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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

It has been wonderful to see our routines firmly established across the school as we move into Week 3 of the term. Classrooms are calm, purposeful, and full of children who are already showing determination and courage in their learning. Our behaviour focus remains on Kindness, building on assemblies about "sowing seeds." We are encouraging pupils to notice how their words and actions can help our school community grow stronger and more positive, while also thinking about the "weeds" we need to pull out to make space for kindness to thrive.

This Friday is National Teaching Assistants' Day. At Priory, we take this opportunity to celebrate all of our incredible support staff – whether in classrooms, the office, or working quietly behind the scenes. Every day, their dedication ensures that pupils feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events coming up: Year 4 Roman Day on Friday 3rd October, Kindness Challenge Week beginning Monday 6th October, and Parents' Evenings on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October. Later in the half-term, we look forward to our WW2 Sharing Assembly (17th October).

Parking on Orchard Avenue

Once again we are experiencing dangerous and inconsiderate parking on Orchard Avenue, particularly on the corner and right up to the car park exit. This behaviour is creating traffic jams, blocking visibility, and putting children and families at risk. Let me be absolutely clear: do not park on the corner, opposite the school, or up to the exit of the car park. There are always spaces available if you drive into the car park – there is no excuse for blocking the road. Please stop putting others at risk for the sake of a few extra steps.

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:

Class and Classroom

https://youtu.be/9_b2Wgf4zDc

Peek at the Week

Nursery–26th September 2025

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about belonging to our Priory nursery family. We talked about the different activities we do at nursery that may be different to what we do with our families at home.



Communication & Language Development

We have been practising understanding instructions that have two parts, such as "get your coat and wait by the door please". Can you help your child to listen to instructions at home; using their name first will help them.

Physical Development

With the changes in weather we will be wearing coats more. We have been practising to put on our coats by ourselves. Please encourage your children to do their own zips and fastenings up.



Thursday 10th October



Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day, children to wear yellow clothing to school.



With Autumn well and truly here we have been using conkers in our play. We have been counting them, rolling them down the guttering, moving them around in the dumper trucks, spooning them and using them to create a big dinosaur.



Child of the week: Viraaj for beginning to show more confidence in the classroom and showing independence by putting his coat on by himself.

Nursery rhyme of the week: Incey, Wincey, Spider climbed up the water spout.

Please share this video with your child and encourage them to sing along.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMfPKUz3hvE>

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Reception – 26th September 2025



Important Dates / Reminders

1st day class photos with the Maidenhead Advertiser

End of Term 1 – Friday 24th October, 2025 (3:15pm)

Start of Term 2 – Monday 3rd November, 2025

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: **Size** – we will be using the vocabulary: **Small** and **Big**.

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:

This week we continued with our Little Wandle Phonics Program! The children have continued to practice our previous learnt sounds **s, a, t, n**, as well as adding the new phonemes **i, n, m, d!**



Please use the link below to support your child with the letter formation **s, a, t**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8LhKovROtse&list=PLBylnf4b6gQvOqk-04YH3PcNxHghonVAv>

Maths:



This week we have begun to look at size using the vocabulary big and small. The children been sorting the bear's dinner according to size. Big bear has a big plate and a big cup. Small bear has a small plate and a small cup.

We have also begun to look the numbers in Ten Town, so far we have met Zero Pond and King One



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week we have continued to looking at our feelings and our zones of regulation. Each zone is a different colour and linked to a core feeling. This helps the children understand their feelings and the feelings of others.

Reception Stars of the Week coming soon!



Reception song of the week: Coming soon!

