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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a purposeful and positive few weeks at Priory.

This half term, our focus on Hope, through our Spring mascot Nadine the Butterfly, has been visible across assemblies and classrooms. Alongside this, we have continued to build pupils' determination and resilience, helping children to keep going when learning feels tricky, to try again when things don't work first time, and to believe in themselves as learners. These small, everyday moments of perseverance are where confidence grows.

Over recent weeks, the Senior Leadership Team have completed our STEM monitoring, spending time in lessons, looking carefully at pupils' books, reviewing planning, and meeting with subject leaders. We have been genuinely impressed by the standard of work across the school.

In Science, pupils are being given rich opportunities to investigate, question and explore.

In Design and Technology, children are designing, making and evaluating their own products with real purpose.

In Mathematics, pupils are developing strong foundations in number fluency and mathematical reasoning, helping them to explain their thinking, spot patterns, and make connections between concepts.

The consistency and quality we are seeing reflects the hard work of staff and the positive attitudes of our pupils.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome parents into classrooms this week during our Learning Together sessions. Children are proud to share their learning, and families get a real insight into what learning looks like day-to-day at Priory.

During our recent Tea with SLT, we spoke about the power of reading to your children, even as they get older. After our interesting discussion, Mrs Proffitt shared with me the idea of the "Goldilocks Effect" of reading aloud, drawn from research by Meghan Cox Gurdon in *The Enchanted Hour*:

- Audio alone can be "too cold" - children's brains don't fully engage.
- Video can be "too hot" - it does too much of the imagining for them.

· Reading aloud with books and pictures is “just right” – it lights up multiple areas of the brain and builds strong neural pathways.

Reading aloud is already embedded in our classrooms, but we wanted to share this with families too. Even a few minutes a day makes a powerful difference.

A practical reminder as we head towards the next half term:

Please ensure all jewellery is removed on PE days. Earrings, rings and watches can pose a real safety risk during physical activity and can cause injury to the wearer or others if caught or pulled. As a school, we have a duty of care to keep children safe, so if jewellery cannot be removed, your child may not be able to take part in PE on that day. We know this is disappointing for children, which is why we really appreciate your support in helping them come to school PE-ready and able to fully take part.

We are also very excited that it is nearly World Book Day. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or enjoy the day in their pyjamas – because some of the best reading happens when you’re cosy and comfortable.

This year, pupils will explore traditional and folk tales from different continents, celebrating the rich diversity of our community and how stories are shared through spoken word, art and written language. Each year group will focus on tales from The Americas, Asia, Africa or Europe, giving children a wonderful window into different cultures and storytelling traditions.

Finally, a gentle nudge – at our last check, only around 50% of parents have booked a Parents’ Evening appointment. We also have the Book Fair visiting that week, with books on sale every day. Every purchase helps us to invest in new, exciting books for our school library. Please do book your appointment and pop in to have a look at the books on offer.

As we move into half term, we know that Ramadan will begin for many families in our community next week. We would like to wish all those observing a Ramadan Mubarak. We wish you a peaceful and meaningful month, and we will continue to support children in school during this important time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are proud of what the children and staff have achieved this half term. Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved half term break.

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:

How are you? & Tired

<https://youtu.be/NQzDeHy62PM>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages

W/C 9th February

Whole School - 92.74%

Year 1 - 94.40%

Year 2 - 94.19%

Year 3 - 98.31%

Year 4 - 94.88%

Year 5 - 92.32%

Year 6 - 91.25%

Congratulations to 3Nightingale with 99.31%
the highest attendance this week!

Nursery Peek at the Week

13th February 2026



Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week we have been reminding our children to keep each other safe in class by remembering to **walk** inside and not to run.

Communication & Language Development

This week as part of our Jigsaw PHSE program we have been reading the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and learning about determination. We talked about all the things we find difficult to do in nursery and decided that we need to have an 'I can do it' attitude.



Physical Development

In our music sessions we often move with scarves. Tossing scarves back-and-forth develops fine motor skills and helps teach directional tracking as we visually track our scarves' movement.

These are some of the skills we need to help us with our writing development.



Thank you to all parents who have signed up for a Parents' Evening session on either Monday 2nd March or Tuesday 3rd March. Reminders will be sent out on Friday 27th February.

Half term holiday

No nursery sessions from Monday 16th February–Friday 20th February.

