PRIORY FIELDS SCHOOL

Newsletter

WHINLESS DOWN ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 16th October 2026

Year 6: Secondary School Applications – September 2027

Parents and carers must apply for their child's secondary school place by midnight on **Monday 2 November 2026.**
Apply online at Kent County Council – Secondary School Places.
List up to four schools, in your genuine order of preference. Kent recommends using all four choices.
Check each school's admissions criteria and whether an additional Supplementary Information Form is required.
You must submit a school application even if your child has taken the Kent Test.
If your child has an EHCP, their placement is arranged through Kent's SEN Team; please speak to our SENCo for support.
School offers will be released on **Monday 1 March 2027.**
Please contact the school office if you need help with your application—do not leave it until the deadline!

Key Dates - Term 1

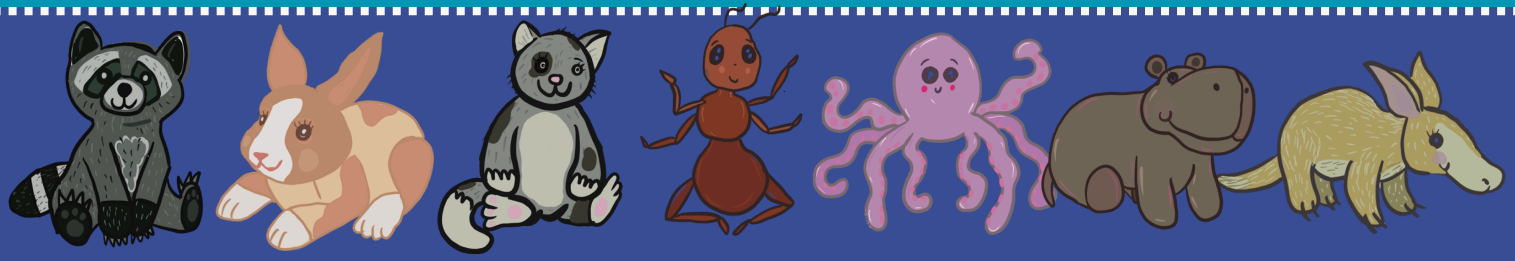
19.10.26 - O'Keeffe Class Forest School
19.10.26 - KS1 Stay & Make Harvest Crafts 2:30pm
20.10.26 - EYFS Harvest Stay & Play 2:30pm
21.10.26 - Y5/6 Harvest Quiz 2pm
21.10.26 - Year 4 Swimming
21.10.26 - Doodle Class Forest School
22.10.26 - Year 5 Learning Landing 2:45pm
23.10.26 - LAST DAY OF TERM
02.11.26 - TERM 2 STARTS
02.11.26 - Parent Coffee Morning
04.11.24 - Year 4 Swimming

Attendance

1st - Warhol - 99.6%

2nd - Doodle - 97.9%

3rd - Hockney & O'Keeffe - 95%



HARVEST COLLECTION

We are collecting for Dover Food Bank next week. On Monday we have a special assembly all about the important work they do.

Please send donations in with your child.

HELLO YELLOW!

A Huge Thank you and Well done we raised **£203** for Young Minds: Children's Mental Health Charity by supporting Hello Yellow last Friday!

AI Friends: Does Your Child Know Who They're Talking To?

AI chatbots and "virtual friends" are a worrying current e-safety topic, particularly for older primary children.
Chatbots can sound friendly and convincing, making it difficult for children to recognise that they may give incorrect advice or inappropriate responses. Children may also share private information or begin treating a chatbot as a trusted friend.
Internet Matters has highlighted these risks in its research.
Internet Matters

REMEMBER:

- **AI is a computer tool: sounding friendly does not mean it understands or cares like a person.**
- **Keep personal information private: don't share names, school details, addresses, photographs or passwords.**
- **Check with a trusted adult: especially if a response is confusing, upsetting or encourages secrecy.**
- **Explore together: parents should check age requirements and supervise any use.**

