

7TH JUNE 2024

ISSUE 30

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the year! We're excited to share the fantastic events and activities we have lined up, all of which reflect our core values of hope, trust, opportunity, and curiosity.

Exciting Trips Ahead! Next week, our Year 5 students will visit the Tate Modern, immersing themselves in contemporary art and fostering their curiosity. Meanwhile, Year 2 will explore Beale Park, a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning and discovery.

Join Us for Coffee! Friday 14th at 2 pm, we invite you to the Priory Friends coffee afternoon in the training room. It's a wonderful chance to build trust and connections within our community. Come along, meet other parents, and get involved in school activities. We hope to see many of you there!

Upcoming Assessments In the coming weeks, Year 4 will be doing their multiplication checks. Next week, Year 1 will have their phonics screening checks. We wish our Year 4 and Year 1 pupils the best of luck - their hard work and hope for success will surely pay off.

Learning Together Morning At the end of the month, we will host our final Learning Together Morning. This event offers a unique opportunity for parents to join their children in the classroom, nurturing a love for learning and curiosity in a shared environment. Don't miss this special moment to engage directly in your child's education.

Nursery and Reception Parent Forum Parents of Nursery and Reception children, we encourage you to attend our Parent Forum. This is an excellent opportunity to share your thoughts and contribute to our supportive and trusting school community. Click on the link below to register your attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iw2CKhTzCD>

We're looking forward to a busy and enjoyable half term, filled with hope, trust, opportunity, and curiosity. Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Year 5 Tate Modern Trip - 10th June
- Parent meeting Little Canada - 10th June
- Year 2 Beale Park Trip - 12th June
- Phonics screening week - 10th - 14th June
- Priory Friends Coffee Afternoon - 14th June
- Father's Day - 16th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 17th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 19th June
- Young Carers Trip to Chessington - 19th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 20th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 21st June
- Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 21st June
- Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
- EY Parent forum - 24th June
- Learning Together Mornings - W/C 24th June
- 3Moore Ure Museum - 25th June
- Performance to parents - 25th June, 7pm
- Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
- Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm

- Year 6 Transition Workshops - 2nd July
- 3Rashford Ure Museum - 3rd July
- MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
- Plastic free July - 3rd July
- Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
- Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 5th July
- 3Wickes Ure Museum - 9th July
- Literacy Specialist Day - 9th July
- Year 6 Transition Workshops- 9th July
- Year 5 BGS - 10th July
- Year 5 parent meeting - applying for secondary - 11th July
- Little Canada - 12th July
- Arts week - W/C 15th July
- Sports day - 17th July
- Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception Graduation - 24th July AM
- Nursery final day - 24th July
- Final celebration assembly - 25th July - End of term. Whole school to attend Guard of Honour. Year 6 finish at 11:30am. Once they have gone, rest of school go back into class to be dismissed by 12pm.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 5.6.24

Whole school - 94%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 96%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 95%

Congratulations to 2Newton and
4Simmonds with 100% the highest
attendance this week!

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

Signs of the week:

No sign of the week this week

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

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



Priory Coffee Afternoon!

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits

Friday 14th June 2024

2.00pm–3.00pm



Come join us after the school drop off
for a cuppa and to meet Priory Friends
& members of Priory Staff

*Coffee Afternoon will also include a pre loved uniform
sale*

More Coffee Afternoon Information

Caroline Masih and Ruth Talbot (two of the governors) have taken on the role of Co-Chair to support the amazing work of the existing committee of Priory Friends. We look forward to meeting you all!

Coffee, tea and delicious biscuits will be available at the Priory Friends get-together on Friday 14th June, between 2 and 3 pm. Come and join us before the school pick-up for free refreshments, a chance to meet and help plan our next project. We plan to ask the children what they would like us to support and you may have ideas too? We'll also have pre-used uniform for sale - all good quality and very reasonable prices- and school iron-on badges for sale if you need some. Cash only please

Sports Day: We will be providing refreshments for parents at Sports Day and would love some help. Can you help in between watching your children enjoying the races? Let us know if you're available and when - am or pm on the 17th or the 18th July.