Friday 6th March World Book Day

You may like to choose a book character to dress up as or the very comfy option of some cosy pyjamas. Please can we request no one-sies for nursery children due to the difficulty of going to the toilet in these!



Thank you to all our parents who attended.



Child of the week: Emilia for her amazing phonics work this week, always being a great friend to others and showing enthusiasm towards her learning in class.

Nursery rhyme of the week: HEART Valentine's Day Song

[H E A R T - The Kiboomers Valentine's Day Songs for Preschoolers](#)

Please encourage your

child to watch the video and to sing along.



Contact us: nursery@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Reception – 13th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Parents evening – W/C 2nd March

World book day – 6th March

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: **quantity** – we will be using the vocabulary: **more and fewer**

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:



Thank you to all our parents for coming to the learning together morning. It really means a lot to our children and to the adults.

Communication and Language Development:

This week we have continued to revise our sounds and practicing our blending technique. Please continue to read with your child at home, it really does help! The children have begun to use this knowledge in their drawing club, creating magic codes to make the picture come alive! We will be start our next phase of phonics after half term!

ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	ar
or	ur	er	ow	oi	ear

Maths:

This week the children have been looking at quantity. They have been discovering more or fewer objects. They have taken turns gathering objects with a friend and deciding who has more and who has fewer.

We will be continuing with our number after half term, introducing 8,9 and 10. We will also be looking at height, length and time. Maybe during the half term, you could compare height with your child, who is the shortest? Who is the tallest?



Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Hunter

R Paddington: Manahil



Reception song of the week: Feelings song.

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 - 13/02/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- 2nd and 3rd March - Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 17th March - St Peter's Church visit



We have thoroughly enjoyed our History topic this term, learning about two famous explorers - Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. This week, we found out more about the Moon Landing and how important it was.



We have spent time this week in English preparing to write our own non-chronological reports about Emperor Penguins. The children planned the key features of their reports, before writing them on Friday. We are so impressed with the finished pieces!

This week in Maths, we have been learning about volume and capacity. We spent time learning key mathematical vocabulary, before exploring measure in our outdoor area. It was wonderful to have parents in for our Maths lesson on Thursday - we hope all who attended enjoyed it!

Please ensure you have booked a slot for Parents' Evening. We look forward to seeing everyone back next term!

Stars of the Week

1 Jeffers - Eliana

1 Donaldson - Logan



Words of the Week: capacity volume full empty

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 13th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

23.02.26- Term starts

02.03.26/03.02.26- Parents'

Evenings

06.03.26 –World book day

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.

No spellings this week, the children have worked really hard this term.

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 have finished writing up our letters to Mrs Foster and will deliver them before half-term. We have also enjoyed creating contraction caterpillars!



In maths, we finished our unit on money and have been comparing different amounts.

In Geography, we learned more about the UK and the countries in the UK.

In the garden, we have lots of Valentines fun! We had a great fine motor activity where we used tweezers and pipettes to make love potions for our family and friends.



Next half-term, we will be exploring and basing our writing on a new text in English: The Queen's Hat, by Steve Antony. We will begin by reading the story and describing different London Landmarks.

In maths, we will be looking at multiplication, focusing on groups of objects and repeated addition number sentences to start with. We will also be starting our new topic in history looking at the features of castles and how Windsor Castle has changed over time.



We hope you have a great half term with lots of rest and fun!

Child of the Week

2Newton: Nela

2Franklin: Aiza



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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 13th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 16.02.26 Half Term

26.02.26 3 Seacole swimming

27.02.26 Dress Rehearsal of Disney's Frozen Kids

2.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 2pm

03.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 10am

06.03.26 World Book Day



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 continued to explore the technique of collage in art lessons.

In Maths, we have been exploring measurement of length including mm, cm and m. Children have been learning how to measure accurately and record equivalent lengths in cm and m.

In English, we wrote a story independently inspired by our class text, 'The Happy Prince'.

After half term, we are going to be rehearsing hard for our performance of Disney's Frozen Kids. The Dress Rehearsal to the school will take place on Friday 27th February so please make sure children wear their costumes to school on that day. Performances to parents take place on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March and we look forward to seeing you there.

In English, we will begin a new unit of work inspired by the Disney Pixar animation 'The Blue Umbrella'.



Word of the Week: remember

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Peek at the Week

Year 4– 13th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 16.02.26 Half Term

27.02.26 Dress Rehearsal to the school

02.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 2pm

03.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 10am

06.03.26 World Book Day

16.03.26 Year 4 trip to Ufton Court

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:

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<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 have continued to explore fractions including how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In English, we wrote a formal letter and took part in a class debate.

We have been busy rehearsing for our performance, Disney's Frozen Kids. Thank you to all those who have already bought costumes into school.

This week, year 4 took part in the Big School's Bird-watch initiative by the RSPB. We spotted lots of birds on the school field including: red kites, magpies, great tits and robins. This was a super opportunity to develop our scientific observation skills and mathematical data collection skills.



After half term, we will perform a Dress Rehearsal to the school on Friday 27th February. **Performances to parents will take place on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March.**

In English we will conclude our work based on 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and will then move onto a unit inspired by the Anglo Saxon story 'Beowulf'.

In Maths, we will be continuing to explore fractions.

Our French lessons, will focus on being able to say sentences containing information about animals.

Word of the Week: quarter

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

13th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Parents' Evening: 2nd and 3rd March

World Book day: 6th March

Science Museum Trip: Thursday 26th February

St Peters Church Trip- Monday 16th March

Priory's Got Talent: 27th March

Our Learning

This week, we continued with our geography unit and focused on local issues that affect us. We also created a campaign to pitch to our Eco Council.

In maths, we extended our learning from fractions and linking it to decimals up to 2 decimal places, and finding the equivalent fractions.

In English, we continued with our new unit – The Search for our Cosmic Neighbours and we will continue to write diary entries about the mission to space.

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

After half term, we will begin our history unit on The Islamic Empire. Here we will learn about what makes a successful settlement and also how the Silk Road enabled the spread of knowledge and religion to occur.

In maths, we will continue with our decimals unit and learn new strategies where we will apply our knowledge to the thousands in fractions and decimals, with ordering and comparing.

In English, we will continue with our unit – The Search for our Cosmic Neighbours and we will continue to write diary entries about the mission to space.

This week in Geography, we played the climate change trading game, some of us represented the countries making cars and some of us represented the countries making crops. The country with the most carbon credits won!



Child of the Week

5Dawe: **Rohit** 5Maple: **Bareen** 5Ofili: **Unnaysha**

Word of the Week: **nuisance**

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 13th February 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

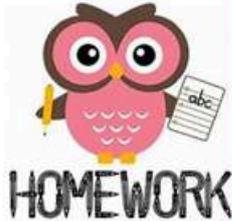
16.02.26 - February Half Term Break

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

Friday: Spelling quiz.

Homework due:

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



Our Learning

This week, in geography, we researched a famous manmade landmark in North or South America and wrote a Trip Advisor style review. We also explored the impact of deforestation on the Amazon Rainforest.

In English, we sat our SPAG assessment. We were also introduced to more of the characters from our book 'The Last Wild!' We also wrote newspaper article.

In maths, we sat our maths reasoning assessment papers. We also started our new topic, ratio, learning about how it can describe the relationship between numbers.

After half term, in science, we will start our topic on classification. We will learn about Carl Linnaeus' classification system and the different kingdoms living things are grouped into.

In English, we will be reading more of 'The Last Wild' and using what we read as inspiration for some drama and poetry.

In maths, we will continue our topic of ratio.

Y6 Geography



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: Ahmed **6 Anning:** Baari **6 Darwin:** Laila

Word of the Week: lightning

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The Orchard–Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 02/02/2026



Important Dates

TVAP– Cherry Class
Wednesdays. Please bring pack lunch.

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

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

Our Learning



In English this week, our focus was on aeroplanes. The children explored different job roles associated with an airport and discussed the features of various planes. To present their ideas, they created a mind map. In addition, the Berries class produced a fact file on aeroplanes, showcasing their understanding of the topic.

In Maths this week, the children were introduced to a new topic on money. They enjoyed visiting the Priory tuck shop, where the main focus was on exchanging money and purchasing items independently. The children also had the opportunity to visit Sainsbury's, where they followed a shopping list to buy items and used their remaining money to choose a small treat for themselves.

In Art, Pupils experimented with a range of brushes and painting tools, exploring different brushstrokes and textures using items such as forks and bubble wrap.



Makaton sign of the week



Star of the week

Cherries– Lucas for his role play during our visit to the Priory Tuck shop and his engagement during our trip to Sainsbury's.

