

30TH JANUARY 2026

ISSUE 18

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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## Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and eventful week at Priory.

Our Girls' Football Team have had a particularly full week of fixtures.

Although, at the time of writing, I am unable to report on match outcomes, we are incredibly proud of the way the girls have represented the school – demonstrating teamwork, resilience and great sportsmanship throughout. Well done to all involved.

The rain continues to be rather relentless, but I have been impressed by how maturely the children have responded to the constant wet weather. They have shown real adaptability and positivity, which reflects their growing resilience and excellent attitudes to learning and school life.

We also have a very full and exciting calendar ahead next week.

Orchard will be out on community trips, our Bernie Walks continue, Year 6 will be visiting the Mosque, and Year 2 will be travelling to Windsor Castle. We hope that all pupils gain a great deal from these rich learning experiences beyond the classroom. Our school car and minibuses certainly get plenty of use, and we are hopeful that, later this year, we may be able to raise funds to replace the school car, which is now beginning to show its age.

Finally, I would like to remind parents to please avoid parking on Orchard Avenue directly opposite the school, particularly close to the corners. We receive regular concerns from local residents and parents about how this restricts the flow of traffic and creates safety issues. Your cooperation with this helps keep everyone safe at the start and end of the school day – thank you for your understanding and support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

### 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 26th January

Whole School - 93.78%

Year 1 - 94.93%

Year 2 - 95.52%

Year 3 - 97.12%

Year 4 - 96.99%

Year 5 - 92.63%

Year 6 - 91.00%

Congratulations to 3Nightingale with 98.28%  
the highest attendance this week!

# Peek at the Week

## Nursery – 30th January 2026

### Learning Together

**sessions** : Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February.

### Half term holiday

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

We have been doing lots of activities based around transport this week as we read our focus story 'Car, Car, Truck, Jeep'



**Child of the week: Leni Jane** for quickly settling into our nursery routines, confidently joining in at carpet time and being a caring friend to others.

**Nursery rhyme of the week: Rain rain, go away!!**

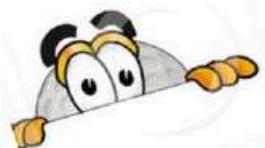
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyLDlFkxxAo> Please encourage your child to sing along.



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

# Peek at the Week

## Reception - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### Important Dates / Reminders

SLT Tea with the parents - 3<sup>rd</sup> February TBA

Learning together week - 9<sup>th</sup> February TBA

End of term - 13<sup>th</sup> 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: **capacity**- we will be using the vocabulary: **how many cubes or cup to fill the container?**

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 continued to work hard during their phonic sessions. Tricky words can be challenging for our children as they cannot sound talk them.

Our focused tricky words this week are:

she      push      he      of      go      into

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

sh	th	ng	nk
shell	thud	ring	pink

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



#### Maths:



This week the children have been investigating capacity. The children have been predicting how cups of water will fill the container. They then tested their theory using variety of containers. We have also used cubes to test how many will fit into a container. We then investigated if different sized containers would hold different amounts of either water or cubes.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Our focus this week has continued with kind hands and kind feet. We have also added personal space and understanding we all need personal space, especially when we are doing something private like visiting the bathroom.

## Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Lara

R Paddington: TBA

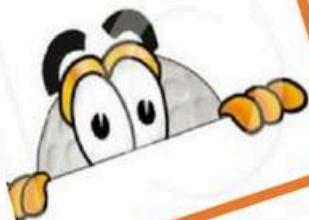


Reception song of the week: 5 little men in a flying saucer

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

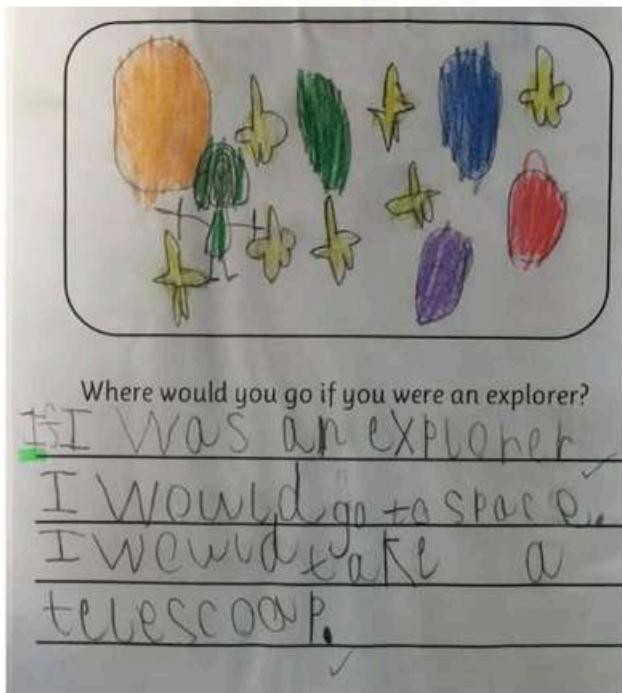
## Peek at the Week

### Year 1 - 30/01/26



#### Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- PE is on Tuesday - the PE team would like to remind all girls to have earrings out or covered please!



In Maths, Year 1 have been consolidating their knowledge of number order up to 20 by using number lines. We have been labelling and making estimations using blank number lines.



This week we began our new History topic - Explorers! We started by discussing what we already knew about explorers and what they do. We then looked at two historically famous explorers - Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus - before completing a task dealing where we would go if we were explorers.

This week our school assemblies focused on the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. As part of our Science learning, we studied a variety of common birds we were likely to spot around us. We listened to the bird song of a pigeon, robin and blackbird before heading out for a bird spotting nature walk around the Priory Mile. Miss Meikle's class was absolutely delighted to spot a little robin enjoying the sunshine high up in a tree, and we were treated to a beautiful song!

#### Stars of the Week

1 Donaldson - Aws

1 Jeffers - Romaysa



Words of the Week: robin      seagull      pigeon



## Peek at the Week

### Year 2 – 30th January 2026

#### Important Dates / Reminders

05.02.26 Windsor Castle trip

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. **Reading books need to come in on Thursday and will be given back to you on Friday. Please make sure they are in on Thursday.**

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.**

#### Child of the Week

**2Newton:** Hayden



**2Franklin:** Alfie

#### Our Learning

**This week in English**, we have started drafting our letters to Mrs Foster, to try and persuade her to build a new wildlife garden at school!

**In maths**, we have used our place value knowledge of tens and ones to help count amounts in pence and then separate amounts in pounds.

**In the garden**, we have enjoyed the different learning opportunities linked to our English unit on The Secret Sky Garden, our maths unit on money and our science unit on plants.

**In Computing** we used the ipads to create our own rhythms!



**Next week**, we will be looking at counting mixed amounts of pounds and pence in maths, finishing our letters to Mrs Foster in English and writing them neatly on writing paper ready to hand to her.



We will start a new unit in Geography, looking at the four countries of the United Kingdom, their capital cities and surrounding seas.

# Peek at the Week

## Year 3– 30th January 2026

### Important Dates / Reminders

05.02.26 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**.



**Making models of Egyptian shadufs.**

### Word of the Week: sentence

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: [www.morningchallenge.co.uk/](http://www.morningchallenge.co.uk/)

### Our Learning

**This week**, we had the opportunity to become archaeologists and visit an 'Ancient Egyptian tomb' in our history lessons. We also learnt about Ancient Egyptian beliefs and about the process of mummification.



In Maths, we have been practising how to multiply a two digit number by a one digit number.

In English, we explored and collected vocabulary to use in our writing of a wintery setting description.



**Next week**, Year 3 will be looking at the work of Gustav Klimt to inspire them when creating collages in art.

In English, we will be planning a story inspired by the 'Happy Prince'.

In Maths, we will be practising strategies to divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number with and without remainders.

In French, we are learning how to read and say the names of animals.

# Peek at the Week

## Year 4– 30th January 2026

### Important Dates / Reminders

10.02.26 Year 4 Learning Together  
Morning



w/c 16.02.26 Half Term

02.03.26 Performance of Disney's  
Frozen Kids 2pm

03.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 10am

### 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/>

<https://urbrainy.com/>

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

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Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday**.

### Word of the Week: remember

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: [www.morningchallenge.co.uk/](http://www.morningchallenge.co.uk/)

Contact us: [year4@prioryschool.com](mailto:year4@prioryschool.com)

Tel: 01628 600300

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

### Our Learning

**This week**, we have been learning how humans can affect the environment and the impact this can have on living things. In history, we have begun a unit of work learning about the Anglos Saxon invasion of Britain. We looked at pictures of Anglo Saxon artefacts to see what they could tell us about life in this era.

