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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in school!

Mr Philpott and I were privileged to attend the Creative Academy Dance Festival, where it was wonderful to see Mr Matt in his new role, and even more special to watch our incredible Year 6 pupils perform in front of such a large audience. They were absolutely magnificent, and I could not have been prouder of them. I am already looking forward to seeing them perform again at the upcoming Soirée on 19th May.

We also have some exciting sporting news, with both our girls' and boys' football teams reaching their finals, which will be held at Arbor Park. At the time of writing, I do not yet know the outcomes, but I will certainly be there cheering them on and wish them the very best of luck.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed for another busy week.

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:

Fork, Knife, Spoon, Plate, Bowl

<https://youtu.be/4KsvctnKGrl>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages

W/C 27th April

Whole School - 94.59%

Nursery - 92.57%

Reception - 87.94%

Year 1 - 95.62%

Year 2 - 98.15%

Year 3 - 96.44%

Year 4 - 95.73%

Year 5 - 94.55%

Year 6 - 95.58%

Congratulations to Pear and Plum with 100% the highest attendance this week!

Peek at the Week

Nursery– 1st May 2026

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about our families this week and how each family is different. We talked about what a family was? and about who was in each family? It would be lovely if you could send in photos of your extended family for the children to show and to talk about with their friends. Please send a photo to the class email: nursery@prioryschool.com Thank you.

Communication & Language Development



This week we have been reading a story 'Lulu loves Flowers'. We have been finding the different verbs (doing words) and acting them out. We have been doing the actions for 'writing', 'choosing', 'buying' and 'planting'. What other verbs can you help your child to act out at home?

Physical Development

Parachute play is a vital educational activity that promotes physical and social development. It strengthens upper body muscles, improves motor skills, and helps coordination while encouraging teamwork, social interaction and listening skills. We have had great fun in our P.E sessions in the garden.



Spare Clothing



Our collection of 3-4yr old underwear, socks and trousers/leggings seems to have greatly depleted. Please if anyone has spares that they can donate to Nursery, they will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Monday 4th May is a bank holiday. There will be no nursery or school on this day. Enjoy the extra time together.

This week we have had lots of opportunities to develop our mathematical skills: counting, shape patterns, number recognition and new vocabulary.



Child of the week: Ruby for beginning to take part in group activities and for sitting on the carpet with adult support.

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

A Little Seed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOIfLIG0hoM>



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Peek at the Week

Reception – 1st May, 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 4th May – May Bank Holiday
- 19th May – Priory Soirée
- 22nd May – INSET Day
- 25th-29th May – Half Term

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.

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

This week the children have been reading non-fiction text, they have discovered non-fiction means real facts! They have using the facts they have learnt about fish to write a simple sentence.



Of course, they have been remembering to use their finger spaces and reading back what they have written to make sure it makes sense.

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.

Maths:

In math's, we have been using our knowledge of doubles to learn about even numbers up to 10. We have learnt even numbers can be split into 2 equally! If we cannot split the number equally then it is not an even number!

What number is this?

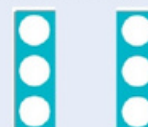
Show me on your fingers!



6 is made of 3 and 3,

Lets split it!

Are both sides the same?



3 and 3 makes 6

6 is an **even** number!

Reception song of the week: -

Reception Star of the week:

R Rupert:



R Paddington: Alayna



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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 1/5/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 20th May – Spring Fling

We are very excited for the first KS1 disco! It will take place from 3.15-4.15pm, and children can be collected from their usual classroom. Tickets are £1.

Year One had a fantastic trip to Bekonscot Model Village on Thursday! We loved exploring all the buildings, moving transport and amazing little details – like the tiny person cleaning a bedroom window! A highlight for many was going on the train and enjoying our picnic lunch in the sunshine.

We attended a workshop on Transportation through Time, which is what we are currently learning about in school. We had lots of fun pretending to ride a vintage airplane and steam train – some children even learned the highway code!



Words of the Week: glider

propellers

flight

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 24th April 2026

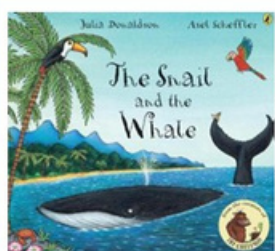
Important Dates / Reminders

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. **Please make sure your child's reading book and diary are in their school bag every day.**



Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible. Please also login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and times tables.