Berries– Manraj for showing excellent Maths skills

Pears– Eliza for participating well in Sainsburys trip

Strawberries– Zain for making consistent progress in managing to stay longer at school

Apples– Riaz for being so helpful at Sainsbury's and for using kind hands all week

Plums: Adam for being more vocal in class.

Year 5's Enlightening Visit to the Mosque in Slough

The Year 5 students from Priory School embarked on an educational trip to the Jamia Masjid & Islamic Centre in Slough. This visit was part of their Religious Education curriculum, aimed at broadening their understanding of different cultures and religions.



A Warm Welcome

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by the mosque's community members. The mosque, located on Stoke Poges Lane, is a beautiful structure that serves as a spiritual and community hub for local Muslims. The students were excited and curious, ready to learn and explore.

Learning About Islamic Practices

The visit began with an introduction to the basic principles of Islam. The students learned about the Five Pillars of Islam, which are the foundation of a Muslim's faith and practice. They were fascinated to hear about the daily prayers (Salah), fasting during Ramadan, and the significance of charity (Zakat).



Exploring the Mosque

The students were then taken on a guided tour of the mosque. They observed the prayer hall, where they learned about the importance of cleanliness and respect in a place of worship. The intricate designs and calligraphy on the walls captivated their attention. The guide explained the significance of the mihrab, the niche indicating the direction of Mecca, and the minbar, the pulpit from which sermons are delivered.

Interactive Activities

To make the visit more engaging, the students participated in a few interactive activities. They tried on traditional Islamic attire and practiced writing their names in Arabic calligraphy. These hands-on experiences helped them connect more deeply with the culture and traditions they were learning about.



Building Bridges

This visit to the mosque was not just an educational trip; it was an opportunity to build bridges of understanding and respect between different cultures and religions. The Year 5 students left with a greater appreciation for diversity and a deeper understanding of the Muslim community in Slough.

The school plans to continue such visits to various places of worship, fostering an environment of inclusivity and mutual respect among its students.

This visit to the Jamia Masjid & Islamic Centre was a memorable experience for the Year 5 students, enriching their knowledge and broadening their horizons. It was a day filled with learning, curiosity, and respect, leaving a lasting impression on young minds.





PE NEWS



PANATHLON BOWLING

On Monday we were delighted to attend the Pentathlon bowling event at Salt Hill activity centre, the team did really well and had a great morning.



Boys Football success



The boys were back in action in the U11 Boys League with a fantastic 4-1 win against Cippenham! 🏆❤️
An outstanding display of commitment, determination and passion from start to finish.

Goals from:

🏆 Lukas x2 🏆 Zac 🏆 Finn

And a huge shout out to George for an outstanding performance in goal! 🙌❤️

Well done, boys — a performance to be proud of! ❤️🏆



Game two in two days — and another gritty performance from the boys! ❤️⚽
 In a highly physical contest, the team delivered a thrilling 5-1 victory over Claycotts. An outstanding demonstration of what it means to be the best you can be — full of resilience, teamwork and determination from start to finish.

Today we take on Western House — we go again! 💪❤️

Goals from: Lukash x 2 Jordan x 2

Well done, boys. We are so proud of you.

A special mention to Jonny and Blake being so solid at the defence. Team Priory ❤️



NATIONAL LEAGUE TRUST U11 LONDON REGIONALS 2026



The girls year 6 football team are heading to Hemel Hempstead on the 24th of February to represent Slough Town FC, after winning the Slough Town National League event before Christmas. Updates to follow

Safety in PE

To ensure safety in PE lessons, please make sure your child does not wear jewellery on PE days.

This helps ensure that all pupils can participate fully and enjoy their learning without the risk of injury or items being broken or lost.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gymnastics in lessons

Our young gymnasts have been stretching, jumping, and shaping the air with creative moves in their Gymnastics lessons.



PRIORY BOYS FOOTBALL

PRIORY 4-1 CIPPENHAM

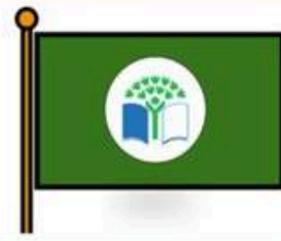
PRIORY 5-1 CLAYCOTS





Priory's Eco Council.

