PRIORY FIELDS SCHOOL

Newsletter

WHINLESS DOWN ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 2nd October 2026

Reading for Pleasure at Home!

Reading with your child at home is one of the most valuable ways to support their learning. Just ten minutes a day can help develop vocabulary, understanding and confidence, while nurturing a lifelong love of books.

- Find a cosy spot, enjoy stories together and talk about the characters, pictures and events.
- Ask what might happen next and encourage your child to share their ideas.
- Reading aloud to your child is just as important as listening to them read.

Above all, make reading a happy, relaxed experience. Your encouragement and time together can make a real difference to your child's progress.

EXCITING ACADEMY READING CHALLENGE NEWS COMING SOON!



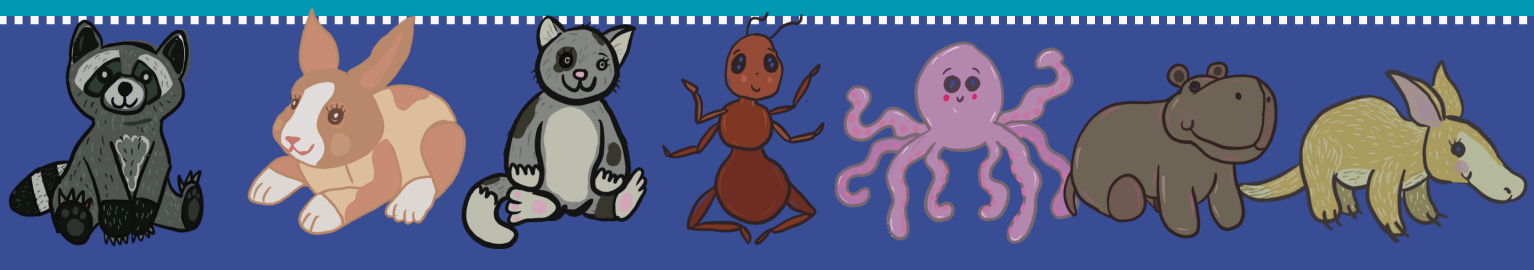
Key Dates - Term 1

02.10.26 - Kusama Class Betteshanger Trip
05.10.26 - Kusama Class Forest School
07.10.26 - Year 4 Swimming
07.10.26 - EYFS Forest School
08.10.26 - Toddler Group
12.10.26 - Warhol Class Forest School
14.10.26 - Doodle Class Forest School
14.10.26 - 16.10.26 - Y6 Residential
19.10.26 - O'Keeffe Class Forest School
19.10.26 - KS1 Stay & Make Harvest Crafts
20.10.26 - Y3/4 Harvest Singalong
20.10.26 - EYFS Harvest Stay & Play
21.10.26 - Y5/6 Harvest Quiz

Attendance

1st - Milhazes & Doodle - 99.1%

2nd - Hockney - 97.2%



E-Safety - Screen TIme for Toddlers and EYFS Children

Young children learn best through play, conversation and exploring the world around them. Current Department for Education guidance recommends avoiding screen time for under-twos, apart from exceptional circumstances such as video calls, and limiting it to no more than one hour a day for children aged two to five—less where possible.

To build healthy habits at home:



Watch together: choose age-appropriate, slow-paced content and talk about what you see.

Switch off autoplay: prevent videos continuing automatically or showing unsuitable content.

Protect family routines: keep mealtimes and the hour before bedtime screen-free.



Make time for play: swap a screen session for a story, drawing, building or outdoor fun.

These limits do not apply to screen-based assistive technology used to support children with SEND. Small, manageable changes can help make more time for talking, playing and connecting.



Christmas Save The Date:

Early Years Nativity Showcase - Wednesday 9th December 14:15

Thursday 10th December 9:15

Year 1 and 2 - Thursday 3rd December 9:15

Friday 4th December 14:00