



## FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

We have one more week until the half term break. School will close for a week from 27th May to 31 May. We reopen at usual times on 3rd June.  
Mrs Frampton

### Well done to Year 6!

We have been so incredibly proud of how hard Y6 have worked in their SATs tests this week. SATs tests only measure a small part of a child's talents but they do provide an opportunity for children to develop their courage, resilience and perseverance. Well done to all—a well deserved party was enjoyed this afternoon!

### Delayed Lockdown Practice

This will be rescheduled for after half term and we will inform you of the new date in a newsletter.

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.  
The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.  
Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Year group	School	National
1	92.6%	94.8%
2	93.6%	94.7%
3	92.9%	94.8%
4	92.4%	94.8%
5	93.3%	94.6%
6	90.0%	94.5%

These figures are well below national expectations but there has been some improvement—thank you! . Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

### Next newsletter— Friday 24 May 2024

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### Changes to attendance rules from September 2024

Changes will come in to force from September 2024 as introduced by the DfE. Some of these have been widely reported in the media but not all. We have been asked by the DfE to share these messages with you so you are fully informed.

- All schools will be asked to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons in a rolling 10 week period
- The fine will be £80 per parent if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any 3 year period, it will automatically be charged at £160
- Fines will be capped to 2 fines within any 3 year period. After this, legal action such as a Parenting Order or prosecution will be considered
- If you are prosecuted for your child not attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500
- The DfE have made it clear that any form of holiday is not considered an 'exceptional circumstance' and as such would not be authorised. The 'H' code will be removed from September and therefore schools cannot code any absence as a holiday

### Start small, dream big

We are excited to be part of a pilot project which will increase and improve our careers related learning in school. This fits well with our school value of 'Aspire'. As part of the project we are really keen to work with any parents who could talk to a group of children about the work they do. Email the office or catch us on the gate if you could help.

### Outstanding trip donations

Please log on to Arbor and check there are no outstanding payments for swimming or trips for your child.

We have tried to keep costs down and have been really well supported by The Priory Church and other benefactors this year. However, trips will need to be cancelled if we don't cover the costs.

Thank you for your support.

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Hello from the Pastoral Office!

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme is 'Moving more for our mental health'. Regular movement can boost your self-esteem, improve the quality of your sleep and help reduce feelings of anxiety.

We are well aware of this in school and we help our pupils stay as active as possible in lots of interesting ways, such as the daily mile. The UK Chief Medical Officers said that "in children and young people, regular physical activity is associated with improved learning and attainment, better mental health and cardiovascular fitness".

We would like to encourage you to do some physical activity with your children this weekend; this could be a bike ride, a beach walk or just find some fun fitness videos on YouTube! Enjoy!

Mrs MacMillan



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**New After School Child Care Provision!!  
NOW OPEN!  
Book NOW!  
Details below**

**After school child care provision**

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education is now open. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

**End of day until 5.30 (£9)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

**End of day until 4.30 (£4)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

**4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and Y6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the previous day.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school.

The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose.

This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

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