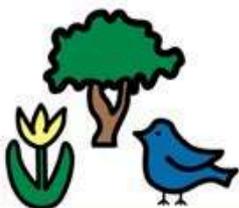
RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch
2026



Here are some photos from this year's Big Schools' Birdwatch.



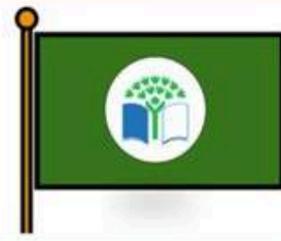
To help with the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, we stocked our feeders with a variety of bird food to attract and support local wildlife, allowing us to record the different species visiting our Schools' grounds.





Priory's Eco Council.

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch
2026



Here are some photos from this year's Big Schools' Birdwatch.



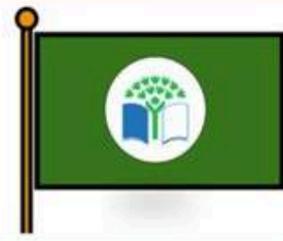
For the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, birds are recorded using counting sheets, tally marks, and ID charts to track the highest number of each species seen at one time.



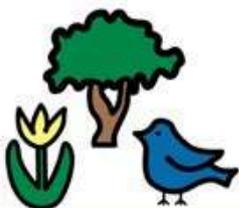


Priory's Eco Council.

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch
2026



Here are some photos from this year's Big Schools' Birdwatch.



The survey provides a picture of bird activity during the winter, which helps scientists understand how environmental factors affect urban wildlife.



Family Wellness

Stronger Together



Your family's wellbeing matters.

Our Family Wellness Support is here to make healthy living easy, fun, and affordable. We'll explore how small changes can make a big difference, whether that's:

- Getting active in ways that fit into everyday life.
- Cooking tasty meals without breaking the budget.
- Building positive routines that make parenting feel a little lighter.



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Parenting Special Children

**Tuesdays, 24th Feb; 24th March; 28th April; 19th
May; 23rd June 2026**

Community Parent/Carer Support Group,

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within Slough

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hour talk about a topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

February Topic;

Managing challenging behaviours. Identifying triggers and de-escalation.

Date & Time

Monthly, See above for details
10am-12pm

Venue

Farnham Common Village Hall
Victoria Road
Farnham Common
Slough
SL2 3NL

Cost

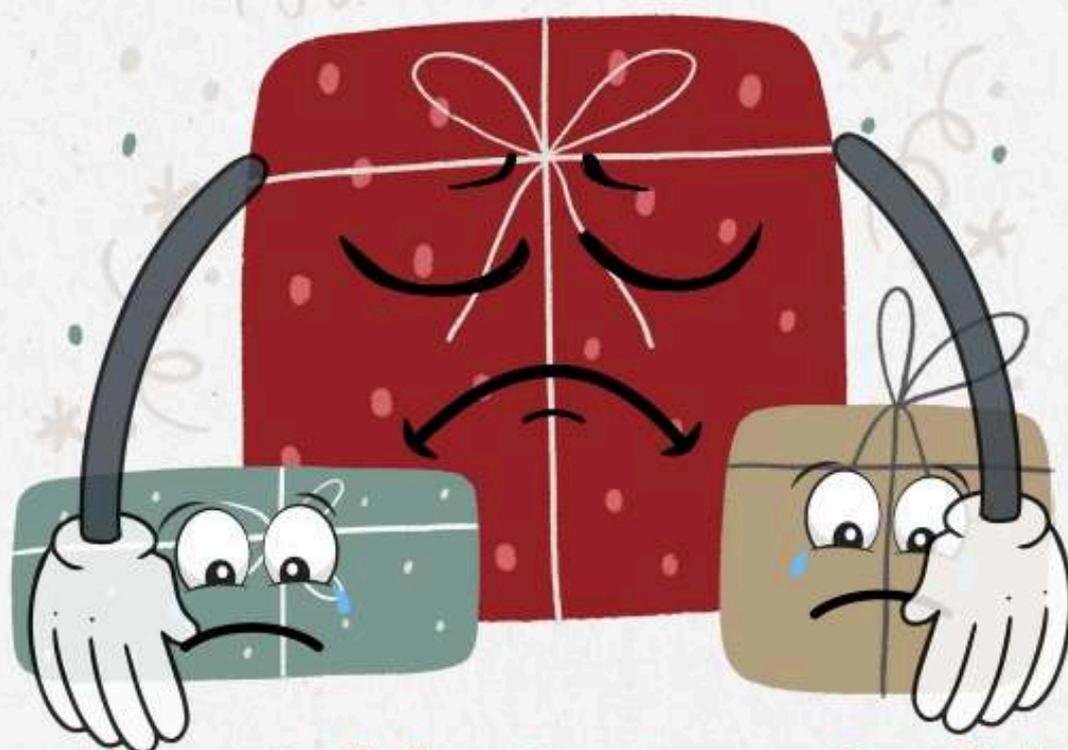
Free (Refreshments provided)