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



Our writing this term will be based on this book by Julia Donaldson: The Snail and the Whale.

Child of the Week

2Newton:

2Franklin:



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have generated a list of interesting vocabulary to describe what they can see, hear, smell, touch and taste at the seaside and what people do there. The children have used their amazing ideas to write their own descriptions of seaside settings!

In maths, we have been solving division number sentences by sharing counters equally between a certain number of people and seeing how many they get each.

We also moved on to drawing our own arrays to share amounts equally and solve division number sentences.

In PSHRE, we have looked at how not all families are the same, who is in our family, why they are special and what our relationship is to them. We even wrote a happy home recipe including ingredients such as a: sprinkle of kindness, a spoonful of patience and a cup of love!

Next week, in English we are going to be generating vocabulary that we will then use in our own diary entries! **In maths**, we will be dividing by 2, 5 and 10!

In the garden this week we have been using our fine motor skills to build beach huts!





Peek at the Week

Year 3– 1st May 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

04.05.26 - Bank Holiday

18.05.26 Eid Celebration after school



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, Year 3 have continued their study of the Ancient Greeks in art and DT by looking at how Greek pottery was made, what it was used for and how it was decorated.

In English, the children have continued to read the story of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' in preparation for writing their own version of this myth.

In Maths, children have applied their knowledge of how to measure mass and volume in practical contexts.

Next week, the children will be exploring equivalent measures of volume in their Maths lessons.

In DT and art they will make and start to decorate Greek pots using the medium of clay.

Year 3 Greek Day

Word of the Week: occasion/occasionally



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Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 1st May 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

04.05.26 - Bank Holiday

18.05.26–Eid Celebration after school

19.05.26– Soiree (evening event)



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**.

Word of the Week: occasion/occasionally

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Our Learning

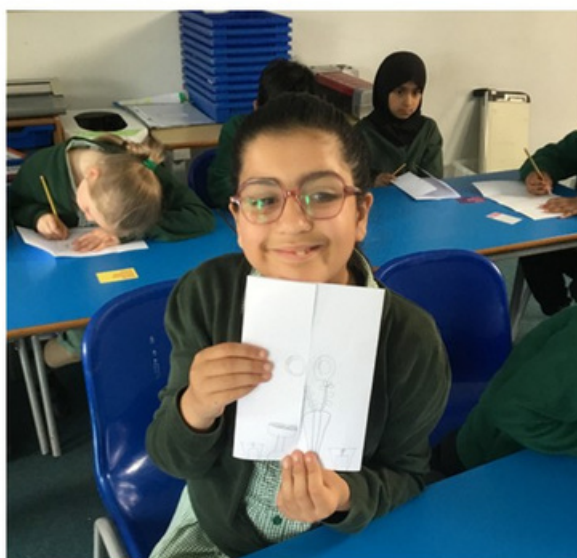
This week, we enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the Buddhist faith in a workshop run by members of the Taplow Buddhist Centre, **Check out Seesaw** for more information and to find out what we have been learning. In history, we have begun a unit of work exploring the impact of the Viking raids and invasion of Britain. We started by looking at a timeline of key events that occurred in the Viking period.

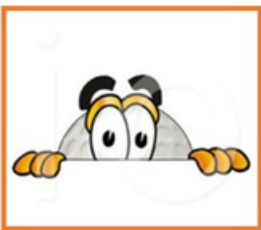
In French we listened to a story in French and used our knowledge of language to translate the meaning into English.

Next week, we will learn more about the Vikings with a focus on the establishment of Danelaw and the importance of the city of York.

In Maths, we will apply our knowledge of decimals to order numbers and to see how numbers can be represented as equivalent fractions and decimals.

In English, we will continue to read the story of 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' to inspire our writing.





Year 5 Peek at the Week

1st May 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 18th May: Eid Bazaar
- 19th May: Soiree Event
- 25th May– 29th May: Half Term
- 23rd June: Burnham Grammar School Trip
- 30th June: Fire Service Visit

Our Learning

This week, we continued to explore crime and punishment throughout the ages in history.

In maths, we focused on co-ordinates on a graph and the translation of shapes.

In English, we continued The Highwayman in more detail. We explored character, language and emotions through drama, and incorporated this within our writing.

