

13 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support of The Priory School. Your encouragement, partnership and commitment to our community make a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do to support our students and staff.

This time of year is always one of mixed emotions. Whilst we celebrate the many achievements of our students and look forward to the future, we also say farewell to valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities or beginning a well-earned retirement.

I am sure you will join me in expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following colleagues for their dedication and service to The Priory School. Collectively, they have contributed many years of care, expertise and commitment to the education and wellbeing of our young people, and their impact will be felt for many years to come.

Retiring

- **Mrs Bradley (Reception)** – 23 years at The Priory School
- **Mr Pinchin (English and Geography)** – 11 years at The Priory School
- **Mrs Blanch (Religious Education)** – 2 years at The Priory School
- **Mr Mentz (English)** – 4 years at The Priory School

Moving on to New Opportunities

- **Mrs Fox (English)**
- **Mr Larkin (English)**
- **Mr Rochester (Computing)**

We thank each of them for the positive difference they have made to the lives of our students and the wider school community. Whether through inspiring lessons, pastoral support, behind-the-scenes work or simply being a friendly and familiar face, they have all played an important role in shaping The Priory School.

On behalf of everyone in our community, we wish them every happiness, success and fulfilment in the next chapter of their lives.

Update - Two-factor authentication changes from 14th July 2026

Please click [here](#) to read the follow up letter from Enlighten Learning Trust regarding this.

WoW week

As part of the fundraising during this week and due to high demand, we will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts again. You can purchase these at £10 for 12, or £1 for 1. If you or your child would like to purchase these, please click [here](#)

Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September

These are INSET days where we will be preparing for the year ahead, inducting new staff, setting expectations and ensuring staff are fully safeguard trained.

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Monday 7 September

New Year 7 and Year 10 students are in school for the full day. This is to ensure that all new Year 7 students are settled into the school before other year groups come in. Year 10 will also be set up and be ready for the start of their GCSE studies. Students in these year group groups will also have their photos taken during the day.

Tuesday 8 September

All students are in school, attending lessons, assembly and Years 8/9/11 having their photos taken.

Uniform

This year we have trialled the wearing of a polo shirt to add flexibility for students being comfortable in the heat. In September, all students will be expected back into their school shirt with either a school tie, school blazer or school jumper. There will be zero tolerance to fake eyelashes and nails from the very beginning of term so please ensure that these are removed before the end of the holiday.



Managing family budgets over the summer holidays

A range of support is available to help families reduce costs over the break. Surrey County Council has brought together information on a number of schemes, including affordable family days out, supermarket discount programmes and local food bank support. Further details can be found on the Surrey County Council website: [Support with food costs for families - Surrey County Council](#)

Free School Meals

Families whose children are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals can also access Surrey's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme, known locally as [Club4 camps](#) which provides free holiday activities and meals during the school holidays. In addition, young people aged 20 and under can [Apply for a Surrey LINK bus card - Surrey County Council](#), which offers 50% off adult bus fares across Surrey, helping to make travel more affordable throughout the summer. We hope these schemes provide useful support and opportunities for families over the holiday period.

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We would also like to remind parents to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) in readiness for September 2026. This applies to:

- Families who believe they may now be eligible following the recent widening of the eligibility criteria.
- Families who currently receive Free School Meals, as a new application is required to ensure entitlement continues from September 2026.

Parents can complete the school's eligibility check and application form which is available online [PRI-SCHOOL-FSM-Eligibility-Checker-June-2026-1-1.docx](#). The deadline for completing this has been extended to 17 July to enable us to complete checks before the beginning of the new academic year.

A letter explaining the changes to Free School Meals eligibility was sent to all parents in Mrs Trimnell's Bulletin of 23 June and to parents who currently receive FSM on 07 July 2026.

Independent Caterers change to tariff from September

Please see attached.

I would like to wish you all a safe summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs Jo Trimnell
Headteacher

Future key dates:

13-17 July	WoW week – More detail to follow Year 10 Work Experience Week
15 July	Wear pink and blue day
16 July	Year 10 reports to parents
15-16 July	Alton Towers residential Trip
17 July	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish for students Non uniform day
3 & 4 September	INSET days
7 September	Years 7 and 10 in school Photos taken
8 September	All students in school Photos for Years 8, 9 and 11

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