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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

The pace of school life certainly isn't slowing down! This week has been filled with exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom, with pupils across the school enjoying a variety of educational visits and experiences. These trips provide valuable opportunities for children to develop their confidence, independence and understanding of the world around them, whilst creating lasting memories with their friends, and our pupils have certainly been busy this week.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day at Legoland, Reception visited Wellington Country Park and had a wonderful time exploring the outdoors. Pupils in Cherries class visited TVAP, benefiting from experiences designed to support their learning and development. Year 6 enjoyed a trip to see Matilda, providing a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre. Pears class had a fantastic visit to Odds Farm, where pupils enjoyed meeting the animals and exploring the farm environment. A huge thank you to all of our staff who helped make these visits possible. Educational visits require a great deal of planning and organisation, and we are grateful for the commitment shown by everyone involved.

This week also saw the final learning together sessions of the academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome so many families into school throughout the year and to share learning experiences with you. We know how much the children enjoy showcasing their work and achievements, and we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued engagement and support.

There is plenty to look forward to next week as our busy summer term continues.

Next week, our school choir will be performing at the Hexagon, providing another exciting opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents and represent Priory School. Year 5 will be visiting Burnham Grammar School and Apples class will be enjoying a visit to Odds Farm.

Important Date Changes

Please note the following changes to upcoming events:

- The Year 6 production will now take place on Tuesday 30th June and Thursday 2nd July.
- The Summer Fayre will now be held on Friday 17th July.

We appreciate your flexibility and support, and ask that you update your calendars accordingly. Further information about both events will be shared in due course.

A Reminder of Our School Values

As we move into the final few weeks of the academic year, it is natural for everyone to be feeling a little more tired as we approach the summer break. At this time of year, we can sometimes find that patience is tested and frustrations can arise more easily than usual.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our whole school community of the values that sit at the heart of Priory School, particularly kindness and trust. We are proud of the positive relationships that exist between pupils, families and staff, and we ask everyone to continue to treat one another with kindness, patience and understanding.

Our staff work incredibly hard to support our children every day, and we are grateful for the trust and support shown by our families throughout the year. By continuing to work together with mutual respect and consideration, we can ensure that the end of the school year remains a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of all that our pupils have achieved this year and look forward to sharing many more special moments with you over the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

PE Day Changes



For next week only, please see the PE day changes:

Monday 22nd June – Year 5 will have PE
Tuesday 23rd June – Year 3 will have PE



Warm Weather Information

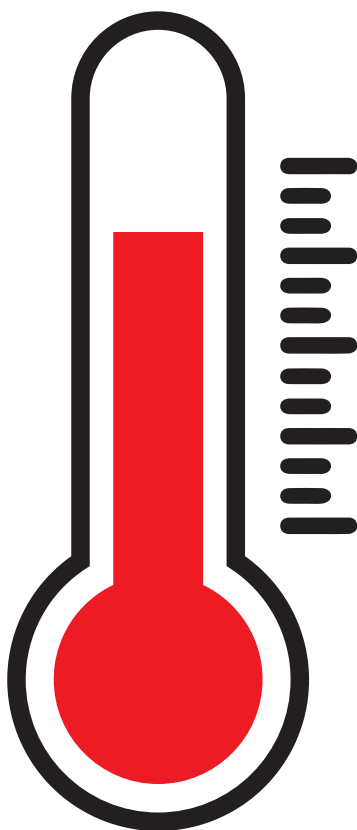


Now the warm weather is approaching, please ensure that your child comes to school with a named full water bottle each day.

Please also remember to:

- Apply sun cream before your child arrives, as staff are not permitted to apply sun cream.
- Send your child with a named hat to wear outdoors.
- Administer any hay fever medication at home before school, if required.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe and comfortable during the warmer months.



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:

Cinema Farm

<https://youtu.be/bFbljtatQgE>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages
W/C 15th June

Whole School - 93.36%

Nursery - 88.06%

Reception - 92.63%

Year 1 - 97.18%

Year 2 - 94.83%

Year 3 - 92.21%

Year 4 - 91.88%

Year 5 - 92.87%

Year 6 - 95.35%

Congratulations to 5Maple with 97.33% the
highest attendance this week!



Peek at the Week

Nursery– 19th June 2026



Sports Day: 6th July

9:30am and 1:45pm

Please refer to individual letters for AM or PM session.



Please be reminded that we can only welcome 2 guests per child due to space in the garden.

