the children turn three, in order to create a smooth transition point for the children entering our preschool.

### **Staffing**

There will be no material impact on the current members of staff in school. We will always ensure staffing meets the required ratios for two year provision as set out in the EYFS.

### **Statutory Notices**

Consultation is with schools, parents and other key local and education stakeholders. This document is part of the consultation and invites parents and stakeholders to make representations via our website or email. We anticipate the final decision to change the age range to be taken in June 2025.

### **Representations**

If you would like to make a representation in response to this consultation please email The Priors School on [admin@thepriorsschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@thepriorsschool.co.uk)

Smart Phones

**ParentShield**  
*The Child-Safe Mobile Network*

The national debate around the internet and smart phone use is really important and following on from the Netflix drama Adolescence the debate has been brought more into the public eye.

At The Priors School, we do teach the children the importance of staying safe online, not sharing information and also how to spot reputable sources for information.

One of the big concerns is around children's internet access on their smart phones. I have recently seen the company [ParentShield](#), which is the only Mobile Network that is perfect for children. Because it is designed for children from the ground up, and has many features that can't be found on any other network. Unlike Parental control software that controls a phone, you control the network, to make sure those using the phone are safe.

To me, this looked like a really good solution to part of the problem and thought it would be useful to share this information with you.



## Parking



We have the perennial issue of parking around the school and the amount of traffic coming up to the turning circle near the school.

We kindly request that parents try to avoid parking in the area directly outside of the school, as it does cause issues for local residents as well as families and children leaving the school.

The Hollybush Inn kindly let us use their car park at drop off and pick up times, although this may be under threat due to inconsiderate parking. Please be mindful of how you park and leave the pub, due to how narrow the road is.

Instead of parking near the school, could you consider parking elsewhere in the village and walking a short distance to us? There are a number of spaces down Shuckburgh Road,

Vicarage Lane and Keys Lane and you can cut through the Church yard. If we spread out the number of cars, it makes the village safer for everybody.



Parents' Association Update





Please remember that we have a number of fundraising opportunities for the school, such as [Your School Lottery](#) and [Easy Fundraising](#). Please sign up to these if you can - it is a very easy way to donate money to the school.

Enter our  
**Super Draw**

Win a £1,000 B&Q  
Voucher  
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

**Win a £1,000 B&Q Gift Card!**

Play the Super Draw this May and you could win a £1,000 B&Q Gift Card! Whether it's a stylish kitchen refresh, a cosy living room update, or turning your garden into the perfect summer retreat, this prize gives you the freedom to dream big! Or take the £1,000 cash alternative, and spend it your way – the choice is yours when you get your lottery tickets before Saturday 31st May!

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## Family Information Service



The Warwickshire Family information Service is the one stop shop for a range of support services in Wariwckshire. If you need support for your children, do look at their information page.

[Family Information Service](#)

## Contact Us

If you need to contact us for any reason, please do - we love hearing from you!

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