Contact us: send us an email

prioryfriends@prioryschool.com or drop a note in to Sandy on Reception. If you give us your phone number we can add you to the Priory Friends Whatsapp group so you have all the latest updates.

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

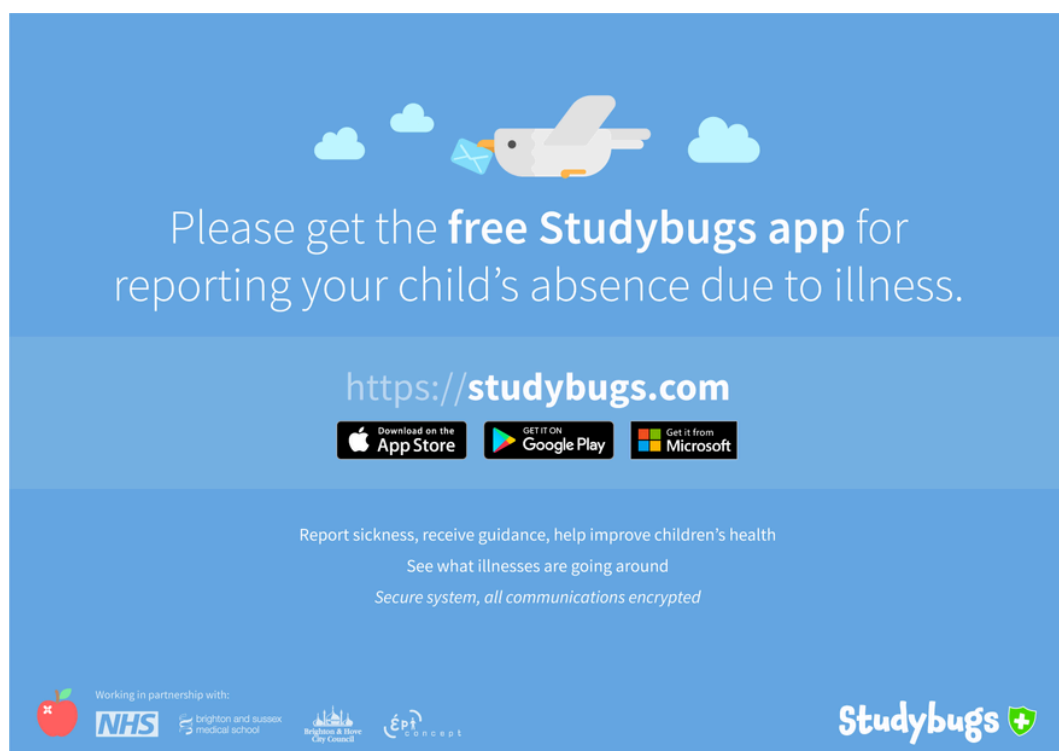
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

With the app, you no longer need to call or email the front office, instead you can report your child's illness directly onto the app.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



The graphic features a blue background with a white bird icon flying between two clouds at the top. Below the icon, the text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' Underneath this is the website URL 'https://studybugs.com'. Three app store logos are displayed: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. At the bottom, there are three lines of text: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. The footer includes logos for 'Working in partnership with: NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept', along with the 'Studybugs' logo and a green cross icon.


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Studybugs 

AIM High Writing Day

On Thursday 6th June, 12 children from Year 3 and 4 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Eton End School to work with an amazing author – Alan Durant. Durant shared some of his books with the children including the hilarious Burger Boy.

The day consisted of various sessions where children developed their imaginations and showcased their writing skills. Firstly, the children used dice to generate images including a fire, a strawberry, a car and a fish. The children were then asked to create a story from the images that had been revealed. Some of the children then shared their stories with the group and Alan Durant to receive purposeful and supportive feedback. Evelyn and Abu-Bakr shared their entertaining narratives clearly with great expression.

