



As Spring finally sprang this week so did we! Nursery made their first trip to the library. Year 1 have been busy composing rhyming couplet poems based on Beegu. Reception and Nursery have continued with their animal topic, learning about giraffes who can't dance and zoo animals. No surprises then that we had lots of animal characters for our World Book Day event. An amazing effort once more – thank you for making this such a huge success. The next main event was the visit from Nick Gibb, Minister for Education. He was bowled over by the standards here at Priory for such young children from Nursery through to Year 1. He was especially impressed by the quality of reading, writing and maths. Next week is another big week, focusing on Art. We're combining this with Comic Relief. Please support this event by coming to our exhibition and bidding for your child's art work. The main exhibit will partly be on show too. Have a happy and safe weekend – a warmer one too! Miss Steele and all the academy staff.

Term dates for 2015/2016 – These have been uploaded on the website and we have also included them with this week's Newsletter for your convenience. All pupils in Years 1 and 2 will be expected to return to the Academy for the new academic year on Thursday 3rd September. Reception pupils will have a staggered start during the first three days of the new term. New Nursery pupils will join us mid September and also experience a staggered start.

Top Table – The following children have been invited to join Miss Steele on the top table on Thursday 12th March – Uma Chauhan, Emilia Rodgers, Delika White, Grace Donoghugh, Digby Usher, Joshua Phillips and Josette Ligereux. Miss Steele looks forward to receiving a RSVP by Monday 9 March and dining with them.

Forthcoming Reception Trip – On 15th April Reception classes will be going on a trip to the London Wetland Centre. Full details to follow next week.

Forest School – Unfortunately, due to a lack of parental assistance we are unable to continue with the Friday Forest School which has been enjoyed by Reception pupils, which is disappointing. We would love to hear from any parent helpers who may be able to help out.

Thank you – to Jess Hope-Jones and her mum Judy Brooks who have spent time at Ark Priory this week helping our founding pupils in Year 1 plant commemorative fruit trees which were donated by the Woodland Trust, along our back boundary. Reception pupils spent time planting broad beans in our garden area. We look forward to seeing these grow over the coming months and years improving our outside area. Planting of the trees will continue over the next few weeks.

Ark Farm – Will be visiting Ark Priory on 18 March. Please inform us of any animal allergies so we can take the necessary precautions.

Red Nose Day (Friday 13 March) – Pupils may wear red clothing to the academy for the day in return for a donation of £1, **NO HAIR COLOURING PLEASE**. Remember to send in the donation with your child for this worthwhile charity.

KEY DATES

w/c 9th March
Art Week

13th March
Comic Relief Day –
dress in red and
donate £1

Children's Art
auction for Comic
Relief

w/c 16th March
Parent Consultations
commencing at 4.15
pm

16th and 17th March
Reception classes

17th and 18th March
Nursery classes

18th and 19th March
Year 1 classes

18th March
Visit from Ark Farm.
All pupils will see the
animals

20th March
Year 1 swimming
lessons finish

24th March
Year 1 trip to Jewish
Museum

27th March
Easter bonnet
parade and Easter
egg hunt and **LAST
DAY OF TERM**

15th April
Reception trip to the
London Wetland
Centre.

	ATTENDANCE %	PUNCTUALITY %
Nursery AM	99	99
Nursery PM	97	100
Columbus	98	99
Shackleton	97	98
Seacole	97	98
Pankhurst	99	100



Stars of the Week



Nursery

Courage – Nicholas and Rupert

Reception

Courage: Hayden Endeavour: Emilia
Exploration: Sam Excellence: Ayah

Year 1

Courage: Dexter Endeavour: Scarlett
Exploration: Damian Excellence: Dora

ART WEEK

Visit our Art exhibition and make a bid for your child's art - all in aid of Comic Relief!



We are delighted to announce that next week is ART WEEK and we have an exciting timetable of events arranged.

On Monday and Tuesday we have representatives from Kite Studios at Ark Priory, who will be inspiring pupils to collaborate in creating a large mural, to be installed and displayed within the Academy. Kite Studios are a local community company who provide quality art education for both children and adults.

One of our gifted and talented artist parents has also agreed to come in next week to teach Year 1 observational skills, which we are also looking forward to.

Kite Studios will help the pupils to produce an additional piece of artwork which parents can purchase on Friday to take home. We will be holding an art exhibition on Friday 13 March in our 'gallery' from 1.30 pm onwards and all parents are welcome to view the children's work.

All money received will be donated to Comic Relief.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS





