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ISSUE 17

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

It has been another productive week in Priory.

Last Friday, our pupils looked fantastic in their cultural dress as we marked World Religion Day. Children were incredibly proud to share their heritage and learn more about different cultures and faiths, and the atmosphere across school was one of excitement, respect and curiosity. Thank you to families for supporting this celebration so thoughtfully.

We were also delighted to take our first group of Year 3 pupils to Burnham Beeches with Bernie for our new pupil voice and wellbeing walks. It was a great afternoon, with lots of smiles, conversation and exploration. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we are looking forward to many more groups having this opportunity over the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Hannah

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:

Anxious & Frightened

<https://youtu.be/m2nEuLBeUig>

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 6Attenborough with 99.64%
the highest attendance this week!

Peek at the Week

Nursery– 23 January 2026

Learning Together Sessions

Tuesday 10th February 11am
Tuesday 10th February 2:45pm
Thursday 12th February 2:45pm



Different bird activities

We have been retelling the story of 'Owl Babies' together and acting out the story using our story props.



We have been singing bird rhymes including '2 little dickie birds sitting on a wall'



We have been making our own birds out of playdough.



We have been counting the birds in our garden.

Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about how to make sure our Nursery is a happy place for everyone to learn in. This week we have been focusing on how we listen to each other.

Communication & Language Development



We have been taking part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch** this week.

We have been learning the names of the different birds we have seen in our garden and finding new words to describe how they fly.

Physical Development



We have been making birdseed treats for the birds. We have needed to spoon, stir and press whilst making them which helps us to strengthen our finger muscles and prepare our hands for writing.



Child of the week: Viraaj for using the bathroom independently and for being more confident in the classroom during our phonic sessions.

Nursery rhyme of the week: Nursery rhyme of the week: 2 Little dickie birds sitting on the wall. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aplwz06C5DY>



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



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Peek at the Week

Reception – 23rd January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

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: **Mass**– we will be using the vocabulary: **heavy, heavier, light, lighter, balance, scales**

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:

Children have been working hard during their phonic sessions this week, especially with tricky words that you cannot sound out!

Our focused tricky words this week are:

go no to into and

They have also been learning some new phonemes (sounds) to help them with their decoding:

z qu ch
zebra queen cherries

please continue to read with your child, it really does make a difference.



Maths:

This week the children have been investigating mass. They have been looking at different objects and predicting which one is heavier. They then have used weighing scales to see if their predictions were correct. They have learnt that the heavier object will always make the weighing scale bucket go down, forcing the object in lighter weighing scale bucket to go up!

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: Idris

R Paddington: Adriel



Reception song of the week: 5 little men in a flying saucer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_1-TrP9jwA

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 - 23/01/26

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

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 23rd January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 16.02.26 Half term

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 Learning

This week in English, we learnt about the features of a persuasive letter, so that we will be able to draft our own persuasive letters to Mrs Foster next week. In maths, we began our unit on money and have reminded ourselves of the value of different coins and what they look like. We have also been using our coins to make different amounts.

In **science**, we set up an experiment to test what conditions plants need to grow.

In the **garden** we have loved investigating our small world tuff tray! We have really enjoyed digging in the soil and 'planting' fir branches!



Next week, we are going to draft a letter to Mrs Foster in English, asking her to consider building a new garden at Priory School. We will try and convince her with our persuasive arguments and reasoning! In maths, we are going to be focused on counting pounds and pence to work out how much money there is in total.





Peek at the Week

Year 3– 23rd January 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

29.01.26 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**.



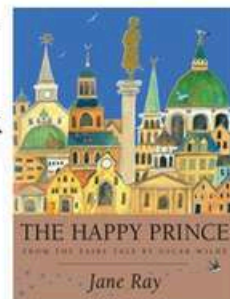
Celebrating our multicultural community on World Religion Day.

Our Learning

This week, we began to learn about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We explored who the Ancient Egyptians were and looked at a timeline of key events.

In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply a 2 digit number by a one digit number.

In English, we continued to read and write sentences inspired by our text 'The Happy Prince'.



Next week, we will have the opportunity to become archaeologists and visit an 'Ancient Egyptian tomb' in our history lessons. We will also learn about Ancient Egyptian beliefs and about the process of mummification.

In Maths, we will be practising how to multiply a two digit number by a one digit number.

2-digit by 1-digit Multiplication

$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 96 \end{array}$ <p>No regrouping/carry</p>	$\begin{array}{r} ^2 67 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 201 \end{array}$ <p>With regrouping/carry</p>
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In English, we will explore vocabulary for writing a wintry setting description.

Word of the Week: sentence

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Peek at the Week

Year 4– 23rd 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.

Our Learning

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

In Maths, we focused on learning the 7x table and explored factor pairs.

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

In French, we have learnt how to write the date.

