

Newsletter

3rd February 2023

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn



loving hopeful
faith-filled curious
generous wise
eloquent grateful
intentional discerning
compassionate
truthful active

Ofsted
Good School

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

Another busy week has flown by! On Monday a group of Mini Vinnies turned our dome into a 'Prayer Pod,' and led a liturgy for their peers. They did a fabulous job. We will have another group lead a service next week.

As a school we are increasingly worried about the attendance of some children in school. Children with 90% attendance are missing approximately 20 days of school per year and have an increased risk of falling behind in their learning. Children with less than 85% attendance are missing approximately 6 weeks of school year whilst 80% or less equates to at least a day a week making it impossible to keep up with their work and achieve their best. We are currently monitoring all attendance and letters will be sent to families where absence is a cause for concern and a meeting organised with myself to assess the situation. We hope we can work together with families so that attendance is not a barrier to children achieving their best.

Have a lovely weekend. ☺

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Prayer Pod in action



WELL DONE TO OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

Huge well done to our football team who remained undefeated in last night's games! We are very proud!



GENTLE REMINDER

The Year 5/6 residential trip is coming up soon. Please could parents ensure that payment plans and deadlines are met. Timing details will be sent out

The Presentation *Mission*

Pray to the Holy Spirit, ask Him to shine the Light of Jesus into your heart, where it feels most dark, most afraid, and trust that He will come and be with you there.

A simple prayer you can say is
"Jesus, shine your light in my heart!
Jesus, chase away the dark!"



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.



27th January 2023

Workers Of The Year

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Finn		Tilly	George P	Elliott	Holly	Layla	Deksha

Attendance and Punctuality *Whole school: 88%*

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
40%	97%	99%	96%	98%	97%	89%

Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 5 th February		
Tues 6 th February	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Dodgeball Club Y3-Y6
Wed 7 th February	9am – 11am 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Music Lessons with Mr Roe Lego Club YR-Y4
Thurs 8 th February		
Fri 9 th February	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing

School Lottery

***Congratulations to Ms K, 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

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



Winter Infection & Illness



UK Health
Security
Agency

Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and primary school children across the West Midlands

What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness and nausea (feeling sick), sore throat – sometimes with a cough, lasting 3-4 days

What should I do if my child is unwell?

- Keep your child at home until they are well – if your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions
- Your child can return to school once they no longer have a temperature (without medication) and are well enough to do so
- If your child is unusually sleepy, is unable to take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

Other control measures:

- Dispose of used tissues immediately
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels, using the hottest wash setting for the fabric
- Ensure toilet areas, baths and washbasins are kept clean, using hot soapy water
- After initial cleaning, areas may also be infected using a 1 in 10 bleach solution (remember bleach can burn skin and remove colour from fabrics)

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.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96.99%	92.99%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	Serious concern Possible Court Action!

For your information

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

CIRCUS SPECTACULAR!

BENN HALL Wed 22 February | 3.00pm
Box Office 01788 533 719 Online bennhall.com



Are you a parent or carer to an inquisitive and fun-loving girl, aged 4 - 7 years old?

Would she like to join Rainbows?

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things, and having fun.

Join 4th Bilton Rainbows at
Bilton Methodist Church, 18 Main St, Bilton, Rugby CV22 7ND

Tuesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Email for more information: rebecca.b.mason@googlemail.com

Or register at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Harris C of E Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds



Holiday Club 9am - 3.45pm
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick up until 4.30pm

Please also ask about our Bikeability courses that run during holidays.
Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!



To book your place or for more information:
Email: sportscentre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk
Phone: 01788 818925
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

All staff are fully qualified, DBS checked and First Aid trained.

Holiday Club dates for 2022/23

October Half Term 2022
Monday 24th to Thursday 27th October 2022 (4 day camp)

Christmas 2022
Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd December 2022 (4 day camp)

February Half Term 2023
Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd February 2023 (3 day camp)

Easter 2023
Week 1 - Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th April 2023 (4 day camp)
Week 2 - Tues 11th to Fri 14th April 2023 (4 day camp)

May Half Term 2023
Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June 2023 (3 day camp)

Summer 2023
Week 1 - 31st July to 3rd Aug (4 day camp)
Week 2 - 7th to 10th August (4 day camp)
Week 3 - 14th to 17th August (4 day camp)
Week 4 - 21st to 24th August (4 day camp)
Week 5 - 29th to 31st August (3 day camp)

Price per child
£15 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)
£2.50 per wrap around session or £19 for complete day



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FEBRUARY
HALF TERM
Monday 20th
to Friday 24th
February 2023
8.30am - 4pm

5 DAYS £80
for only or £18 per day

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EAST WARWICKSHIRE and COVENTRY

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