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# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

This week at Priory\_

Good afternoon all,

I hope everyone is having a lovely week. Next week we have parent's evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure you book an appointment and come along. It is a great opportunity to see and hear all about the wonderful things your child has been doing in class. It is also World book week so we have the travelling book fayre available in the hall extension on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. On Tuesday and Wednesday the book fayre will be in the corridor just off the main entrance.

On Friday, children are welcome to come dressed up in a favourite book character, or children are welcome to come to school in their pajamas to represent bedtime stories.

I have had a number of complaints recently from parents about the inconsiderate parking of parents along the road and in the car park. Please can I remind everyone, again, to park respectfully and mindfully of others.

In addition to this can I remind you all that there should be no smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes anywhere on the school site, this includes the car park.

## Upcoming Events

- 04/03/24 - 08/03/24 - Travelling book fayre - This will be held in the hall extension on Monday, Thursday and Friday. During parents evening the book fayre will be in the main corridor as you enter the school.
- 05/03/24 - Parents evening - bookings close
- 06/03/24 - Parents evening - bookings close
- 06/03/24 GFE - Governor monitoring event in school
- 06/03/24 - National Festival of Music for Youth - Choir -12:00
- 08/03/24 - 17/03/24 - Science week
- 08/03/24 - World book day
- 09/03/24 - Ramadan starts
- 15/03/24 - Red nose day - We aim to hold a non-uniform day for donations for comic relief
- 25/03/24 - Colour run (link to Holi) - 3:30 - 4pm on Priory mile
- 25/03/24 - Holi, Religious celebration, Hope
- 27/03/24 - Easter egg hunt
- 28/03/24 - Priory's Got Talent
- 29/03/24 - 12/04/24 - Easter holidays

## Poem

### NATURE'S JOURNEY

As we begin the year with spring,  
There are subtle flowers blossoming at every turn,  
All thriving individually,  
Serenity fills the air,  
And the mild winds commence.

The we leap into summer,  
With hot blistering weather,  
Porcelain fleecy clouds filling the sky,  
And fresh green grass,  
Congested with vibrancy.

Now autumn time begins,  
A brisk one indeed,  
Where leaves fall off of tress,  
And the harvest is soon to start.

Last but not least - winter,  
Blistery, icy, polar,  
Hands are severely numb,  
And the snow is flocculent.

**By Jessica Saroay and Ela Bilurdagi**

## Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages: W/C 19th February

Whole school - 92%

Year 1 - 93%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 90%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 91%



Congratulations to 2Newton with 99% the highest attendance this week!

CONGRATULATIONS

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

St David's Day

<https://youtu.be/bQPzTxTsZuw>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

[ps://www.priorschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/](https://www.priorschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)

# World Book Day at Priory 2024

World Book Day 2024 is approaching and, as I am sure you are all aware, at Priory, we like to mark this in a big way. It is one of our best events for coming together as a community and celebrating the power of reading and books.

This year's theme will be Epic Adventures. We will be exploring the different elements that make up the exciting adventure stories that are a hugely popular genre for children's literature.

On Friday 8th of March, children will be able to come into school in fancy dress to help them fully immerse themselves in the world of children's literature. We look forward to seeing the amazing and creative costumes they wear. We are also more than happy for pupils to come to school in pyjamas this year rather than costumes to celebrate bedtime stories. We would not want any of our families to feel that there is pressure to purchase a costume during this cost of living crisis.

As usual, every child has received a £1 book voucher, which can go towards the cost of any book or in exchange or in exchange for a £1 book between 15th February and 31st March. Your children's class teacher distributed these on Friday 9th of February.

Priory will also be playing host to the Travelling Book Fair from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. Your children will be given timetabled slots to visit during the school day and the fair will be open after school each night that week. As this falls at the same time as Parent Consultation Evening, the book fair will be open until 6:30pm on Tuesday the 5th March and until 5:00pm on Wednesday the 6th March, if your appointment is after these times please visit the book fair before your appointment. This is a perfect opportunity for the children to spend their vouchers and buy some brilliant books for their home libraries.