Further information

Charlie Taylor
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Children welcome under parent supervision



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

Partnerships
for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



Cycle 2 Participation session

For parent carers of children
with neurodivergent needs

Join us at
your school

Friday 6 March, 13:45 - 14:45
Priory School



[Click here to book](#)

Connect - Share - Make a difference

PINS is a national project funded by NHS England in partnership with the Department for Education, Department of Health & Social Care & the National Network of Parent Carer Forums



Dear Parent / Guardian,

February 2026

We are pleased to announce that Priory School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our school

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Priory School, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please can you use a bin liner or any other recyclable bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Priory School on Friday 27th February.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) **to the main reception between Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th February.** Please can we ask donations are not brought any earlier than the given dates.

The class who brings in the most bags will be awarded a non-school uniform day!!

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Priory School Eco Council



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4PM-5.30PM

Community drumming @Langley Pavillion- all ages and levels welcome

THURSDAY

4PM-6PM

Music Technology @ Langley Grammar School

WEDNESDAY

4PM-6PM

Rap school @ The Curve, Gallery room

THURSDAY

3.30PM-4.30PM

Slough Music Service Choir @ Lynch Hill School Primary Academy

WEDNESDAY

4PM-5.15PM

Slough Youth Orchestra @ St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School

SATURDAY

1.15PM-2.15PM

Community Drumming @ Newlands Girls' School
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WEDNESDAY

5.30PM-7PM

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Make the most of your half-term break with our free creative activities.

Origami bookmarks

A simple papercraft for children aged 5+ to fold and design their own bookmark. Drop-in.

The Curve, Monday 16 Feb, 2-3pm
Langley Library, Tuesday 17 Feb, 11am-12noon
Cippenham Library, Wednesday 18 Feb, 2-3pm



Story and stretch

An interactive story time for under 5s, with lots of movement to get families active. Parents and carers - please be prepared to join in with your child.

Langley Library, Wednesday 18 Feb, 10.30-11am
No booking required.

Storybuilders

Young storytellers can delve into our collection of props and pictures to inspire their tales. For children aged 5+. Please arrive at the start time.

The Curve, Thursday 19 Feb, 11am-12noon
Cippenham Library, Thursday 19 Feb, 2-3pm
Langley Library, Friday 20 Feb, 2-3pm



LEGO® drop-in

A big pile of bricks plus a child's imagination will inspire amazing creations.

For children age 5+.
The Curve, Tuesdays 4-5pm

Make your own book

Personalise the pages of your very own mini book with words, colour and plenty of imagination. Drop in for children aged 4+.

Cippenham Library, Saturday 14 Feb, 2-3pm
Britwell Library, Thursday 19 Feb, 11am-12noon
The Curve, Friday 20 Feb, 2-3.30pm
Langley Library, Saturday 21 Feb, 1.30-2.30pm



Pop-up play

Have fun with family board games and puzzles for the little ones.

Cippenham Library, every first and second Saturday, 11am-12noon

Chess for all

Come and enjoy a match. All abilities and ages welcome.

The Curve, Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm



Visual art workshops

Join artist Fakhria Nezami for free art workshops in the Curve Gallery, and enjoy her exhibition - Manifestation of Art. Drop in, suitable for all.

The Curve, Tuesday 17 Feb, 2-4pm
The Curve, Wednesday 18 Feb, 2-4pm

February is the month we are celebrating fantastic food. Liven up mealtimes with our selection of cookery books or learn how to grow your own with our gardening titles. Borrow up to 30 books with your library membership, plus access books online.



Throughout the month, children can take part in our 'Guess the dish' quiz. Test your knowledge of global food. Ask library staff for a quiz sheet.

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