

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 2

Friday 12th September 2025

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It's the end of our first full week back, and I've been so impressed with how well the children are settling into their learning. It was wonderful to hold our first Celebration Assembly of the year today — find out below who received the first certificates of the year!

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers on Wednesday. If you weren't able to attend, don't worry; you'll receive a copy of the handout via Ping.

Included in this week's newsletter are the results from the Parent Survey sent out in July. These exercises are a valuable way for us to listen, reflect on what's working well, and identify how we can continue to improve our school.

For our Year 6 families, there's also important information about secondary school open evenings taking place over the next few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 7 Open Evenings

Flyers with timings and info have been included at the end of the newsletter.

Seahaven Academy –
Thursday 25th September

Priory School Lewes –
Thursday 25th September

Seaford Head – Thursday
25th September

The application is completed online – [click here for more info](#). The closing date for secondary applications is 31st October.

Celebration Assembly – Friday 12th September

These children were recognised in whole school assembly for their over and above learning this week.

Year 1 – Miya Evans

Year 2 – Harper Barugh

Year 3 – Louise Aldridge

Year 4 – Cooper-Jaxson South

Year 5 – Imogen Hopper

Year 6 – Lila Alexander



Nut-Free School Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. Several children and staff members have severe nut allergies, and their safety is our top priority.

Please ensure that no nut-based products are sent in with your child. This includes items such as chocolate spreads containing nuts (e.g., Nutella). If you are providing birthday treats or snacks for the class, please double-check that they do not contain any nuts. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Congratulations to **Tobias** in Year 4, who competed last weekend at the IGA Regional Gymnastics Championships. Tobias took part in four events and placed 5th overall. Even more exciting, he won a **silver medal** in the high bars and will now go on to compete in this event at the **National Championships**. An amazing achievement and we're so proud of him! And did we mention... this was his first time competing?



Key Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 23rd September – Rock Steady Music Day (all year groups)

Monday 6th October – BMX workshop for year 5 & 6

Monday 13th October – School Photographer – individual/sibling

Monday 13th October – Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)

Wednesday 15th October – Restart a heart – bring in a teddy

Thursday 16th October – Starfish Class Assembly (9:00am)

Thursday 16th October – Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)

Wednesday 22nd October – Year 6 PGL residential

Monday 20th October – Turtles Class Assembly (9:00am) – please note we have changed the date!

Term 2

Thursday 6th November – Penguins Class Assembly (9:00am)

Tuesday 11th November – Odd Socks Day

Thursday 13th November – Seahorse Class Assembly (9:00am)

Friday 14th November – Children in Need (non-uniform / £1 donation)

Wednesday 19th November – New Reception Parents Open Day (9:30am and 5:00pm)

Thursday 20th November – Dolphins Class Assembly (9:00am)

Friday 21st November – FADS Christmas Fair

Wednesday 26th November – Whales Class Assembly (9:00am)

Wednesday 3rd December – Reception & Nursery Nativity

Wednesday 10th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Friday 12th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

Term 1: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October

October half term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Term 2: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Term 3: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

February half term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

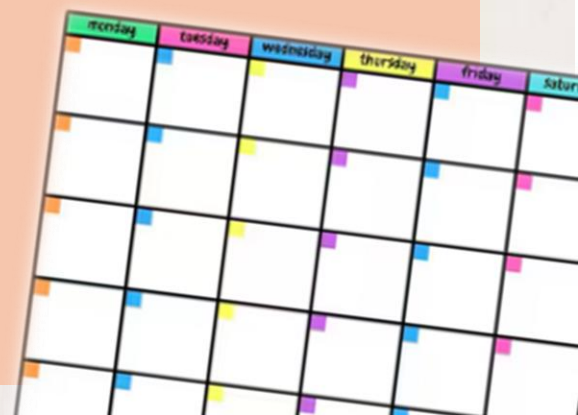
Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Term 5: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

May half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 22nd July



Parent/Carer Survey Feedback – July 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who completed our parent/carers survey at the end of last term. We received 23 responses in total, roughly 10% of our school community, which we've summarised below. In areas where we didn't score as highly, we'll be reflecting on the feedback and considering what changes we can implement to further improve the school experience for our children and their families.