Reading and high-quality texts are at the heart of everything we do at Priory and we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every one of our pupils loves and has access to books.





# Priory School Holi Celebration Non Uniform Day & Fun Colour Run Monday 25th March 2024

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Help us Celebrate!

Non-Uniform Day Children and Staff can wear their brightest colours for a £1.00 contribution.

Also come and join the fun, children their family and staff are all welcome to join the colour run at 3.30pm, £1.00 entry fee.



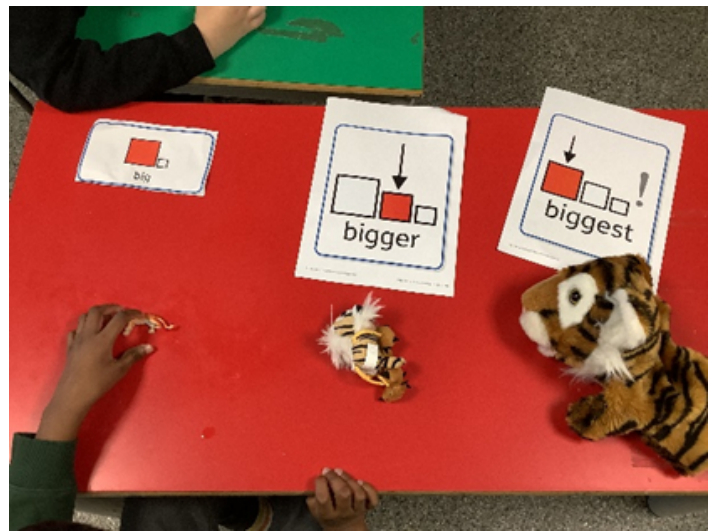
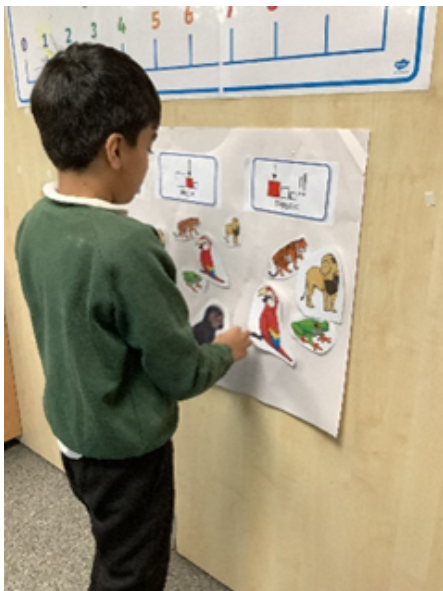


## **Concert Congratulations**

A huge congratulations to all of the children who performed in our musical lunchtime concerts this week. Over 40 children played to an audience of parents, friends and staff, over the course of 4 concerts. Enormous thanks to our visiting instrumental teachers who prepared them to share their learning on these occasions, to class teachers and office staff who helped everyone be at the right place at the right time, to all who came to support as part of the audience, and to the children themselves who took this opportunity to be brave and play their instruments for others to hear. What a wonderful achievement!