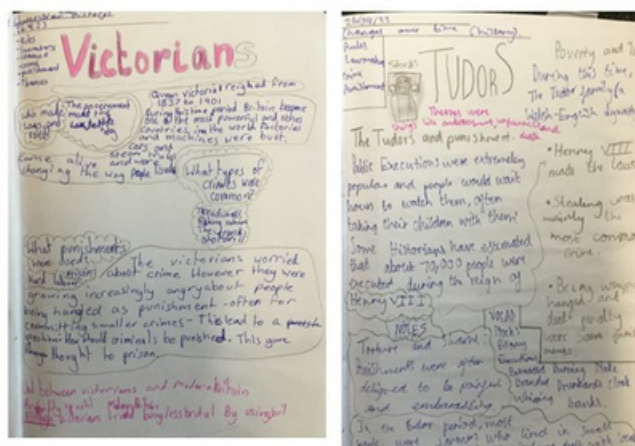
In PSHRE, we are focusing on a variety of aspects aiming at online gaming, communities and building relationships safely.

Next week, we will continue to explore vanishing point and perspective in drawing and paintings whilst making links to the illustrator, Charles Keeping, that created art work for The Highwayman narrative poem.

In maths, we continue our topic in co-ordinates and focus on reflection, as well as start our new topic of decimals.

In English, we will apply what we have learnt in this unit to plan and write our own version of the narrative poem, The Highwayman.

In History, we looked at the changes over time in crime and punishments.



Child of the week

5Dawe: **Jakub** 5Maple: **Alex** 5Ofili: **Aya**

Word of the Week: **recommend**

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 1st May 2026

Year 6 SATs

Important Information

SATs week: 11.05.26–14.05.26

The Y6 pupils are currently working very hard during their revision lessons in order to prepare for their upcoming exams.

Please ensure pupils have plenty of time to rest in the evenings alongside their personal commitments.

We have included a copy of the SATs timetable in this newsletter so that parents/carers are aware of when each test paper is taking place.

SATs breakfast: the school will be providing all Y6 pupils with a breakfast during SATs week. The breakfast will open at 8am and close at 8:30am. Please ensure your child arrives within this time slot.

Our Learning

This week, in history, we focused on the last couple of topics on the Mayan Civilisation by exploring the reasons behind their decline.

In English, we focussed on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation revision in preparation for the SATs, including expanded noun phrase.

In maths, we focussed on maths revision in preparation for the SATs, including fractions, decimals and percentages.

Next week, in DT, we will learn about the different structures of bridges and how they work.

In history we will be completing our topic on the Mayan civilisation by tasting different types of chocolates.

In English, we will continue to revise spelling, grammar and punctuation in preparation for the SATs.

In maths, we will continue to revise maths for our upcoming exams.

Any questions about the upcoming SATs, please do email us year6@priorschool.com.

PSHRE Focus: Healthy Me. In PSHRE this term, we will learn how to take responsibility for our wellbeing. We will know about different types of drugs and how they affect the human body – particularly the liver and the heart.



Child of the Week:

6 Attenborough: Hattie **6 Anning:** Lucy **6 Darwin:** Jeevan

Word of the Week: queue

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

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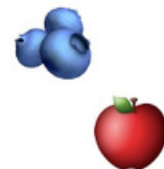
Occupations



Peek of the Week

The Orchard

1/5/26



Important Dates

Pears Class Community visits

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

Berry Class TVAP:

Every Wednesday

Cherry Class Swimming:

Every Friday—please remember swimming clothes and towels!

This week, it has been a lovely week of activities, and with the sun shining, we have been able to incorporate lots of outdoor learning into our timetable. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning outside and making the most of the warm weather.

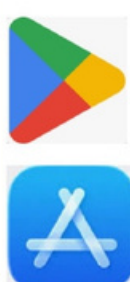
In English, the children have been exploring different occupations. Structured role-play has been a key part of this learning, helping them to understand a range of jobs and the important roles people play within the community. The children showed great enthusiasm as they acted out different professions and developed their communication and imagination skills.

In Maths, the children have continued working on one-to-one correspondence using a variety of practical resources. They have also been introduced to doubling and simple fractions, using hands-on activities to support their understanding and confidence.