Happy Fathers / Grandad's Day for Sunday



Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As it has been so lovely and hot this week, we have been talking with the children about how to stay safe in the sun whilst they are in nursery.

We have reminded them to:

1. Stay in the shade
2. Wear a hat
3. Drink lots of water



Communication & Language Development

This week we have been listening and acting on instructions. We have been playing games that include information carrying words such as: 'stand up, clap 2 times and then sit down' or 'give the red car to me' etc. You can play these games at home with your child, using their name first will help them focus and listen more attentively to you.



Physical Development



Our scooters are very popular in nursery. They are great for 'building strength, balance and co-ordination'. Children are developing strong bones and muscles as they use their bodies to move the scooter along.



Child of the week: Lulu for being a kind and caring friend especially to our new nursery friends.

Please share this video and encourage your child to watch and sing along. **'The sun has got his hat on!'**

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



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Peek at the Week

Reception – 19th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 9th July- Sports Day (1:45pm-3pm)
- 14th July- Reception Graduation Day (2:00pm-3:00pm)
- 19th July- Learning together morning (8:45-9:30am)

In Phonics, we have begun learning Phase 4, where the children are using sound talk and blending skills to read words. The children are growing in confidence when reading and writing words independently. Please continue to practise Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds at home to support your child's learning.

Please continue to practice the following tricky words:

the, of, I, put, pull, full, was, they, you, push, was, by, all, into, are, sure, pure, **said, so, have, love, like, here, do, were.**

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.

As the weather is getting warmer, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle and a cap. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!



Our Learning - This week:



Communication and Language Development

We have explored the life cycle of a plant, learning how a seed grows into a flower, and have planted sunflower and bean seeds to support this learning. We have enjoyed sharing stories, learning new words, and drawing and writing about the different stages.

Maths:

In Maths, we have been focusing on comparing numbers, for example recognising that 4 is 1 more than 3. We have also continued to develop our subitising skills and explored the concepts of equal and not equal.

Wellington Country Park

Finally, we went on our trip to Wellington Country Park! The children were so excited and had an absolutely amazing time there. We were able to see lots of farm animals, ride a mini train and even found some dinosaurs! The children were fantastic and a pleasure to take.



Reception song of the week: - The Doubles song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68&list=RD8jOzhiACB68&start_radio=1

Reception Star of the week:

R Rupert: Prabhpreet

R Paddington: George





Peek at the Week

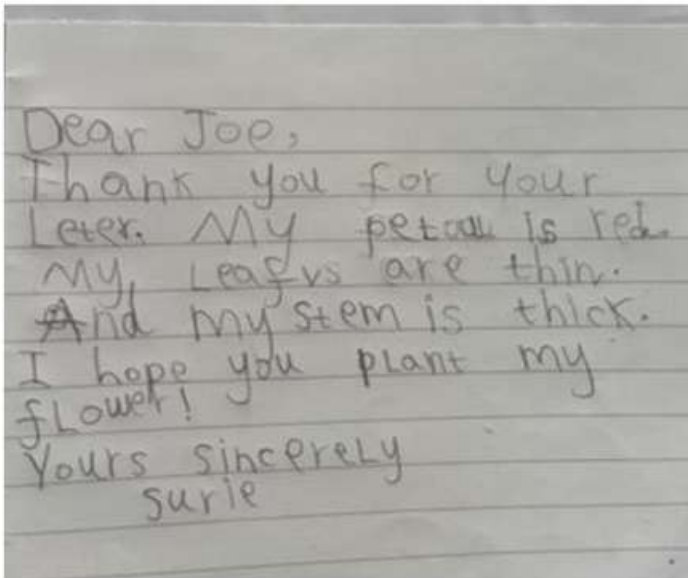
Year 1 – 19/06/26

Important Dates / Reminders

Thursday 9th July – Sports Day

As the weather continues to heat up, we encourage all children to wear appropriate clothing and bring a sun hat into school.

Sun cream should be applied before coming to school.



In Maths, we have been using our fractions knowledge to describe turns. We looked at quarter turns, half turns, three quarter turns and a full turn. In our outdoor learning, we had opportunities to use Beebots – programming them to make different turns.

This week in English we received a letter from Joe, about his extraordinary garden. We created plants we thought he would like in his garden, and wrote replies back. We looked at the features of a letter, and included adjectives to describe our plants.

On Tuesday we had a fantastic PE session outside on the big field, preparing for Sports Day! Year 1 loved moving around the different activities and cheering on their friends as they raced.