100% of parents and carers agree:

- their child is happy
- their child is safe
- their child does well
- children behave well
- the school deals effectively with bullying (over 70% responded that it hasn't been a problem at all).
- the school is a welcoming and pleasant place
- the school is well led and managed
- 17 out of 23 said the school has high expectations of their child
- 19 out of 23 said the school makes them aware what their child is learning
- 20 out of 23 said the school lets me know what is going on
- 19 out of 23 said there is a good range of subjects available

What are the best bits?

- *Supportive environment and child-centred learning*
- *I like that there are staff members greeting parents at the beginning and end of the day.*
- *Staff are approachable. I love OPAL too!*
- *How everyone is included and as a parent I am kept up to date with everything.*
- *The children have adults in school who they trust and who make them feel like they really matter. The teacher's updates and weekly snapshots help us feel connected to what's going on.*
- *There's a real sense of community at the school, which makes it a lovely place for the children and families.*
- *The play opportunities and involvement we get as parents and carers.*
- *It feels like a family.*
- *The community feel and the fact that it is small I think the children are seen more. OPAL is a great scheme.*
- *Happy children and a nice community.*
- *The teachers are very welcoming and take care of the kids which make them feel safe.*
- *Our son feels safe and enjoys his day at school and that is down to the staff and activities. Opportunities to go into the school and be with/see our son. Like sports day, stay and play, assemblies etc and having enough notice so can take the time off work to come. Doing parents race on sports day!*
- *We are so happy with Denton, there is a real buzz about the place and lots of exciting things going on.*

What could we improve?

We already do or will do soon...

"KS1 playground desperately needs a scooter storage area, so many getting damaged and squashed into where they currently go near the entrance, so hard to get my child's out at pick up time"

We've applied for some grants to support with the costs and are currently looking into options for these to be installed on each playground without it removing space for the children to play in.

"As parents we haven't got to meet the teacher for the next year. I know the kids have done a meet the teacher but it would be nice as parents to meet them too so we know who is going to be looking after our child."

All families have had the opportunity to come and meet their child's teacher this week. Class teachers are available for a phone call or meeting at the parents request. Many of the teachers are on the playground in the mornings and all teachers are available at pick up.

"Having a music specialist and wider range of PE activities.
Offering a wider range of subjects with more visiting teachers and making sure more able students are stretched"

We are committed to ensuring our children have their full curriculum which is enhanced with lots of additional enrichment opportunities. We've got some exciting events planned in terms 1 and 2 which we will be writing to families about shortly.

"Fostering a more inclusive environment which is tricky as it's quite a homogenous demographic"

We're committed to creating a school culture where every child feels seen, valued, and respected — regardless of background. This includes:

Broadening representation in our curriculum, books, and displays

Celebrating diversity through themed weeks, assemblies, and cultural events

Encouraging empathy and global awareness through PSHE and wider learning

Listening to pupil and parent voice to ensure all perspectives are considered

"Can we have wraparound childcare and more after school clubs?"

This continues to be a priority for the school but also a real challenge. We continue to have a breakfast club on site via Sports Cool which runs Monday to Friday. There is also Nippers who offer after school childcare. In next weeks newsletter we will share with families our offer of after school enrichment clubs.

"Being more consistent with discipline including clear consequences for bad behaviour"

In July we consulted with our staff and children and **updated** our Teaching and Learning policy to reflect our **high expectations** for behaviour which always include clear consequences. Our approach to supporting behaviour is in line with East Sussex and national guidance. Our Ofsted report praised the behaviour of the children and the way it is managed in school.

