

5TH JULY 2024

ISSUE 34

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

### This week at Priory

Dear Parents and Carers,  
It has been another busy and productive week at our school. Here's a recap of this week's activities and a look ahead to what's coming next week.

### Year 6 Visits to Secondary Schools

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit their new secondary schools. It was a wonderful experience for them to meet their new teachers and classmates, fostering a sense of hope and anticipation for their future educational journey.

Meanwhile, our pupils in Nursery to Year 5 enjoyed visiting their new teachers and classmates too. As I walked around, it was heartening to see how ready and eager they were for this transition, embodying our value of trust in the process.

### Trips and Projects

On Wednesday, 3Rashford enjoyed a fantastic trip to the URE, igniting their curiosity about the world around them. Additionally, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in a numeracy project at Burnham Grammar, seizing the opportunity to enhance their mathematical skills in a new setting.

### Summer Fayre Preparations

Year 6 has been busy planning our upcoming summer fayre, demonstrating their leadership and teamwork. In typical English weather style, it looks like it might rain all day on Friday. Therefore, we are moving the event to

Monday. Please keep an eye on updates regarding this, and trust that we will make the best decision for everyone's enjoyment.

### MHST Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see so many parents at the MHST coffee morning on transition. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated, as they build a strong foundation of trust within our school community.

### Upcoming Events

- Literacy Specialist Visit: Our literacy specialist will be back to observe our phonics teaching, ensuring we provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils to succeed.
- 3Wickes Trip to URE: Another exciting adventure awaits our 3Wickes class as they visit the URE, fuelling their curiosity.
- Year 6 Transition Workshop: Year 6 will participate in a transition workshop to further prepare them for secondary school, fostering hope and confidence.
- Pupil Progress Meetings: We will have the last of our pupil progress meetings for the year, focusing on each pupil's progress and areas for growth.
- Year 6 Trip to Little Canada: Some of our Year 6 students will be heading to Little Canada for the weekend. We hope they have a wonderful time filled with new opportunities and experiences.
- School Reports: School reports will be distributed on the 19th of July, reflecting the hard work and achievements of our pupils.

### Parent Survey

As we continue to strive for excellence, we need your feedback. Last week's survey has received about 100 responses so far, but we are

aiming for at least 300 to ensure we have comprehensive insights from our community. Your feedback is essential in helping us review and enhance our School Development Plan.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

[Survey Link](#)

Your participation will significantly influence our priorities and goals for the coming year. Thank you for your time and support in helping us create the best possible environment for our pupils.

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement. Have a lovely weekend!

## **Upcoming events in the summer term**

- Year 6 Summer fayre - 8th July (If weather permits)
- 3 Wickes 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
- Year 3 - Year 6 Sports Day - 17th July, 9:30am
- Reception - Year 2 Sports Day - 17th July, 1pm
- Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception and Badgers 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 1st July

Whole School - 92%

Year 1 - 96%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 94%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 90%

Congratulations to Woodland Badgers with 98% 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

Sign of the week:

Change

<https://youtube.com/shorts/e1Vr0TjmvIQ?feature=share>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

# Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

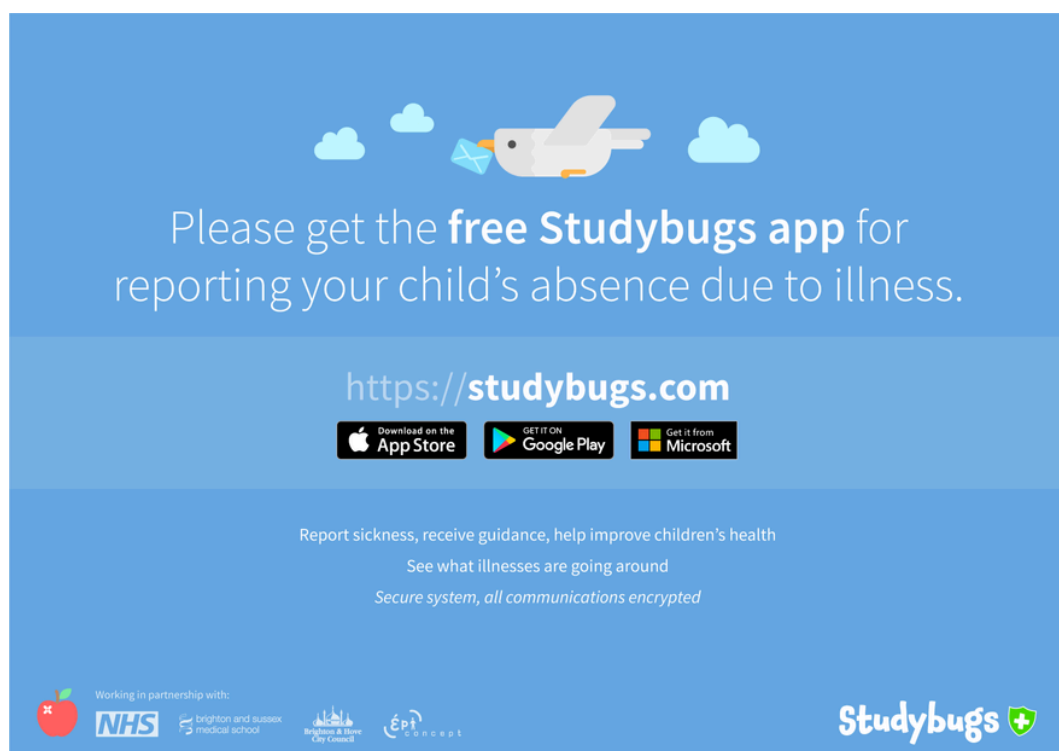
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

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 URL "https://studybugs.com" in white. 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:" followed by NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept, along with the Studybugs logo.