At our phase assembly, we discussed upcoming Father's Day and men in our families who are important to us. Please check bookbags for a Father's Day craft.

Stars of the Week

1 Jeffers: Brayden

1 Donaldson: Areeza



Words of the Week: **flower** **stem** **leaf** **root**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 19th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

9/7/2026 Sports day 1.45pm—
3.00pm

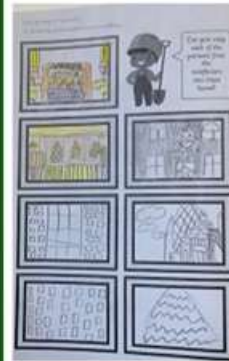


As the weather has improved children do not need to bring their coats to school now. Please keep them at home.

Please also make sure they have a water bottle.



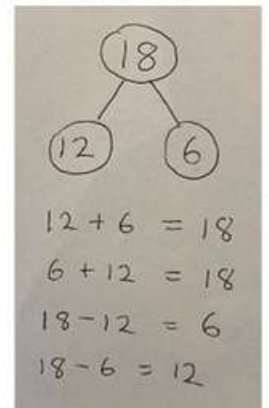
Our Learning



This week, the children have enjoyed learning to measure in centimetres and metres in maths. In English, we have written a group poem based on: The Sound Collector by Roger McGough. We walked around the school 'collecting' sounds to inspire our writing. In science we have been

learning about the food chains in different habitats by: each representing a plant or animal and arranging ourselves in a human food chain, making paper chain food chains and also cutting and sticking pictures in our books. In art we have been studying and replicating the patterns found in different buildings.

Next week, we will be looking at addition and subtraction fact families in maths. In English, we will be basing our writing around the poem: The Treasures by Clare Bevan and exploring the idea of natural treasures. In science, we will be looking at micro-habitats and we will be working in groups to make our own shoebox micro-habitats for minibeasts.



Child of the Week

2Newton: Habiba

2Franklin: Billy



We would be very grateful for any shoebox donations please as we will be using them in Science next week. Thank you.

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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 19th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

03.07.26 Y6 Summer Fair–KS2 children may bring money in to visit the fair with their class during the afternoon



09.07.26 Year 3 Sports Day (pm)

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**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Our Learning

This week, we have been learning about statistics in Maths by interpreting and creating data sets using pictograms and tables.

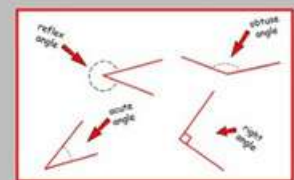
In English, we have continued to read poems from the anthology, 'Hot Like Fire?' by Valarie Bloom.

We also completed a grammar and spelling assessment.

Next week, we will continue to learn about flowering plants in our science lessons.

In Maths, we will be exploring angles and learning about parallel and perpendicular lines.

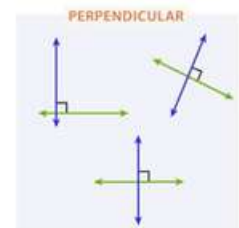
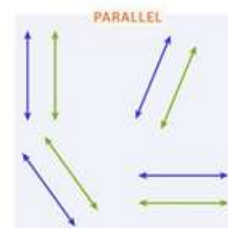
Angles - Year 3



Maths Teaching Resources

Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

MATH MONKS



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Word of the Week: interest



Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 19th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

09.07.26 Sports Day (Year 4 am)

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 **Wednesday**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Our Learning

This week, we started the week off with our exciting trip to LEGOLAND. The children took part in a fantastic robotics workshop which taught them more about aspects of computing including coding and programming. We also had a lot of fun enjoying the rides!

On Tuesday, we welcomed some of our parents into school for a 'Learning Together' session where we shared a French lesson linked to our current topic: Going on a Picnic.

In Maths, we are started a unit linked to statistics. The children have been exploring tables and graphs and how to interpret and present data sets.



In art, we used the print 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' by Hokusai to inspire our own artwork.

Next week, we are going to learn more about sound in our science lessons and will be using data loggers to measure the amount of decibels on the playground at different points during the day.

In Maths, we will continue to explore statistics with a focus on interpreting line graphs.



Word of the Week: interest

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

Friday 19th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

23rd June: Burnham Grammar School Trip

9th July: Sports Day

17th July: Summer Fayre

Our Learning

This week, we started our science unit on plants and animals. Here we explored the differences and similarities between the animal and plant kingdoms.

In maths, we started our new unit, negative numbers. We focussed on understanding negative numbers and counting in 1s and multiples.

