



## The Priors School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, filled with joy and relaxation. It is with great excitement that I write to you today, as we embark on another term of learning and growth here at The Priors School.

This term promises to be filled with so many exciting activities and events for our children. One of the highlights will be the Young Voices concert, where our talented pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their singing skills alongside thousands of other children. It is always a magical experience, and I cannot wait to see our students shine.

In addition, our Kingfishers class will be starting swimming lessons this term. Learning to swim is not only a valuable life skill, but it also promotes physical fitness and builds confidence in our young learners. I am delighted that we are able to offer this opportunity to our students, and I am confident they will enjoy their time in the water.

We are also fortunate to have a visit from the fire service scheduled for this term. This interactive and educational experience will allow our Starlings and Owls children to learn about fire safety, emergency procedures, and the important role that our local fire service plays in keeping our community safe. It promises to be an informative and engaging day for all involved.

We also have an incredible sports and activities day booked for the end of the term. The children will be able to immerse themselves in new sports. We will be providing a climbing wall, aeroball, disc golf and soft archery. These activities are intended to give the children a taster of new sports which may interest them. These will also be great evidence for the Adventure section of the children's JASS books. If you want to find out more about these activities please visit The Outdoor Education Company's website - <https://www.outdooreducationcompany.co.uk/>

As avid book lovers, we are eagerly looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for our children to immerse themselves in the magical world of literature, through storytelling, character dress-up, and various book-related activities. I encourage parents to get involved and help foster a love for reading in our children.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that acclaimed children's author, Ruth Quayle, will be visiting our school this term. Her engaging storytelling and passion for literature are sure to captivate our students and inspire their own creative writing. It is an incredible opportunity for our



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young writers to learn from a published author, and we are grateful for her visit and the PTA for funding this opportunity.

In terms of administrative matters, I would like to provide an update on our progress in joining the Warriner Multi-Academy Trust. While land ownership issues have slowed the whole process down, we remain committed to this partnership and expect to be able to join the trust by the Easter holidays. We will keep you informed of any developments.

I would like to remind parents of Reception 2024 children to apply for their place by 15<sup>th</sup> January, using the application process from the local authority you live in. Any late applications could result in your child not being allocated a place in the school you want them to attend.

We will be holding an End of Key Stage 2 assessment information evening for parents of children in Year 6 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. During this meeting we will share information with you about the end of Key Stage Assessments (commonly known as SATs) and how we support the children during this process. For your information the Key Stage 2 assessments will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

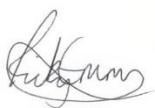
There will not be an equivalent meeting for children in Year 2 as the Department for Education have now removed the requirement for children to complete end of Key Stage 1 tests. As part of our normal assessment processes we will complete activities with the children in Year 2, including some form of testing, but this is not as formal as in previous years. We will use this information to share your child's progress with you in their end of year reports. Children in Year 1 will still complete the phonics screening test in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June and the children in Year 4 will complete the multiplication screening test in early June.

A list of after school activities for the term is also included in this email. Please take the time to review the options available and encourage your child to participate in activities that interest them. It is a wonderful way for them to explore new hobbies and develop their talents outside of the classroom.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a comprehensive list of important dates for the term. Please mark these in your calendars to ensure you do not miss any upcoming events or parent-teacher meetings. Can I also remind you that our school calendar can be subscribed to from our website <https://www.thepriorsschool.co.uk/diary/list/> .

Thank you once again for your support. Together, we will continue to provide our children with a nurturing and enriching educational experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our team.

Warm regards,



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Head teacher