

16TH JANUARY 2026

ISSUE 16

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Thank you for your continued support as we settle into the rhythm of the Spring term. It has been lovely to see pupils engaging positively with our Hope value through Nadine the Butterfly in assemblies and classrooms.

We are looking ahead to our Spring Learning Together sessions during the week beginning 9th February. Invites will be sent out next week. Over the course of the year, we invite one parent per child to attend these sessions, working systematically through the register to ensure every family has the opportunity to take part.

In addition, we will be inviting families from KS1 and EYFS to Tea with SLT on 3rd February. This is an informal opportunity to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team, share general feedback, and ask questions about school life. Please note that this forum is not intended for raising individual concerns about specific children – those should continue to be directed to your child's class teacher or year team in the usual way.

Have a lovely weekend

Important dates:

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

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2025-2026

Leaflets and letters:

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

Signs of the week:

Angry & Excited

<https://youtu.be/8vVLhF23S6s>

Happy and Sad

<https://youtu.be/Yb7fkMlmofk>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages
W/C 5th January

Whole School - 95.62%

Year 1 - 97.67%

Year 2 - 96.12%

Year 3 - 94.43%

Year 4 - 98.05%

Year 5 - 95.16%

Year 6 - 94.35%

Congratulations to 1Jeffers with 100.0%
attendance this week!



Welcome back to Nursery

It has been lovely meeting all our new children and parents and we look forward to supporting them as they settle into our class over the following weeks.

With the cold weather we have been having, please remember that your child needs a warm and waterproof coat with a hood. Regardless of the

weather, we encourage outside learning in our wonderful garden.



We have been exploring our nursery and enjoying seeing our friends again after the Christmas break.

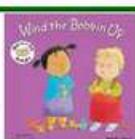


Child of the week: Tishya, Aariz, Zakariya and  for quickly settling into their new routines and enjoying having lunch with their nursery friends.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'Wind the bobbin up'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwdxJnAA6CI>

Please encourage your child to sing along.

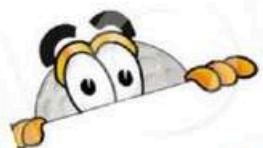


Next Week's Word of the Week: **sitting**



Peek at the Week

Reception - 16th January 2026



Important Dates / Reminders

Multicultural day - 16th January

(Children can wear clothes representing their cultures and faiths)

SLT Tea with the parents - 3rd February TBA

Learning together week - 9th February TBA

End of term - 13th February, children finish at 3:15pm

PE - Every Thursday - Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday, please ensure your child brings their book bag on this day.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: **Number** - we will be using the vocabulary: **0-6, I can see up to 5 without counting, 2 and 3 make 5.**

As the weather is getting cooler and the rain has started to arrive, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a rain coat or jacket as we will be continuing our busy learning outside.

Please can we ask that your child brings in a named water bottle every day. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!



Our Learning - This week:



Communication and Language Development:

Thank you to all those parents who came to our phonics meetings this week, we hope you found it helpful towards supporting your child with their reading development.

This week we have been focusing on the phonemes: v - w - x - y the children have been reading short words containing those phonemes and previously learnt phonemes:

van wig box yes

Please continue to read with your children at home, it really does make a difference.

Maths:

This week we have continued to look at number. The children have been practicing subitising - being able to look at a group of objects and knowing how many without counting them. This week we have introduce the concept of seeing 2 objects and 3 objects and knowing that makes 5! Securing their number bonds to 5.

You can practice this at home with any group of objects such as socks, fruit or toys.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week the children have continued to look at our class mascot - Nadine and her beacon of hope. We have compared her life cycle from egg to butterfly to our learning journey. Understanding we will continue to grow and change during our time in reception through our learning and experiences. We are also beginning to understand it is ok to make mistakes as they help us learn.



Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Anabia

R Paddington: Keyaan



Reception song of the week: Solar system Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2prtMPEjOce&list=RDF2prtMPEjOce&start_radio=1

Contact us: reception@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 - 16/01/25

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- PE is on Tuesday



Our Learning

In Computing, we learned about desktop and laptop computers. The children then had an opportunity to practice using a laptop. We completed tasks which involved clicking and dragging using the laptop trackpad, solving a variety of online puzzles.

We are thoroughly enjoying our Science topic this term! This week we looked at animals in our local environment, and discussed the different features of these animals. We then made some fantastic observational drawings of two animals, and compared their features (fur, quills, feathers!)

Art this week was focused on colour and texture. We studied the artwork of artists including Matisse and Shonibare, before having the opportunity to mix our own complimentary colours and paint onto a range of surfaces.

Our assembly this week was all about World Religion Day. We celebrated on Friday with our Multicultural day, and it was fantastic to see children in their cultural clothing. During outdoor provision, the children had opportunities to learn about different world religions and discuss what was important to them.

Stars of the Week

1 Donaldson - Siddhanth

1 Jeffers - Shivraj



Words of the Week: **phone** **alphabet** **dolphin**



Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 16th January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.



Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**.

Please also send your child in with a coat daily as we are outside learning in our Year 2 garden for part of every day.

Our garden of dreams and goals on the window:



Child of the Week

2Newton: Amelia



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have written some wonderful descriptions of Funni. They included details about what she looks like, her personality and what she likes to do.

In maths, we have been subtracting 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers and have also been applying our knowledge to solve word problems where we have had to find the difference between two amounts.

In science, we went on a winter walk around the school grounds and observed the trees, plants, animals and weather. We discussed our findings and wrote up an account in our books.

The children have really enjoyed painting in the garden this week- designing a determination star and practising their number bonds to 20.



Next week, we will finish our subtraction unit by solving word problems and working on challenges. In English, we will be writing a setting description based on The Secret Sky Garden at different stages in the book. We have been focusing on using expanded noun phrases in our writing to add lots of detail. In science, we will be looking at the life cycle of a sunflower as well as crafting our own plants and labelling their different parts and functions.

Peek at the Week

Year 3– 16th January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

15.01.26 3 Seacole swimming



11.02.26 Year 3 Learning Together Morning

w/c 16.02.26 Half Term

HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Monday**.



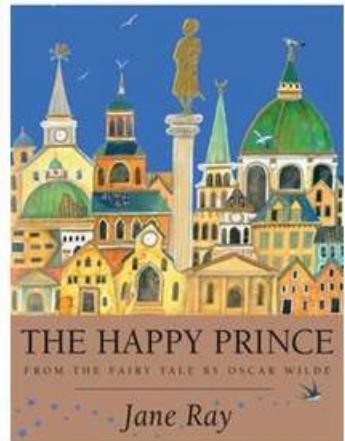
The Year 3 and 4 children have begun rehearsals for their phase performance of Disney's 'Frozen Kids'!

Word of the Week: separate

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Our Learning

This week, we have been continuing to read 'The Happy Prince'.



In geography, we learnt about the importance of rivers and how settlements grow up by them.

On Friday, we celebrated our school community and diversity.

Next week, we will begin to learn about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We will begin by finding out who the Ancient Egyptians were and looking at a timeline of key events.

In Maths, we will be learning how to multiply a 2 digit number by a one digit number.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \times 17 \\
 \hline
 4 \times 10 + 4 \times 7 \\
 40 + 28 \\
 \hline
 68
 \end{array}$$

4 x 17 = 68

$$\begin{array}{r}
 21 \\
 \times 3 \\
 \hline
 63
 \end{array}$$

In Music, we will be learning some of the songs for our performance which will take place in March.