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Peek at the Week

Year 3 – 26th September 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

02.10.253 Nightingale– Swimming lessons

10.10.25–Hello Yellow Day

13.10.25 /14.10.25–Parents' Evening

24.10.25–Non Uniform Day–donations for Christmas Fair

w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term



Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

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

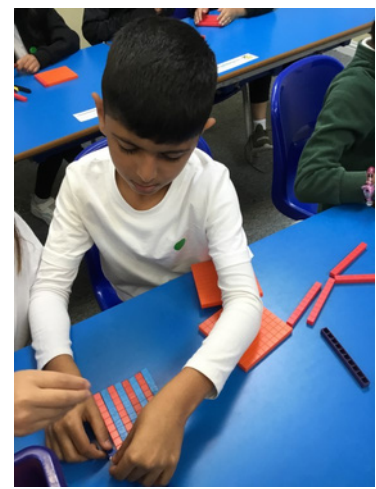
This week, we began a unit of work in our Science lesson linked to rocks and soil. We learnt about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. In Maths, we compared and ordered numbers to 1000. In English, we continued to explore our class text, 'Stone Age Boy'.



Next week, we will be learning about fossils and will even have the opportunity to dig for some! In English, we will be planning and starting to write our own story set in the Stone Age.

In Maths, we will be exploring and practising strategies for addition. We will also begin our French lessons which we are very excited about!

In Year 3, we use lots of practical resources in our Maths lessons to help us with our learning. If the weather is fine, we go outside for some Maths lessons too!



Word of the Week: various Follow this link to find more super daily activities:

www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year3@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 4– 26th September 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

03.10.25 Year 4 Roman Day– Children may wear Roman costume to school.

10.10.25–Hello Yellow Day

13.10.25 /14.10.25–Parents' Evening

24.10.25–Non Uniform Day–donations for Christmas Fair

w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term

Please read with your child for at least 20 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

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.



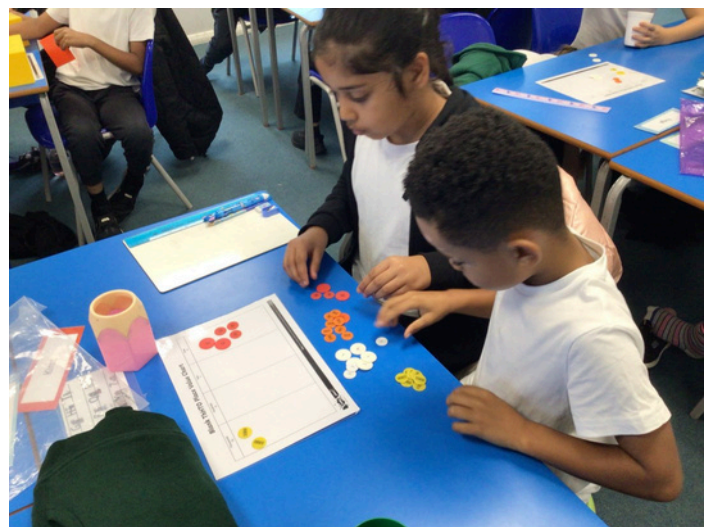
Our Learning

This week, we have learnt about what life was like in Roman Britain and the legacy of the Roman invasion.

In Maths, we ordered and compared numbers to 10,000. In our Computing lessons, we have been learning about computer networks.

Next week, we will be looking at mosaics in our Art lessons. We will explore how mosaics are created and use technology to create a digital mosaic. In Maths, we will explore Roman numerals and practise rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000.

On Friday, Year 4 will have the opportunity to take part in an immersive Roman Day. The children may wear Roman costume to school if they like. Please reuse the costumes they wore for Greek Day rather than buying anything new!



Word of the Week: various

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

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

26th September 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

Don't forget to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Tuesday.

Black History Month: October

Remember to read at least three times a week! Practise your times tables as much as possible.



We participated in an experience lesson where we examined a crime scene and searched for clues about what happened to Rose.

Our Learning

This week, we began our art unit on propaganda posters by looking at posters encouraging us to "Stay at Home" during the pandemic.

In maths, we continued place value focusing on comparing and ordering numbers.

In English, we finished off our Rose Blanche unit by writing our own versions of this story!

Next week, we will begin our RE unit on Judaism. Here, we will explore the traditions of Judaism whilst making connections to other monotheistic religions. We will also look at the importance of community and the impact of WW2 on the Jewish people.

In maths, we will move on to rounding increasingly large amounts. At the end of the week, we will take part in an escape room to consolidate our learning.