In English, we wrote our own balanced argument, on one of the following questions:

Are we too dependant on computers?

Would life be better without technology?

Can robots replace teachers?

We kept our arguments balanced by using research that helps us to form points, both for and against!

Next week, we will continue with our science unit with an eco-friendly eye: we will learn about life cycles and explore the importance of bees. We will also learn about scientists that dedicate their lives to conservation.

In maths, we focus on practical lessons and end of year assessments.

In English, we will start our new topic, power of reading with a focus on a new book called "Street Child".

We investigated how plants grow from cuttings.



PSHRE Focus: In PSHRE this term, we are on our last JIGSAW unit 'Changing Me' where we will learn about self-image, puberty and coping positively with change. Towards the end of the unit, we will start preparing ourselves for the year ahead by focussing on building healthy relationships and learning the skills required to develop resilience, assertiveness and self-respect.

Child of the week

5Dawe: **Eesa** 5Maple: **Valentino** 5Ofili: **Lucas**

Word of the Week: **temperature**

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

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week of 15.06.26



Important Dates

Berries Class Community visits

Every Monday morning—please remember £2 for the café!

Apples class TVAP:

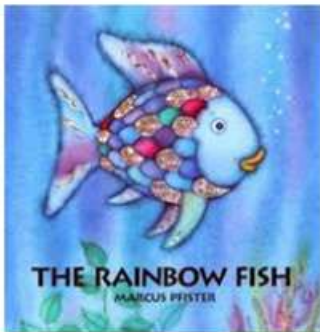
Every Wednesday

Apple class Odds Farm trip

Thursday 25th June

Pears Swimming trips

Every Friday—please remember swimming clothes and towels!



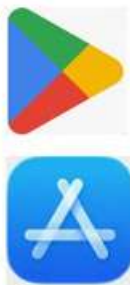
Learning together

Thank you so much for coming to the Learning together. The children really enjoyed having parents/carers in class to watch a multi-sensory input and lesson with them and join in with the activities. Please look at Seesaw for more pictures.

In English the children started to write their own story book of the Rainbow Fish using colourful semantics for support.

In Maths the children are learning about time. They have been sequencing the daily school routines using pictures of them doing these routines and exploring a clocks features.

In PHSRE the children have been learning about the Butterfly Lifecycle, first engaging in an exciting Attention Autism session then doing fun activities relating to the Lifecycle.



Stars of the week



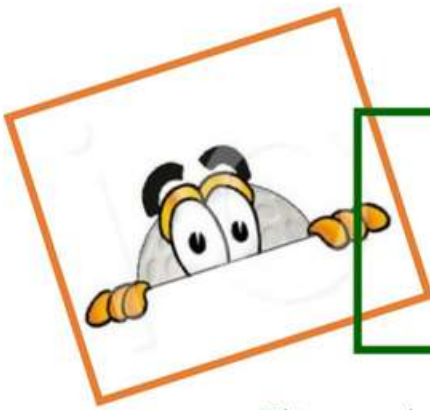
Cherry class: All the class for being amazing on their school trip to TVAP!

★ Plum class: Irha for requesting her wants and desires using her voice and visuals at the same time. ★

Apple class: Rosie for doing beautiful drawings of the Rainbow Fish.

Pear class: Musa for becoming more confident when experiencing new things.

★ ★ Berry class: Aroosh for coming into school so well and choosing her morning activity! ★ ★



Woodlands Peek at the week

Friday 19th June 2026

This week, our Peek at the Week focuses on Woodland Owls.

Important Dates / Reminders

- Sunday 21st June–Fathers day
- Thursday 9th July–Reception , Y1, Y2 sports day

The Reception children had a fantastic time on their school trip on Tuesday. Miss Moore and Miss Rowland really enjoyed supporting some of the children from Woodland Badgers and sharing this exciting experience with them.



Our Learning

This week in Woodland Badgers, the children have been really busy!

In maths, the children have been focusing on subtraction within 10. They have been listening to the song '10 Green Bottles' and using it to help them practise subtraction. They spent time drawing the bottles on a whiteboard and enjoyed rubbing them out as they fell off the wall!



The children have really enjoyed having the opportunity to colour and create during their continuous provision time. They are becoming much more confident and independent when using equipment such as scissors and glue.



Star of the week:

For being such a superstar on the school trip!



Contact us through your child's year group email inbox.

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Achievement

Last weekend, Aydin Mamod took part in his latest karate grading. It was a challenging session lasting 6 hours and he successfully passed and was awarded his Blue Belt.