Next week, we will learn how humans can affect the environment and the impact this can have on living things. In history, we will begin a unit of work learning about the Anglo Saxon invasion of Britain.

In Maths, we will start to focus on learning the 12x table and how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100.

Hundreds	Tens	Ones
2	2	1
	1	0

In English, we will be researching the country of Syria and learning the conventions of letter writing.

In computing, we will be continuing to explore how to edit photos digitally.

Word of the Week: sentence

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Celebrating the different cultures that are represented in our school community on World Religion Day.



Year 5 Peek at the Week

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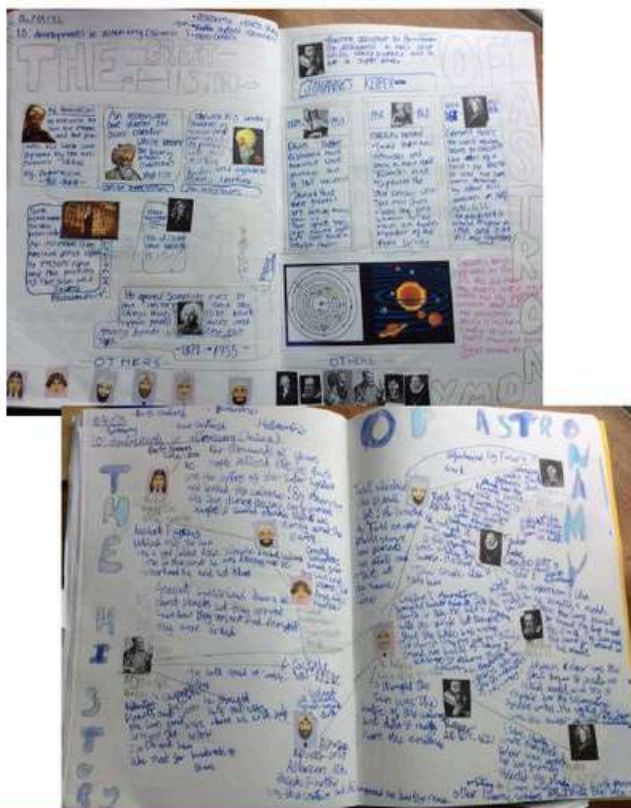
Important Dates / Reminders

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 top 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.

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 23rd January 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

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

Fridays: Spelling quiz. Homework due:

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

Times Tables Rock Stars: Play
(ttrockstars.com)



Our Learning

This week, in science, we finished our topic on evolution and inheritance. We conducted an investigation into Darwin's finches. We also had a go at camouflaging our own peppered moths in the classrooms!

In English, we drew on our knowledge of the Industrial Revolution in our poem. We understood its impact on nature and animals – including the moth.

In maths, we completed the topic of decimals by focusing on multiplying and dividing decimals by integers. We then began a new topic on fractions, decimals and percentages, looking at how to convert between decimals and fractions.

Next week, in geography, we will start our new topic on the Americas! We will identify some of the countries and learn about the wide range of climates and biomes.

In English, we will use our knowledge of Natural Selection to write our own narrative poem on Darwin's finches, explaining how they have adapted over time.

In maths, we will learn how to convert between decimals, fractions and also introduce percentages. We will also start memorising key conversions, e.g. $1/2 = 50\% = 0.5$

Can you spot the moths?



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: Rizqin **6 Anning:** Ansh **6 Darwin:** Evelyn

Word of the Week: harass

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Tremendous Transport



Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week of 19/01/2026



Important Dates

Cherry Class TVAP visits

Every Wednesday morning—please remember pack lunches and spare clothes!

Plum Class Swimming:

Every Friday—please remember towels and swimming clothes!

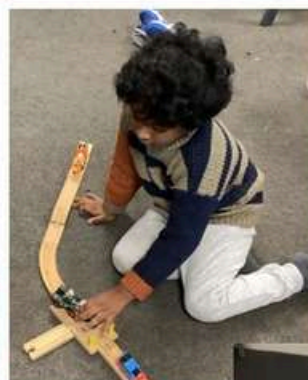
Pear Class Community:

Every Monday morning—please remember £2 for a stop at a café or shop.

This week in English, the children moved on to learning about trains this week. They enjoyed role-playing different train station roles, including ticket officers, conductors, and train drivers. The children also completed sentences describing different types of trains, developing their language and writing skills.

In Maths, the children continued to strengthen their understanding of one more and one less, building strong foundations in number sense. They also explored partitioning numbers and practiced number recognition, using a range of transport themed practical activities and visual resources to support their learning.

Our Science learning focused on the forces of push and pull. The children took part in a practical experiment where they explored different movements and evaluated whether each action involved a push or a pull.



Stars of the week

Plum class: Roy for attending and watching PE.

