



Dear Parents

27 March 2024

I hope you are all enjoying the Easter break.

The pupils and staff have worked very hard this term and have enjoyed many and varied curricular and co-curricular successes, all of which I and members of the Sports Department have written about in previous Newsletters and Sports Reports. I hope you find these publications enjoyable and useful for keeping up to date with events at school.

Since the last Sports Report, there has been only one fixture, and this was called off part way through due to bad weather. This is what Miss Mulligan and Miss Mildenhall had to say.

*On Wednesday 27 March, our S1 netballers travelled across to Southampton for the Hampshire Netball County Finals. The team comprised: Alicia (C), Bonnie, Evie, Florence W, Indi, Lauren, Lexi, Poppy and Violet.*

*The girls were very eager to play and test themselves against mainland opposition. However, after only one game the organisers decided to cancel the tournament due to adverse weather conditions.*

*The game we did manage to play was against Bay House. The girls got off to a quick start and took the lead with an accurate shot by Indi. As the rain continued to fall it was difficult for both teams to get into their rhythm as the ball was very slippery, making it difficult to catch and pass. After 14 minutes of game play, the score was 5-4 to Bay House, and just as Indi was just about to take a shot the bell rung, preventing us from tying the game.*

*The girls put in a brilliant effort and even though the conditions were not favourable, their spirit did not dwindle, and they all had smiles on their (wet) faces. Well done to all the girls.*





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May I take this opportunity to thank our coaches – Miss Mildenhall, Miss Mulligan, Mr Byrne and Mr Woodward for a very successful term of school sport, despite the very wet weather we have all endured in recent months. You all put in a lot of extra hours and it is greatly appreciated.

The term ended with a really lovely Easter Service at St Mildred's Church in Whippingham. Father Jonathan, with the help of an introduction and readings from the Prefects and prayers from Year 6, told the Easter Story of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ in an engaging and relatable way.

The pupils did an excellent job, and pupils, staff, parents and visitors sang the hymns with enthusiasm and feeling, and the service ended with a very healthy collection for the Mountbatten Hospice – thank you very much for this. Thanks also go to Father Jonathan for giving up his time so freely and for leading us in worship, not forgetting the Church Wardens who prepare St Mildred's for our regular visits in such a welcoming and convivial way.

**Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham Prayer**

*Written by Priory School pupils 2022-2023*

O Lord, please watch us and protect us,  
As we journey through school  
May you bless us in our teaching and learning,  
And guide us as we care for others  
Help us to know what is right and just,  
Encourage us to do what is good and loving  
Let us thank Our Lady of Walsingham,  
Who trusted in God's will and gave us hope  
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**Amen**



Thank you for attending  
our Easter Service.

There will be a retiring collection  
in aid of The Mountbatten Hospice.

We wish you a very Happy Easter!



**Easter Service 2024**



**Tuesday 26 March 2024**  
St Mildred's Church, 11.00am

**Order of Service**

*The readings are from the Gospels according to St John and tell the story of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**Welcome**

Milo Barnes & Liara Barnes

**Opening Prayer**

Chaplain

**1st Reading**

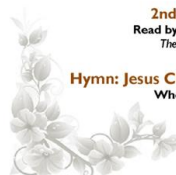
Read by David Cottrell  
*The Entry into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday*

**Hymn: There is a Green Hill**  
Whole School

**2nd Reading**

Read by Adam Farley  
*The Crucifixion*

**Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**  
Whole School



**3rd Reading**

Read by Maya Bennett  
*The Resurrection*

**Pupil Prayers**

Read by Priory Pupils in Year 6

**Hymn: Thine be the Glory**  
Whole School

**Chaplain**

Father Jonathan Redvers-Harris

**The Principal**

David E J J Lloyd

**Hymn: Jerusalem**  
Whole School

**Blessing & Dismissal**  
Chaplain

In my final assembly of the term, I tried to pull together the Easter Story and the beginning of a new (summer) term into a coherent message (which I may not always achieve!).



I talked about how pupils tend to begin a new exercise book with the very best of intentions – neatly, and with a heading and date on each page and underlined with a ruler – but how old habits and scruffiness usually creeps back in after 4 or 5 pages. Staff can sometimes be the same with their teacher planners and registers!

I then talked about sacrifice – God sacrificing his only son for us – and new life through the Resurrection, and I used this to ask the pupils to consider two questions. *When was the last time you did something completely selfless, with no personal gain whatsoever, and is there one self-improvement promise you can make to yourself for next term – whilst thinking of the summer term as a new ‘exercise book’ for life?*

I finished by talking about hope becomes reality and I revisited the Martin Luther King ‘dream’ speech as an example. It is important that we ask ourselves what we want to change, and then how we might go about achieving that goal – by formulating a plan and timings. Martin Luther King devoted his life to creating a world without hatred and racism, gave inspirational speeches, led demonstrations and made the ultimate sacrifice – he was killed on 4 April 1968.

I ended the assembly by referring to Psalm 20, 4-7: ‘May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.’ In other words, a dream alone is not enough – we all need a plan.

Let’s hope we all return to school with a plan for our self-improvement promise. We don’t have to share it, but let’s see if we can stick to it.

Have a super Easter break and God bless you all.

### Reports

Tues 26 Mar	Easter Service, St Mildred’s Church (£65.00 raised for Mountbatten Hospice)
Wed 27 Mar	S1 Girls, Netball Hampshire County Tournament, Southampton
Wed 27 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 27 Mar	Easter Term Ended
Sun 14 Apr	S5, Art/Photographic Session

### Future Dates & Events

Tues 16 Apr	Summer Term Begins
Wed 17 Apr	S3 Boys, Basketball Match, Medina College
Thurs 18 Apr	S5/L6th, UCAS Discovery Fair, Winchester

Mrs Dale is running the computer wallpaper competition again, so please enter your best photos by emailing them to [emmadale@psiow.com](mailto:emmadale@psiow.com). The theme for pupils this term is ‘Countryside’ and for staff ‘Spring’. Mrs Dale will be looking for in focus photos that capture the themes in an interesting way. The winning photos will be uploaded to our internal computer system where the image will be displayed on all computers until May half term. Good luck to all.

### Achievements

Maya in S5 has finished dancing in the festival now, and with her East Cowes based dance school Fusion Arts Academy, she has gained a further three silver medals in the last week, for group dances in tap, ballet and modern.



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**Open Morning**  
WED 24 APRIL 2024 ~ 9.00AM TO 12.00PM

Small classes mean my son gets so much individual attention

Our daughter is so happy and loves learning