After this, the children were put into groups to create campfire stories. Each person was only allowed to say one sentence to contribute to the story. The exercise resulted in some hilarious stories. One even featured a big, fat chicken!

During lunch, the children enjoyed playing with pupils from other school (especially the climbing wall!). The children were incredibly kind and ensured that nobody was left on their own.

After lunch, the children chose an item to write a short story about. One had a button; one had a shell; someone even had a tooth!

The children were impeccably behaved and loved their writing workshop!



Summer Lunchtime Concert Dates

Our summer instrumental lunchtime concerts are scheduled to take place as follows, for those children who have small group and individual music lessons at school. Please put them in your diary if your child is involved, noting that the drum concert has an earlier start time of 11:30am. A further reminder will be sent to those involved nearer the time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

12pm on Monday 17th June : Mr Lazenbury's violin / piano / clarinet students

12pm on Wednesday 19th June : Mr Keen's piano / keyboard / flute students

11:30am on Thursday 20th June : Mr Clements' drum students

12pm on Thursday 20th June: Mrs Sumner's guitar students

Music through the Ages

Music through the Ages

The stage is set!! The musicians and singers (including Priory School Choir) are preparing to present an amazing show. Come and explore 'Music through the ages' which will take you on a musical journey, highlighting popular songs and orchestral pieces that shaped our world.

We are so happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for our summer singing showcase at Reading Hexagon on Monday 24th June 2024, doors open 6pm and the show starts at 6.30pm.

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/music-through-ages>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It is completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident in their reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into their next year group**.
- They will become more independent in their reading.
- It boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

Which local libraries are involved?

Children can join at:

- The Curve, Slough <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/96/library-the-curve>
- Langley Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/95/langley-library>
- Cippenham Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/94/cippenham-library>
- And on selected dates at Britwell Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/93/britwell-library>

When?

The Summer Reading Challenge starts in Slough on **16th July** and finishes **14th September**.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Yours faithfully,
Mr Philpott

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3rd July 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

Whole School, for all
ages.

**Does your child feel anxious about moving onto
Secondary School?**

**Would you like to understand how you could
support your child more with this?**

**Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support
Team for a coffee morning at school to think
about how we can help you support your child
with anxious thoughts around general school
transitions. This coffee morning session's focus
will be based on the transition from Primary
School to Secondary School.**



SOUTHLANDS

Creative Writing Competition

Under 18 categories

Short Story/Fiction
Life Writing/Autobiography

**Over £500
total prize fund**

All submissions by midnight
31-Jul-2024



Full details and T&Cs

www.southlandsarts.co.uk/competition/
www.southlandsarts.co.uk

/// Southlands Arts Centre ///
75, The Green, West Drayton UB7 7PW

Learn More...



Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **gems.4health@nhs.net** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- **What Is Autism?**
- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
- **Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills**
- **What is ADHD?**
- **Managing ADHD**
- **ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management**





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs



 **Ages 5 to 10**

First and third Friday of
the month - 4pm to 5pm

Friday 5th July - Picnic in The Park - Windsor

**Friday 6th September - All about me -
creative Drawing - Online**

**Friday 20th September - Bingo Fun -
Bracknell**

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD
and/or autism and living in East
Berkshire



For more information:

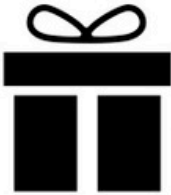
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Is your child 3 years old before August 31st 2024?
We have places in our school nursery for
September 2024 start

For more information and to apply for a place, please go to our
website www.prioryschool.com to download a September
2024 /2025 application form or email office@prioryschool.com

- Qualified, experienced teacher and staff; dedicated to value and support your child in achieving their full potential.
- A safe and secure environment where children can explore and discover in all weathers.
- Spacious outdoor area to support your child in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum.
- 15 hrs morning or afternoon sessions available
- 30 hour funding (eligibility required)

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