Cherry class: Adeisen for trying hard in his activities during maths.

Apple class: Jawad for participating in class inputs.

Pear class: Martyna for amazing maths.

Berry class: Talha for trying hard during phonics.

Strawberry class: Aryan for singing and joining in during circle time.



Priory School (Foundation)

Orchard Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 6HE
www.prioryschool.com
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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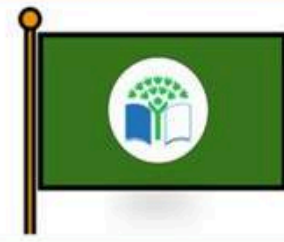
Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England





Eco Council News.

January 2026.



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.

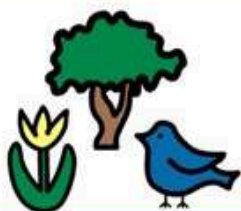
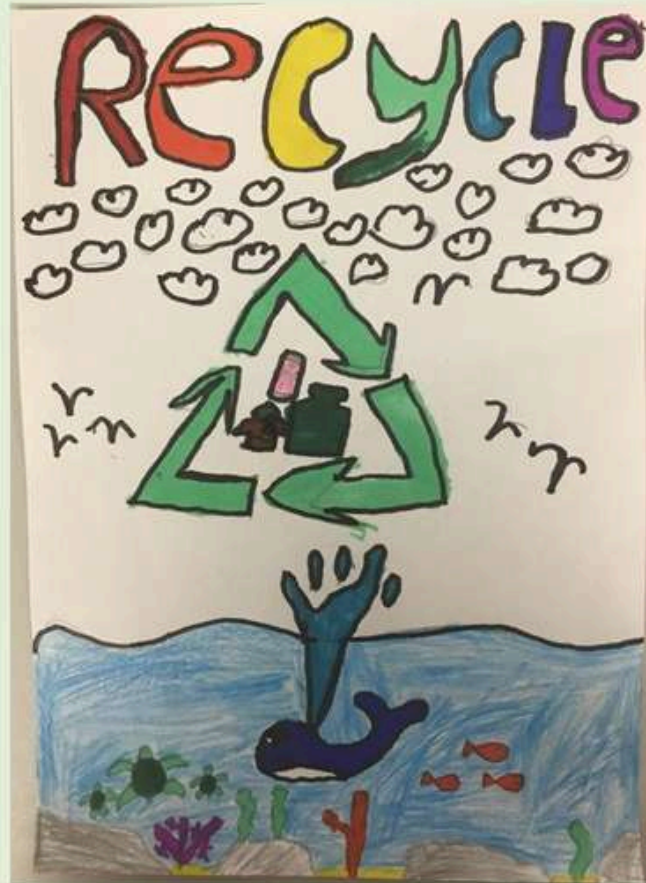
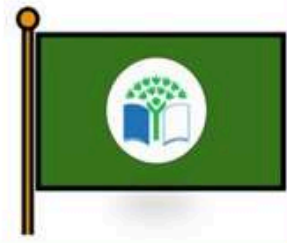
All posters will be distributed to classes to display as a helpful reminder as to why recycling is important. Take a look at what posters were selected on the next pages.





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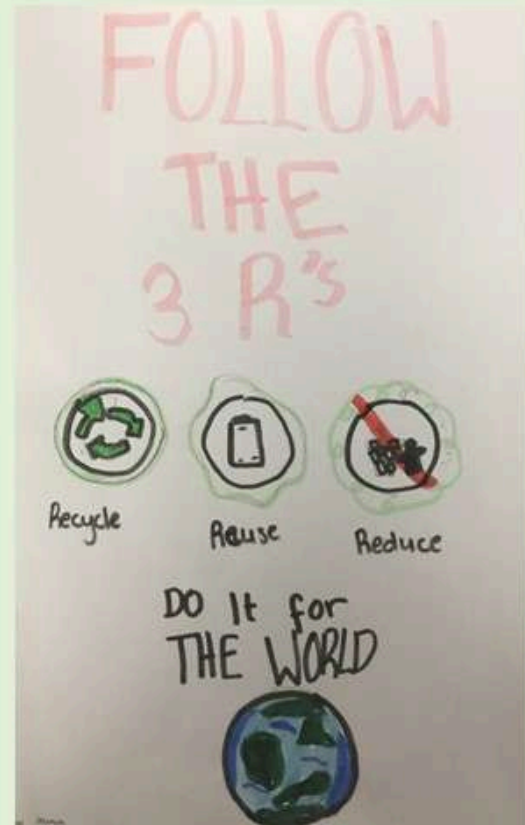
January 2026.





Eco Council News.

January 2026.









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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!

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11
YEARS OLD

MON 16TH - FRI 20TH FEBRUARY:

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	PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL	SLOUGH	SL1 6HE

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