

# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn



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Good School

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a lovely Christmas break. Children have settled back into school really well this week. It was lovely to gather together as a whole school community this morning to celebrate the Feast Day of the Epiphany. We then had a group of children 'chalk' each entrance door to show that we are welcoming Jesus into our school.

Irish dancing starts back today  
all our other after school clubs start back next week. Please make sure your children are signed up if they want to take part in any of the after school activities.

Have a lovely weekend. 😊



## Prayer for the Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Apply for Free School Meals

To check if your child can get free school meals and how to apply please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). You have to apply before each holiday. [Contact your local council](#) to find out how to apply.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#) and in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

## Our School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery. Cash prizes are won every week with very good odds as it is only between the people that sign up in our school. The money raised goes straight back into the school for the children. It is really easy to sign up following this link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>


If we have 50 tickets sold we can raise over £1000 over the course of the year.

Thank you to all our supporters we really appreciate your help.



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### Workers Of The Year

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Back next week								

### Attendance and Punctuality

*Whole school: 98%*

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	99%	98%	98%	100%	98/9%	91%

### Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
<i>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> January</i>		
<i>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<b>3.15pm - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Dodgeball Club Y3-Y6</b>
<i>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<b>9am – 11am 3.15pm - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Music Lessons with Mr Roe Lego Club YR-Y4</b>
<i>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> January</i>		
<i>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<b>3.15 -5pm</b>	<b>Irish Dancing</b>

### School Lottery

*Congratulations to Mr W, last week's lottery winner.*

*Please consider signing up if you haven't already.*

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

Twitter/Facebook For up to date information and sharing what we are up to –  
keep an eye on our Twitter feed

@OurPrincethorpe and Facebook Page –

Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe @OurPrincethorpe

## Princethorpe College Year 5 events

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/year-5-choral-fun-and-try-tag-rugby>

Year 5 Choral Fun Day – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 9am – 4.30pm and Year 5 Try Tag Rugby Taster – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4.15pm to 6pm.

Princethorpe are holding two events for Year 5 children. The Choral Fun Day is a day of free musical activities, singing tuition and team-building skills ending with a gala performance and refreshments for family and friends.

Try Rugby Taster is aimed at those interested in attending a training session on their astroturf, learning new skills and making friends. Aimed at girls and boys, the afternoon will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators.

Spaces for both events are limited and will be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Parents can access a booking for via the link at the top of this page.

If parents have any questions about Year 7 admissions or about these events please contact the Admissions team on 01926 634201 or email [admissions@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admissions@princethorpe.co.uk)

*For your information*

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### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE & SICKNESS**

Permission for a leave of absence needs to be sought from the Head teacher should you wish to take your child out of school during term time for an exceptional reason.

Please note that strict Government laws are in place in relation to school attendance.

Term time holidays are not permitted once your child has started school. All holidays should be taken whilst the school is closed.

Holidays in term time will not be considered as 'exceptional' and will NOT be authorised.

Your child's attendance is our shared priority.

If your child is unwell please inform the school office by 9.45am or message the class teacher on class dojo with a reason for absence and expected date of return.

Children who have contracted sickness and/or diarrhoea bugs must remain at home for 48 hours after last sickness/loose bowel movement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Please note that the gallery will be open until 31st January so any orders will need to be placed by then? After that date, the link will no longer work and the gallery will be removed. Login details have been sent via Class Dojo.



<b>OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2022/2023 Final	
AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Staff Training Day 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Nursery, Reception & Year 1 - 6 return to school	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Bank Holiday - Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Staff Training Day 2	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Term Ends	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
SPRING TERM 2023	
Staff Training Day 3	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Children return to school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Term Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Children return to school	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Term Ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Teacher Training Day 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Teacher Training Day 5	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

Please note that under new regulations brought into force in 2013, Head teachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave for holidays. From September 2022, **ALL** absences and late arrivals will be reported to the local authority - who will issue fixed penalty fines for lateness and absence breach of statutory regulations at their discretion. We would strongly urge you to book holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year.

Thank you for your co-operation. |