In Science, the children revisited their knowledge of body parts, with a particular focus on the parts of the body linked to our five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. As part of this topic, the children took part in a practical activity where they used their senses in real-life contexts. They especially enjoyed exploring smell and taste, trying a range of different foods, including some they had not experienced before.

It has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning!

A gentle reminder to [please sign up, check and interact with your Seesaw accounts](#). This will allow you to view photos of the children hard at work, stay updated on upcoming learning, and celebrate all of their wonderful achievements from the week.



Stars of the week

Plum class: Adam for amazing sentence building in English.

Cherry class: Rio for showing one-more during maths.

Apple class: Zain for showing good addition in maths.

Pear class: Zamin for good reading and mark-making skills.

Berry class: Ethan for his impressive creativity during art.

Woodlands Peek at the week
Friday 1st May 2026

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

Important Dates / Reminders

- 4th May - May Bank Holiday
 - 18th May- Eid Bazaar
 - 19th May - Priory Soirée
 - 20th May-KS1 Spring fling
 - 22nd May - INSET Day

On Monday, the KS2 children spent time looking at the yellow zone during their Zones of regulation intervention. The children learnt better ways to respond to others who are in Yellow Zone and discussed ways to stop themselves from approaching the Red Zone



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have loved reading our class text, *The Secret of Black Rock*. We spent time reading the whole story and then created story maps, where the children drew the different key events from the book.

Our amazing work!



In maths this week, the children recapped their knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They spent time answering division and multiplication calculations using their 10 times tables.

Star of the week: Jaxon

For his fantastic progress in reading and writing.



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

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PE NEWS

Priory Boys Semi Final Success



On Wednesday 29th of April, Mrs Croker kindly drove Mr Glewis and the team over to St Ethlebert's for the Slough semi Final.

The boys started slowly, but quickly turned it around with a 4-2 win St Ethlebert's. Goals from Lukash x 2, Jordan and Zac completed a comprehensive away victory. #goteamPriory

Slough Schools Festival of Dance



A huge congratulations to the Priory Dance Team, who performed at The Curve in Slough as part of the spectacular annual Slough School Dance Show. It was a high-quality performance from a team that has worked incredibly hard. Special thanks go to Mr Matt and Miss Miller for their dedication and support. The team even got to meet the Mayor of Slough. Our team were fantastic and should be very proud of their hard work, commitment, and skill. Well done to everyone involved! 🌟🌟





KS2 SATs - Information for Parents

During the week commencing 11th May, the Year 6 children will sit tests in:

- **Reading** - The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**
- **Spelling, punctuation and grammar** - The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and a **spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes
- **Maths** - Children will sit three papers in maths: Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes, Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper. The children are not allowed to use a calculator in these tests.

These tests will be both set and marked externally, and your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

The tests will be sent to be marked externally and **the results will be published on or around the 8th July 2026**. Children will be given scaled scores. **You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their scaled score and whether they have reached the national average (100).** If your child's scaled score is below 100, they will be working below the national standard for their age, and if they score more than 100, they will be working at or above the national standard for their age.

Year 6 SATs Timetable 2024

Monday 11 th May	¹⁸ Spelling and Grammar test
Tuesday 12 th May	Reading Test
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths Test 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Test 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 14 th May	Maths Test 3 (Reasoning)

During SATs week, we encourage the children to ensure they have early nights and eat breakfast. An optional breakfast will be provided free of charge in the school hall between 8am and 8:30am on Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school.

Year 6 SATs Timetable
11th May – 14th May 2026

	Start time	Start time	
Monday 11.05.26	Start at 9:15 GPS Test (Short answer questions - 45 mins) (Spelling Task - 15 mins)		*Adults please arrive at the test room 5 minutes before the start of each test.
Tuesday 12.05.26	Start at 9:15 Reading Test ¹⁹ (1 hour)		
Wednesday 13.05.26	Start at 9:15 Maths Paper 1 (30 minutes)	Start at 10:10 Maths Paper 2 (40 minutes)	
Thursday 14.05.26	Start at 9:15 Maths Paper 3 (40 minutes)		



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

CENTRE *for* AUTISM WELLBEING HUB

Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- **Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading**
- **Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads**
- **Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.**

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday 6 May

G10 lecture theatre,
Palmer Building,
Whiteknights Campus,
RG6 6EW

In person:

18:45–21:00

Online:

19:00–20:30 via
Microsoft Teams

For more details and to book your place, please visit our website.