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

In English, we researched the country of Syria and learned the conventions of letter writing.

In computing, we have continued to explore how to edit photos digitally.

**Next week**, we will be learning more about life in Anglo Saxon Britain and how archaeological finds can help us understand what life was like for different people.

In French, we are starting to learn the names of animals.

#### FRENCH ANIMAL NAMES – LES ANIMAUX –

- UN CHIEN – DOG
- UN CHAT – CAT
- UNE VACHE – COW
- UN POISSON – FISH
- UN CHEVAL – HORSE
- UN SERPENT – SNAKE
- UNE TORTUE – TURTLE
- UN LAPIN – RABBIT
- UN SINGE – MONKEY
- UN LION – LION
- UN RENARD – FOX
- UN ÉLÉPHANT – ELEPHANT
- UN MOUTON – SHEEP
- UN LOUP – WOLF
- UN ZÈBRE – ZEBRA
- UNE CHOUETTE – OWL

French Learner

[www.FrenchLearner.com](http://www.FrenchLearner.com)

In English, we will be exploring and writing poetry.

In Maths, we will recap the work we did on fractions in Year 3 before beginning Year 4 work on this area of Maths.



# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 30th January 2026

### 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

We used oreos to represent the different phases of the moon.



### Our Learning

**This week**, we learnt more about daylight changes and the phases of the moon using oreos.

**In maths**, we continued our topic of division and developed strategies to divide 4 digits by 1 digit, divide with remainders and multiply unit fractions with integers.

**In English**, we continued planned and wrote our own version of One Small Step.

**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**, after finished our exploration of the solar system, we will zoom in to our home planet and start our geography unit: Man's Impact on the Environment.

**In maths**, we will continue using our multiplication strategies combined with fractions and further extend our knowledge in applying it, to quantity.

**In English**, we will start our new unit – The Search for our Cosmic Neighbours and we will write a diary entry about the mission to space.

### Child of the Week

5Dawe: **Amber** 5Maple: **Sufyan** 5Ofilii: **Eze**

### Word of the Week: **harass**

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



# Year 6 Peek at the Week

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

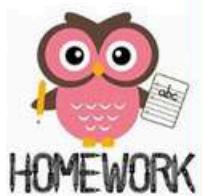
### Important Dates /Reminders

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

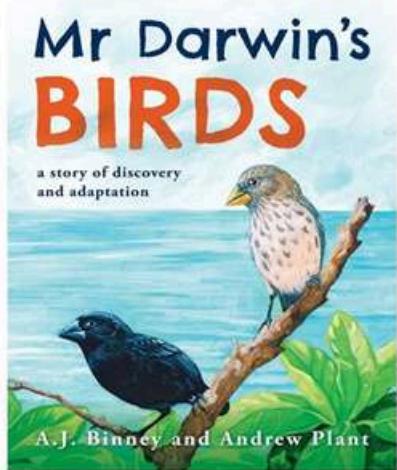
**Friday:** Spelling quiz. Homework due:

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

Times Tables Rock Stars: Play ([ttrockstars.com](http://ttrockstars.com))



We read this beautiful picture book to help us write our own narrative poem.



**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:** Mahdi    **6 Anning:** Tayla    **6 Darwin:** Eva

**Word of the Week:** hindrance

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# The Orchard-Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 26/01/2026



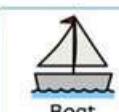
## Important Date

TVAP- Cherry Class Wednesdays. Please bring pack lunch.

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

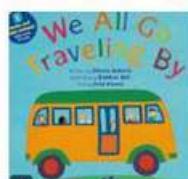
Community trip- Pear class- Mondays. Please bring in £2

Makaton sign:



Boat

### Our Learning



In English the children pretended they were on a boat. They had great fun getting wet from the waves and enjoyed the wind blowing in their faces. They used communication boards to communicate what they had seen, felt and heard.

In Art the children learnt that colour can be used to express their emotions. They engaged in a fun input and painted faces with the colour that matched the emotion.

In P.E the children have had lots of fun developing their gross motor skills by climbing and jumping on the gymnastics circuit.