OPEN EVENING 2025

THURSDAY 25 SEPT

5 - 8pm

- * Talks with senior leadership & pupils @ 5.15, 6.15 & 7.15pm
- * School tours available all evening
- * No booking required!
- * admissions@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk
- * There is limited parking on site. Please consider public transport or parking at Mountfield Road Car Park.



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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 25th
September
5 - 7:30pm

Principal presentations
5:15pm and 7:00pm



We are looking forward to seeing you at our Open Evening, where we will offer visitors the opportunity to tour our school, visit a variety of departments, meet staff and see the numerous resources and facilities we have available at Seaford Head School.

We will be making three presentations through the course of the evening; at 5.00pm, 6.00pm, and 7.00pm. This allows parents/carers to have a tour of the school and visit the different departments before or after the presentations.

We would like to remind you that, in order to ensure everyone is able to attend, we request a maximum of 3 individuals to attend per family (including your child).

If you are unable to attend our Open Evening, we would like to invite you to book in to one of our additional Open Mornings that take place on our Steyne Road site from Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October from 9.15am - 10.45am. To book please call reception on 01323 891623. (Open Evening does not need to be booked).

FREE ONLINE groups for parents/ carers of East Sussex.
From October- December 2025

**Parenting Children with
Anxiety 4+**

For parents of children aged 4-16
years showing signs of anxiety

**Wednesday 5th November - 17th December
10:00-12:00pm - 7 Sessions**

**Supporting Parents of
Teenagers 10+**

For parents/ carers of
teens aged 10-16.

**Wednesday 5th November - 17th December
10:00-12:00pm - 7 Sessions
Sidley Family Hub**

Harmony at Home

This course is for parents or carers
who are in a relationship but aren't
getting along.

**Thursday 6th November - 27th November
10:00-12:00pm - 4 Sessions**

**Teen Life
(National Autistic Society)**

For parents/carers with children
aged 10-16 years who are
diagnosed with Autism or on the
pathway to diagnosis.

**Tuesday 4th November- 16th December
12:30 to 14:30pm - 8 Sessions,
week off at half term**

Calmer Co Parenting

For parents who are separated
or divorced.

Learn at your own pace, anywhere, anytime.
Interactive, easy-to-use online program with videos, activities and
downloadable resources.
Supported by an East Sussex Parenting Practitioner



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FREE ONLINE webinars for parents/ carers of East Sussex.
From October- December 2025

Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children (2-12 yrs)

Want to understand the signs of anxiety and what to look out for?

- Tues 14th Oct 12:30pm - 2:30pm
- Thurs 6th Nov 10:00am -12:00pm
- Tues 9th Dec 10:00am -12:00pm

Becoming a Positive Parent (2-10 yrs)

Want to stay calm when your child isn't?

- Mon 6th Oct 10:00am -12:00pm
- Wed 12th Nov 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Thurs 4th Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Triggers Tantrums & Teaching Moments (2-12yrs)

Want to make small changes that have a big difference?

- Thurs 9th Oct 10:00am -12:00pm
- Tues 4th Nov 10:00am -12:00pm
- Wed 3rd Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Learning about Neurodivergent Children (2-19yrs)

Want to know what neurodivergence actually means and how it impacts behaviour?

- Wed 8th Oct 12:30pm - 2:30pm
- Tues 11th Nov 10:00am -12:00pm
- Wed 10th Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Responding to Teen Emotions (10-19 yrs)

Want to understand what drives teen emotions, choices and challenges?

- Tues 21st Oct 10:00am -12:00pm
- Thurs 11th Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Understanding Teen Behaviour (10-19 yrs)

Want to keep your cool in the chaos?

- Wed 5th Nov 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Pre-recorded webinars that you can watch any time

- Online Safety in a Digital World
- Everyday Ways to Play
- Supporting Big Emotions Before School Starts



For more information about our free courses, groups webinars and events. Scan the QR code