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Studybugs 

AWARDED 'GOOD' IN OFSTED INSPECTION – MARCH 2019

AWARDED 'GOLD' IN INVESTORS IN PEOPLE – APRIL 2019



# Priory School

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](http://www.prioryschool.com) to download a September  
2024 /2025 application form or email [office@prioryschool.com](mailto: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)

**Orchard Avenue (Off Burnham Lane)**

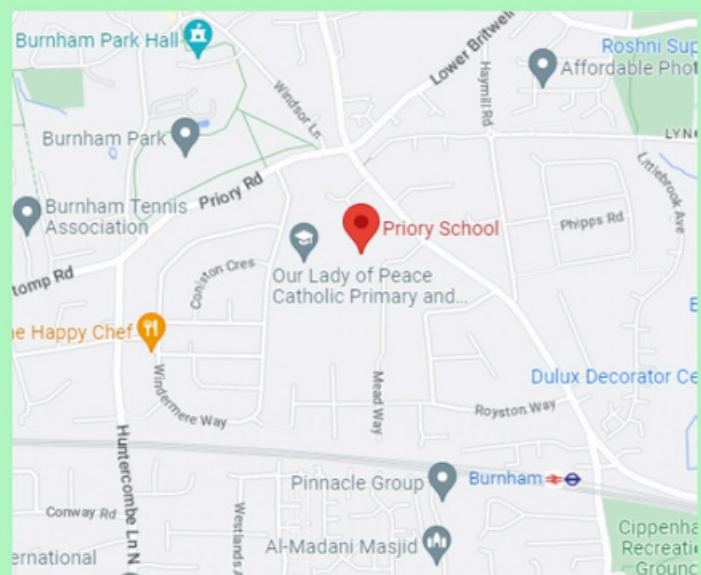
**Slough**

**Berkshire**

**SL1 6HE**

**Tel: 01628 600300**

**[www.prioryschool.co.uk](http://www.prioryschool.co.uk)**



## **A message from Priory Friends**

Priory Friends will be running an ice pops stall at the summer fair on July 8th. It's always very popular with the children especially if it's a hot afternoon. We need some help running the stall - can anyone come to help for an hour or so that afternoon? We usually make a small profit for the Priory Friends so we can support the schools projects but it's also to give the kids a treat. Please contact Priory Friends by leaving a message with Sandy on reception



## **We need your help**

Priory Friends are hoping to run a tea and coffee stall for parents during Sports Day IF we have enough volunteers. There are Sports Days on the 17th - 9.30-11 for KS2 and 1.30 -3 for KS1 and then smaller events on the 18th for nursery (am and pm) plus Orchard (am). We can only manage this if we have enough volunteers so PLEASE sign up. Don't worry about missing your child's event - you can go and watch a race and then rejoin the refreshments team. Leave a message at reception or talk to one of the Priory Friends parents. Help us help parents to enjoy Sports Day in comfort and also raise some funds for projects in the school.

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](https://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 **16<sup>th</sup> July** and finishes **14<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

# 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/](http://www.southlandsarts.co.uk/competition/)  
[www.southlandsarts.co.uk](http://www.southlandsarts.co.uk)

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



# 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:**

Call 0800 999 1342 or visit [www.Gems4Health.co.uk](http://www.Gems4Health.co.uk)



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**NEW FOR 2024**

**HOME  
START**

Berkshire East

# CONNECT WORKSHOP

**5 weeks**

19th Sept  
to  
17th Oct

## INTERACTIVE SUPPORT

**Does your child have:**

- Meltdowns
- Special interests
- Anxiety
- Sensory issues
- Need of daily routine

## MEET OTHER PARENTS FACING THE SAME ISSUE

### FACE TO FACE COURSE

- Learn strategies to encourage the behaviour you like, routines, and manage challenges.
- Meet other parents going through the same issue. Make friends and support each other.

*For parents with children who have a diagnosis of autism or are waiting*

### TIME & PLACE

Penn Road Children's Centre  
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG  
9.30am to 11.30am



**RSVP & INFO:**

**01753 572958**

**[office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk](mailto:office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk)**

**FREE**

# Is your child starting school in September?



Attend one of our health and wellbeing sessions throughout July and August to help your child be 'ready for school'

## Romsey Grove Children's Centre 9am and 12 midday

- 23rd July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 30th July – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 6th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 20th August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 27th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

## Penn Road Children's Centre 9am

- 24th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 7th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 14th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 21st August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 28th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

## Chalvey Grove Children's Centre 9am

- 25th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 1st August – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 8th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 15th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 29th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

**Book your space now by calling 01753 373464**



# FOOTBALL SUNDAY MORNING CLUB 1ST SESSION FREE!



## Sunday Morning Club @ Dedworth Middle School

**AGE 4-12      Every Sunday      10am– 11am**  
**1st Session FREE!!**

**Our Sunday Club's are coached by FA qualified coaches who plan and deliver football sessions to help players get a better understanding of the game, enhance their personal ability and confidence in a fun, active and nurturing environment.**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: MARK NISBET -  
MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG  
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**UNITED AS ONE**

# SUNDAY MORNING CLUB GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL 1ST SESSION FREE!



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