Peek at the Week

Year 4– 16th January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

10.02.26 Year 4 Learning Together
Morning



w/c 16.02.26 Half Term

HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Word of the Week: separate

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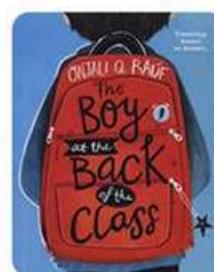
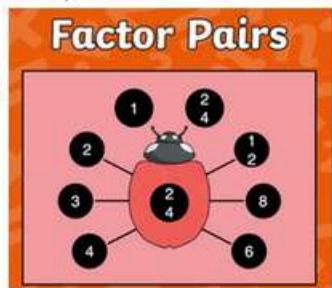
Our Learning

This week, we have been learning about warm and cold blooded animals in science and how to use scientific keys to classify living things. In French, we learnt how to read and write dates.

Maths lessons continued to focus on multiplication and division.

Next week, our lessons in Science will give us the opportunity to apply our knowledge of classification to create a key to sort various plants..

In Maths, we will be focussing on learning the $7 \times$ table and will be exploring factor pairs.



Our work in English will link to the experience of refugees as this is a key theme in our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.



The Year 3 and 4 children have begun rehearsals for their phase performance of Disney's 'Frozen Kids'!



Year 5 Peek at the Week

16th January 2026

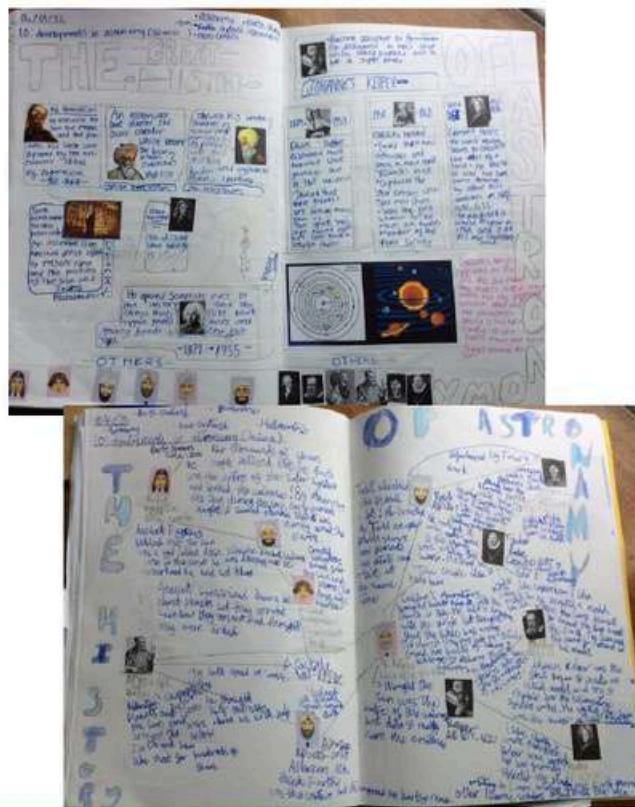
Important Dates / Reminders

Tuesdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Slough Mosque Trip: Wednesday 4th February

Science Museum Trip: Thursday 26th February

In Science, we created a factfile about the history of astronomy



Our Learning

This week, we continued our Science topic focusing on Space. In particular, we looked at astronomers and discussed diversity within this area of science and history. We also became experts on the planets and on spherical bodies.

In maths, we started our new topic of multiplication, where we explored new strategies to multiply 4 digits by 1 digit and 2 digits by 2 digits.

In English, we began to watch One Small Step- a story about a girl called Luna- and will eventually retell this narrative in our own words.

This term in PSHRE, we will be looking at Dreams and Goals. Here we will focus on the values of hope and trust.

Next week, we will continue to explore our solar system and focus on day, night and phases of the moon!

In maths, we will continue our topic of multiplication, where we will expand our learning by learning new strategies to multiply 3 digits by 2 digits, and 4 digits by 2 digits.

In English, we will be continuing to write effective sentences for our short film: One Small Step.

Child of the Week

5Dawe: **Hamza**

5Maple: **Leah**

5Ofili: **Ronan**

Word of the Week: **exaggerate**

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.