In English, we will celebrate Black History Month by looking at Maya Angelou's famous poem "I Rise".

Star of the week

Maple: **David** Ofili: **Frankie** Dawe: **Zain**

Word of the Week: **achieve**

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 26th September 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

10.10.25 – Hello Yellow Day

13.10.25–14.10.25 – Parents Evening

22.10.25 – Non-School Uniform Day

24.10.25 – Hogwarts Day

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

Our Learning

This week, in geography, we learnt how to read maps using 4 and 6 grid references. We had the opportunity to apply our skills to an orienteering activity around the school grounds.

In English, we had the chance to write our own character description of a magical teacher, using our knowledge of the story..

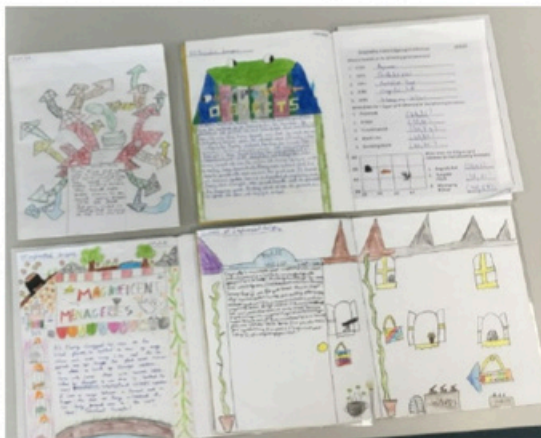
In maths, we started a new topic on addition and subtraction focusing on using the written method accurately.

Next week, in DT, we will begin planning and designing our own magic wands inspired by Harry Potter. We will think carefully about its design and the qualities assigned to each one! Then we will use our creations on Hogwarts Day!

In English, we will continue Harry's journey and will have the chance to learn more about Quidditch and other fantastic beasts by writing an explanation text.

In maths, we will explore common multiples and factors, and we will apply our knowledge of prime, square and cube numbers.

Y6 Diagon Alley Shops:



PSHRE Focus: Being Me in My World. In PSHRE this term, we will learn that our attitudes and actions make a difference to our class team. We will acknowledge who is in our school community, the roles they play and how we fit in. We will understand that our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn to care about other people's feelings by trying to empathise with them.



Child of the week:

6 Attenborough: Harry S **6 Anning:** Eesha **6 Darwin:** Albie

Word of the Week: amateur

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week commencing- 22.09.25

Important Dates/ information

Monday-

Community Trips - Apples

Please could Pears bring in £2 for their community trips so the children are able to buy something from the shops.

Wednesday-

TVAP- Plums

Thursday -

Swimming- Berries

Please send children with a labelled towel, swim wear and swim nappies.

Peek of the Week from the Orchard

This week in Orchard, we have been continuing our journey through our topic book *Space Pirate Bears*. We explored the exciting world of superheroes and villains, thinking about what makes them special and how they are good and bad.



In maths, this week we have started a new topic: Shapes. We have been learning to recognise and name different 2D shapes, and have had fun matching them to everyday objects. As part of our learning, we explored the classroom to find items that share the same shapes we've been studying.



SQUARE



CIRCLE



TRIANGLE

Makaton sign of
the week:



good



Bad



Stars of the week

Plums: Chanel- for transitioning to and back from TVAP

Cherries: Lucas- for doing amazing work in phonics

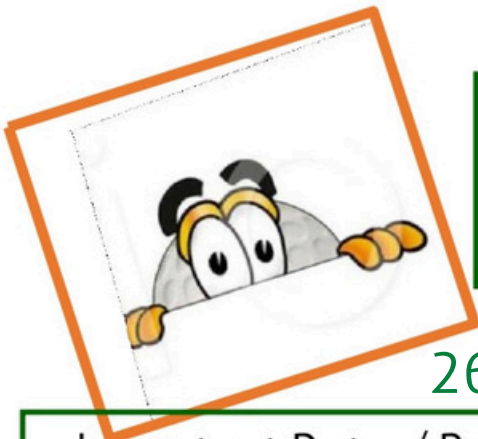
Apples: Jordan- for eating lunch in the lunch hall

Pears: Aisah- for engaging

Berries: Ethan- for calming down quickly

Strawberries: Isaiah- for transitioning and settling into his new class really well





26/09/25

Important Dates / Reminders

We would also like to kindly remind parents who pack a snack for their child in Woodlands to ensure it is a healthy option. Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy choices.