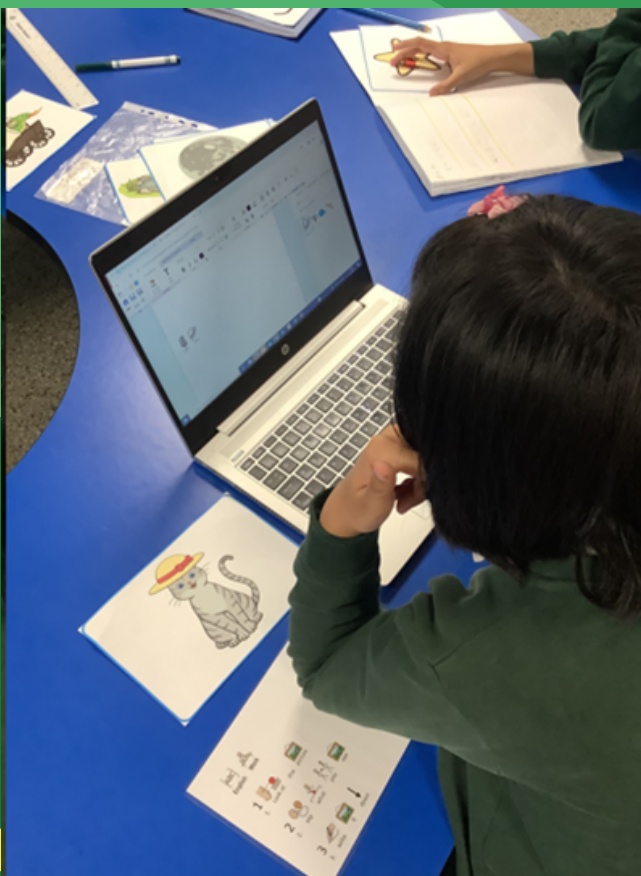
## Orchard News

This week in maths, Plums and Apples have been sorting animal figures into big, bigger and biggest size groups. In Cherry class, the children have been colour sorting, using materials to add and subtract 1 from a group of objects and solve number problems.



In English, Apple and Plums class have been sorting and matching rhyming words. They used PECS to communicate what they could see in the book 'Rumble in the Jungle' and then wrote/copied CVC words.

Cherry class have been adding Nouns and Verbs in their sentences and focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to support their writing skills.







**Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan; 7<sup>th</sup> Feb; 13<sup>th</sup> March; 17<sup>th</sup> April; 8<sup>th</sup> May; 12<sup>th</sup> June; 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

## **Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Slough**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within Slough.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hours topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

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### **DATE & TIME**

Monthly- See above dates  
10-12pm

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### **VENUE**

Farnham Common Village Hall  
Victoria road Farnham Common,  
Slough SL2 3NL

### **COST**

FREE  
(Refreshments provided)

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Charlie Taylor**  
**07831409731**  
[charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](mailto:charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

**Children welcome under parent supervision**



# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

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THE LIGHT UK  
Caring for the community

## Respite and support services from The Light UK

**Friday 22nd March 10am to 11am**

Join our online session hosted by Maariyah Fazil (The Light UK ) to discuss:

- Respite
- Education
- Employment and training
- Personal care assistance support
- Mentoring
- Family Support and access to service
- Question and answer session for parent and carers

**Sign Up Today!**

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)



**To book your place contact GEMS:**



[Gems.4Health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4Health@nhs.net)



0800 999 1342



## FACE it!



Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited  
with certificate**

Thursday  
21 March

19:00 - 20:00

**FREE**



### FREE SESSION

Understanding Addictive  
Behaviour - Screens, gaming,  
drugs and more

Tuesday  
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



### What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance  
and Commitment Therapy

Thursday  
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Supporting a child with ADHD**  
challenging the stereotypes and  
giving practical advice



Slough Ice  
Rink, Montem  
Lane, SL1 2GQ

# **CHARITY SKATE**

## **Sunday 24th March**

**10am til 1pm**

**£10 per person or  
£30 for a family of 4 \*plus booking fee  
Includes skate hire**

**All ticket sales and proceeds will go to the  
Spice Jets attending the  
2024 Special Hockey tournament in Boston**

**Tuck shop, Refreshments, Cakes on sale and a tombola!**



**<https://spicecharityskate.eventbrite.com>**



# Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



## UNDERSTANDING ANGER

11th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

**Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**



Berkshire Healthcare



NHS Foundation Trust

**Wednesday 27th March**

**10am-11.45am OR 1.30pm - 3pm**

**At Priory School**

**Toilet training intervention workshops for parents and carers of children with additional needs over the age of 4yrs (although lots of information about toilet training for all ages and stages of development)**

Some children struggle more than others when learning to use the toilet. This can be for a variety of reasons. We understand how very stressful this is for parents.

We offer free workshops for families in Berkshire covering:

- ☑ Toilet training – trouble shooting the difficulties parents and their children are experiencing
- ☑ How to help child have a healthy bladder and bowel
- ☑ Specific information for families with a child or young person with additional needs

It also provides parents the opportunity to ask those difficult questions about toilet training in a safe space.

**To book a place please follow link and complete questionnaire**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/wDwHq69rbQ>**