Year 6 Peek at the Week

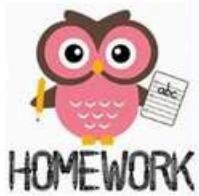
Friday 16th January 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Thursdays: Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1
- Times tables practice on TTRS



Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (ttrockstars.com)

Year 6- Science



PSHRE Focus: Dreams and Goals. In PSHRE this term, we will understand the difference between realistic and unrealistic goal-setting. We will be able to identify our learning strengths and the steps we need to take to achieve our goals. We will share our dreams for the world by identifying problems and discussing our concerns with other people. We will understand how to work with others to help make the world a better place. Lastly, we will be able to recognise and celebrate our own achievements when our goals are met.



Child of the week:

6 Attenborough: Mark

6 Anning: Ayatal

6 Darwin: Albie

Word of the Week: government

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

The Orchard—Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 12/01/2026



Important Date

TVAP- Cherry Class Wednesdays. Please bring pack lunch.

Swimming- Plum Class- Fridays. Please bring in swimwear and a towel

Community trip- Pear class- Mondays. Please bring in £2

Makaton sign:



Our Learning

This week in English, we continued our work on the text *We All Go Travelling By*, with a particular focus on trucks. The children explored and described different types of trucks using a range of adjectives. Berries class also learned about the various types of trucks and key facts about them. They then created a fact file to present and consolidate their learning.

In Maths, the children focused on addition by exploring numbers in a practical and supportive way. They worked on recognising and counting numbers, using concrete resources to help them understand amounts. The children practised combining small groups of objects to find totals, with adult support where needed.

Some of the children in Berries class began their work on column addition, developing their understanding of more formal addition methods.

In PSHRE, we began our new topic for this term, *Dreams and Goals*. The lesson focused on the importance of staying motivated when facing challenges. The children took part in a challenge that involved completing a jigsaw puzzle. We discussed when tasks become difficult, it is important to ask for help and not give up. At the end of the lesson, we celebrated the children's successes.



Star of the week



Sturdy Structures

As some may have noticed, we have a new addition to the school site!

The new Reading Room was put up on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Thank you to the Pentagon Play for their hard work.





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Head teacher: Mrs H Foster

15th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share an update on how we will communicate first aid and minor injuries in school from the 19th January 2026.

To ensure you receive information more quickly and consistently, we are moving away from paper medical slips and using our digital communication system via the Arbor app and email.

What this means moving forward:

- When first aid is applied, you will receive a notification through the app or an email immediately.
- For minor head bumps (including head bumps that would previously have resulted in a phone call home), we will now send an email instead of calling every time.
- We will still contact you by telephone if:
 - We assess that the injury **may require further medical care**, or
 - We feel it is appropriate for you to assess the injury in person.

Head injuries:

- Emails relating to head injuries will include:
 - Brief details of the injury and treatment, and
 - Guidance on monitoring for signs of concussion, in line with current head injury advice previously shared via paper slips.

Injuries caused by behaviour incidents:

- If first aid is required following a behaviour-related incident:
 - you will still receive the **immediate app/email notification** for first aid, and
 - the **class teacher will share further context with you when appropriate**, either:
 - at the classroom door at the end of the day,
 - via telephone call, or
 - by email

Our priority is to ensure communication remains **timely, clear, and focused on pupil safety**, while reducing unnecessary delays caused by paper-based systems.

Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding as we implement this improvement.

Warm regards,
Mrs Hannah Foster

Headteacher
Priory School

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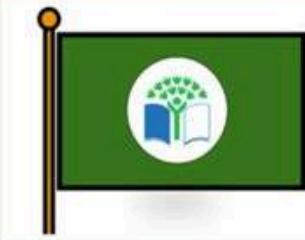
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Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England





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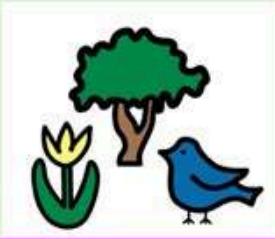
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Classes were given time to design their own recycling posters, encouraging creativity while helping pupils think carefully about waste, reuse, and sustainability. These discussions are important because they help children understand why recycling matters, how their everyday choices make a difference, and how small actions can have a positive impact. Recycling helps the school by reducing waste and keeping our environment clean, while also supporting the wider environment by conserving resources and protecting wildlife.