This required great focus, stamina, and consistent effort in his training. Well done Aydin!



🏆 Sports Day Timetable 2026 🏆

We are excited to share the dates, times, and locations for this year's Sports Day events. Please see the schedule below for your child's year group.

☀️ Monday 6th July

Year Group - Time - Location

Nursery AM 9:30 – 10:30 Nursery Garden

Orchard 1:45 – 2:45 Main Field

Nursery PM 1:45 – 2:45 Nursery Garden

☀️ Thursday 9th July

Year Group - Time - Location

Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 9:30 – 11:45 Main Field

Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 1:15 – 3:00 Main Field

We look forward to welcoming families to support the children during these exciting events. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of teamwork, effort, and sporting spirit! 🏃♂️ 🏃♀️ 🏆



TEA WITH SLT

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE,
2.00PM - 3.00PM

WOODLANDS &
ORCHARD PARENTS

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA
& A CHAT WITH
THE SENIOR
LEADERSHIP TEAM



[CLICK TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE](#)

Free School Meals Upcoming Changes

May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer:

We write to you today to confirm changes that are due to take effect from **1st September 2026**.

New Criteria:

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Meet criteria set out for families with no recourse to public funds.

Changes:

The changes that will take effect on the **1st of September 2026** for benefit related Free School Meals are:

- **FSM Eligibility Protection Ending:** Previously Central government had started an initiative on the 1st of April 2018 that any benefit related free school meals eligibility would be protected, this was referred to as transitional protection, this meant that eligibility would continue while Universal Credit was being rolled out. The transitional protection that has been in place since 01/04/2018 will end on 31/08/2026.
- **Universal Credit Eligibility Changes:** From the 01/09/2026 FSM eligibility is expanding to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings. There will be 2 categories of eligibility for families in receipt of Universal Credit. The 2 categories are:
 1. **Universal Credit Targeted FSM Eligibility:** Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less (the existing threshold for FSM prior to the expansion), will be eligible for targeted FSM. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements that have previously been linked to eligibility for FSM, such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.
 2. **Universal Credit Expanded FSM Eligibility:** Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to expanded FSM (meals only).

What to Do Next?

You will have to re-check your child's eligibility for Free school meals before the 1st of September 2026. If your child is currently in receipt of benefit related free school meals this will automatically end of August 2026. Please confirm the information that your child's school holds for you on their database or if you have not provided your child's school with your information, please provide your child's school with the following information so that the school can carry out an FSM eligibility check for you. You need to provide or confirm the following details:

Your Full Legal Name

Your Date of Birth

Your National Insurance or Asylum Number

Alternatively if you have not provided the above information to your child's school you can apply or re-apply online via the Slough Borough Council website and submit a claim online, this will be processed and an outcome will be emailed to you, the results and information will be shared with your child's school.

Slough Borough Council is committed to supporting and helping all our families. If you are a Slough Borough Council resident and you are facing financial difficulty, please call our customer services team on 01753 475111 who will be able to advise you of any additional help available in your circumstances. Families living outside of Slough Borough Council please contact your Local Authority.

Yours sincerely

FSM Administration



Providing NHS services

Reception Year Health and Wellbeing Review

Slough School Nursing.

What? Tell us about your child's health and development.

Why? To get friendly advice and support.

When? Online questionnaire open from January to July.

How? Visit our website, scan the QR code below or use this link

[Slough Child and Family Wellbeing Reception Year Health Review – Fill in form](#)

t: 0300 247 0073

e: hcrq.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@nhs.net

w: sloughchildandfamily.co.uk

Slough Child and Family Wellbeing
Reception Year Health Review





UNWANTED PRESENTS

TO PREPARE FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
WE ARE STARTING EARLY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS FROM
ANY OCCASION AT ANY TIME DURING THE
YEAR PLEASE POP THEM IN TO THE MAIN
RECEPTION

HOW TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Langley Academy are offering an information session around the application process for secondary school transition. It is vital that parents complete the necessary forms to give their children the best opportunity of gaining a place at their preferred school. No booking required.

Topics covered:



WHERE TO FIND THE COMMON APPLICATION FORM (CAF)



HOW TO COMPLETE THE TLA APPLICATION FORM



WHEN TO COMPLETE BANDING TESTING (WHERE APPLICABLE)



APPLICATION TIMELINES FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ENTRY

REPORT TO RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL



Where: The Langley Academy, SL3 7EF

When: 18th June 2026 at 16.30

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