



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell



23 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for another half term. If you follow us on social media, you will have noticed regular updates of photos from students on our annual ski trip over half term. The students had a great time; I would like to thank all staff involved in the trip and providing our students with this opportunity.

School entrance

Students must not be dropped off at the main school entrance; they should enter via the top playground, no later than 8:50am. This is due to the congestion created when parents attempt to drive to the main entrance, blocking visitors and taxis. School starts at 8:55am, therefore, students must be on site ready to start their first session of the day. Thank you for your support.

INSET

On Friday 13th February, all staff took part in INSET, with our inclusion team being based with ELT at St Andrews Primary School. They focussed on nurturing students and how to further develop this in their areas. Meanwhile, all teachers and support staff took part in training at school. Staff reviewed our school priorities of the year and the impact they have had to improve each area, planning what they will be delivering for this half term and ensuring high expectations are met both in and out of lessons.

Nurture Video

Thank you for your responses to the [Nurture video](#) sent out by Mr Currie. The form for questions or to be part of a focus group will close on Friday 06 March. The link to the form can be found [here](#) if you have not yet had a chance to record a response.

'Gifts for Mum' in Support of Stripey Stork

Thank you to everyone that donated 'gifts for Mum' in support of Stripey Stork as a tutor challenge.

Reminder – Joe's Buddy Line

Workshop 2, of our Everyone Ask Twice programme, with Joe's Buddy Line is available to book;

17th March 6pm-7,30pm [Eventbrite Link](#)

26th March 2pm-3.30pm [Eventbrite Link](#)

Dorking Free Home Energy Event

We have been asked by Circular Dorking to share the attached with parents.

Dorking Teens Parent Offer

We have also been asked by Home Start, Dorking to share details of a 4-week parenting course. See attached.

Future key dates:

23-27 February	MFL inter-house competition
26 February	Pentathlon PE Event
2-16 March	Year 11 mock examinations
2-6 March	National Careers week
5 March	World Book Day
9-13 March	Science Week including Inter House
11 March	Joe's Buddy "Everyone Ask Twice"
12 March	Year 9 reports to parents
24 March	Year 9 DTP & MEN ACWY vaccinations
25 March	Hampton Court History Trip
27 March	Year 11 reports to parents
27 March	End of term – 1:00pm finish
13 April	Summer term starts

Best wishes,



Mrs Jo Trimnell
Headteacher

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