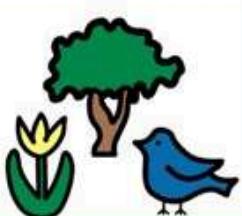
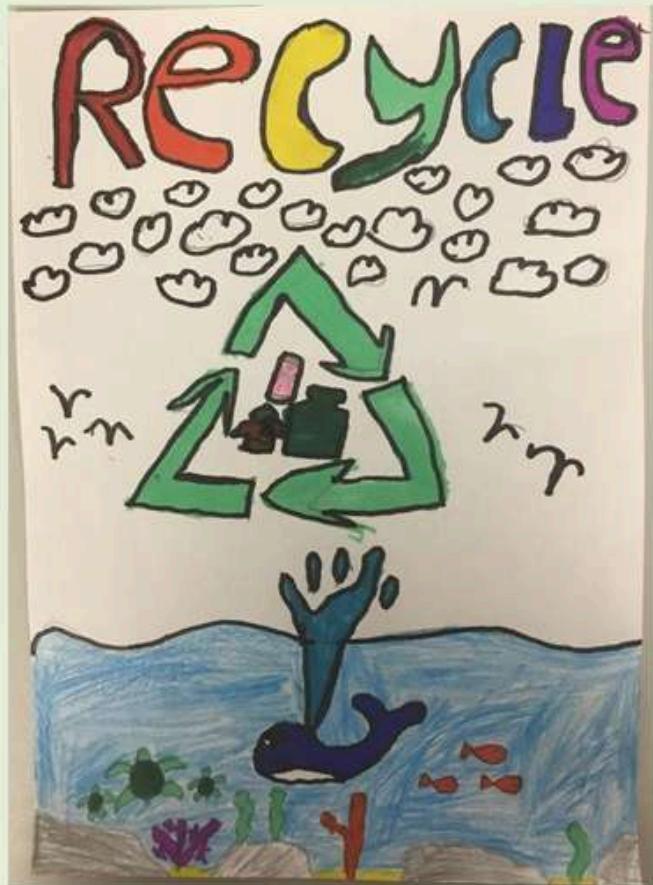
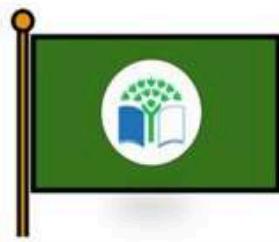
This week, the school's Eco Council representatives met to review all the entries and work together to choose their favourite posters, celebrating the thoughtful ideas and effort shown by pupils across the school.

All posters will be distributed to classes to display as a helpful reminder as to why recycling is important. Take a look at what posters were selected on the next pages.



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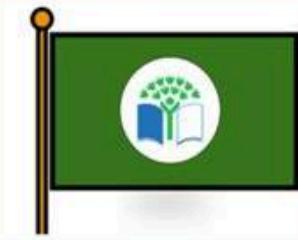
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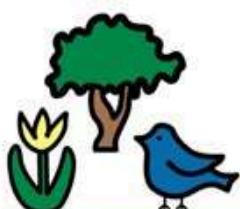
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RECYCLING SAVES THE WORLD