In afternoon sessions this week, the children have been learning about their social skill super powers. They have been discussing how our senses help us cope in social situations and begun to create their own social scripts. The children have spent a little bit of time practicing their social scripts in woodlands.

Thursday 25th September 2025
LO: I can create a social skills script

talk you
play with
me please

can I play
in your team
please!

Thursday 25th September 2025
LO: I can create a social skills script

can you play with me
please?

do you want to play
with me?



Peek at the Week Woodlands



It has been a very productive week in woodlands this week! Our reception children have settled so well into their new woodland routines and have really enjoyed listening to a range of rhymes during carpet time.

Meanwhile, our Year 6's have been focusing on how to read a timetable. They have been looking at a range of different secondary- style timetables. We have been discussing when each lessons occur and the equipment they will need to pack for the lesson the night before school.

The woodland AM group have been continuing recapping phase 2 and 3 phonics sounds. KS2 have become really confident in using a sound mat to support their spelling and are becoming more efficient in finding the sounds they needs.

In maths, we have continued with the topic of place value. Our Woodland badger group have been focusing on numbers within 10 and have been practicing counting using a range of objects. Our woodland owl group, have started to look at number lines to support their understanding of tens and ones.



Woodland star of the week: Tahiya

For always joining in during carpet and playing so nicely with the adults and other children in her group.



Zone of the week: **Green Zone**

If you need to contact Woodlands, please do so through your child's year group email.

PE News

Some lucky Year 6 students had an amazing time at the SSSNPA Multi-Sports "Try It" Festival!

They threw themselves into a range of exciting activities including fencing, polly bat, speed stacking, and rugby. It was a fantastic opportunity to try something new and kick off the sporting year with energy and enthusiasm! Many thanks to the coaches and Sports leaders from St Josephs school for helping us. Well done to everyone who took part – what a great start to the term!



Year 2 Take on Fencing with Little Musketeers!

During PE this term, our Year 2 pupils have had the pleasure of working with coaches from Little Musketeers. This week, they were introduced to the exciting world of fencing – learning key footwork techniques, developing their skills, and even taking part in friendly matches!

It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to try something new, build confidence, and have lots of fun along the way. En garde!



Starting Secondary School in Slough 2026

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACE

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, and you live in Slough, you can now apply online for a transfer from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) for September 2026.

The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

You will also find the **Starting Secondary School booklet** on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

Current Year 6 pupils - children who will be transferring from primary (Year 6) school to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2026.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2025. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 31 October 2025.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- NO automatic transfer from a primary into a secondary school.
- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at
www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions
Closing date to apply 31 October 2025

Changing your preferences or changing the order after submitting an application

You can make any changes to your application before the closing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences after



the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, all your preferences would be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications.

It is possible to change your preferences after your application has been downloaded by the Admissions team but you will need to complete an amendment form which you will find on the council's website.

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (31 October 2025) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting Secondary School' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: _admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:

Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)

Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

Sabi Hothi

Head of Education Services

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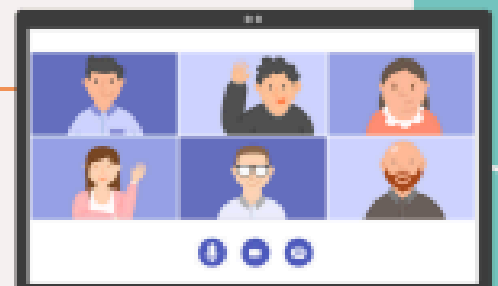
Friday 17th Oct - 10:00 - 11:15am

**25 spaces
available!**

**Join our online informal discussion to
cover the following areas:**

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

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