

Newsletter



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Our Image



Over the last few months Becky Cross, local photographer, has been working with a group of Home Educating young people. They have embarked on a weekly photography workshops; at the seaside, the Priory and in their own homes. Some of their adventures and lessons were exhibited in the Rose Garden on Saturday 8th June. The exhibition formed part of Becky's MA project with the aim to delve into the nuance within the unique world of home education. The exhibition was a collaborative project with a selection of the children's work on display alongside Becky's. The day was really well supported and all involved were really proud of their achievements.

Nursery groups

This month we have hosted two nursery trips to enable their 2 and 3 year olds to explore the Priory. Little Pals Nursery visit was partially funded by Grassroots who donated £160 towards the cost of the trip. This enabled the children to see the animals, do a scavenger hunt in the Rose Garden and play in our Forest School area.

We, and Little Pals, are very grateful for their support.



Outdoor Explorers

Once again we had our youngest visitors on site every Wednesday through the month of June. They have now seen the Priory in all seasons and to see it now, at its most colourful, has been very special. Jane, our Forest School lead, has created a range of different activities for the children with a different theme each week. The weather has been kind and the children have benefitted from being able to use the wonderful outdoor space. Riding the Tractor Trailer to see the baby animals was a highlight for the children and their parents.

Young Carers

A fantastic partnership with SS. Peter and Paul's church and Make a Difference Locally foundation has given us the opportunity to welcome 20 young carers from St. Osyth Primary School on to the Estate for an afternoon every half term. These young people, from Reception age through to year 6, all have extra responsibilities at home caring for family members with disabilities, or extra pressures within the home which impact their ability to have free time. The programme set up with the Church allows for these young people to relax and enjoy themselves in a beautiful setting. It gives them the chance to play and explore unburdened by responsibilities, as well as connect with others who face similar challenges. The young carers have visited us twice for the summer term and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Public Tours

Starting at the end of May, we are now running tours of the Priory every Wednesday. Public can book either a walking tour of the buildings led by local Historian, Nigel Jeskins, or a Tractor Trailer Tour of the Parkland with commentary from Sonia Grantham. Tours cost £6.50 per person with tickets available on our website. Feedback has been fantastic with locals and holiday makers excited to see what is 'behind the wall'. Expanding on this, we now offer tours to organised groups, such as Historical Societies. To book email Sonia on Sonia.grantham@me.com



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