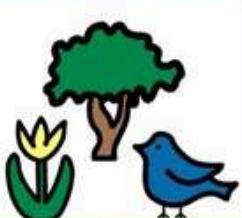
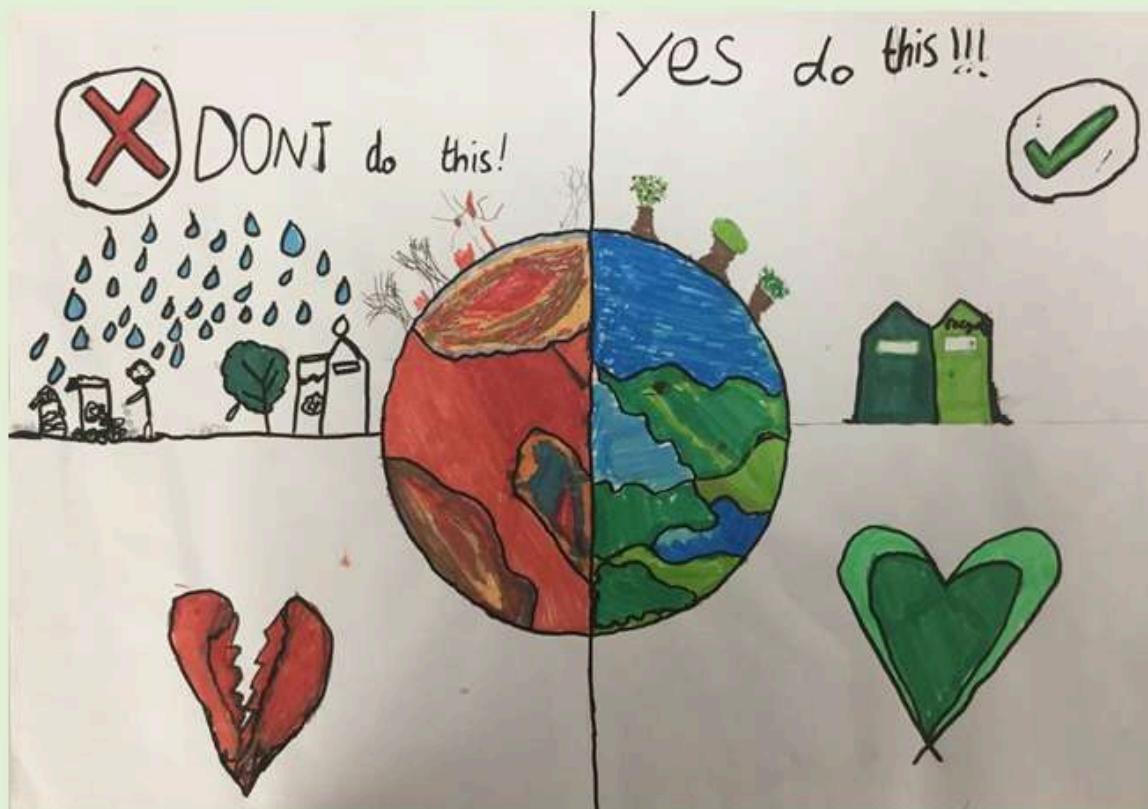
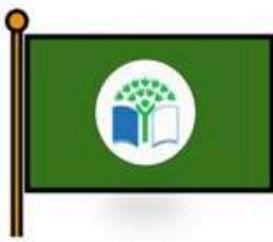
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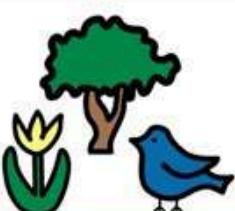
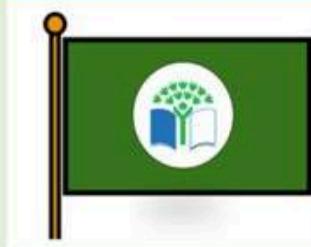
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Eco Council News.

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SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL!

We are delighted to announce our Saturday Morning Football Club (10:00 - 11:00 AM) running at Eton Wick School (SL4 6JB) for 5-11 year olds.

BOOK NOW!

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Improve fitness
- ✓ Work on technical skills
- ✓ Fun games
- ✓ Prizes



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