## Star of the week

**Plum Class-** Chanel for making good choices and doing great work.

**Pear Class-** Aizah for being calm and patient this week

**Apple class-** Jordan for walking nicely to and from transport

**Berry class-** Aroosh for trying hard in phonics

**Cherry Class-** Emira- for writing her name independently

**Strawberry class-** Eden for arranging numbers 1-20 in the correct order independently





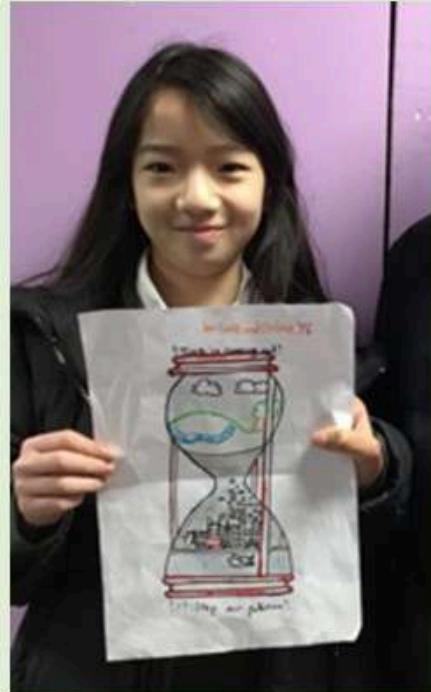
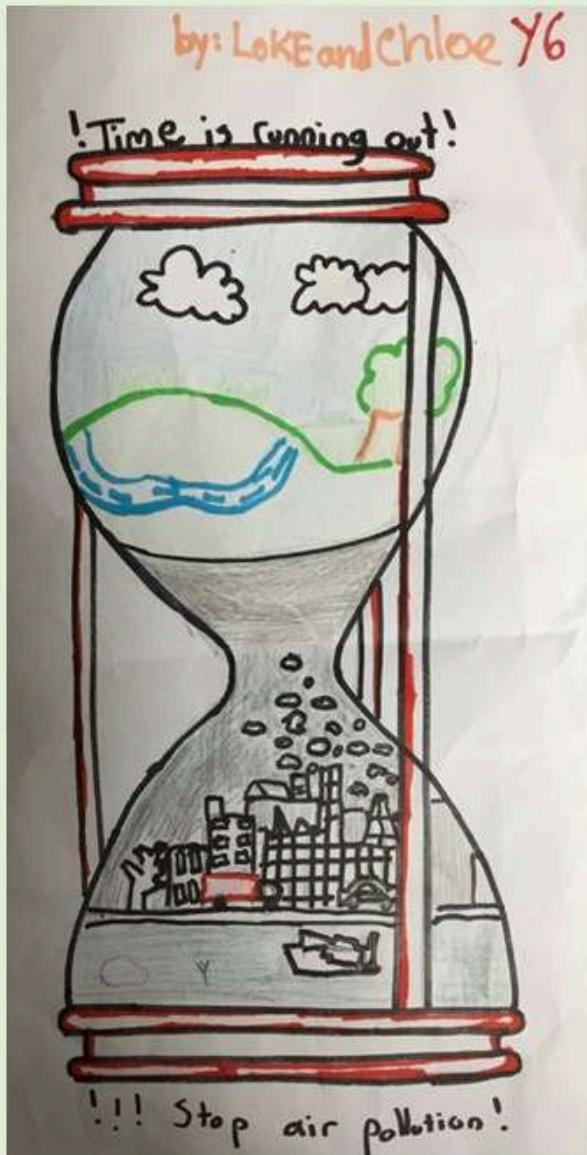
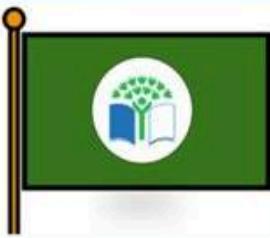
A brilliant afternoon of football from our Year 6 girls at the Pokémon English Schools FA County Finals. Three games, three draws, and an outstanding 2nd place finish in Berkshire — a superb display of determination, passion, and teamwork 💪⚽





# Eco Council News.

January 2026.



Chloe and Loke in Year 6 worked on this poster together. They were keen to share this with me and I thought it represented an important message... so decided to share it with all of you!

Did you know that turning off the engine when parked is an easy way to help reduce air pollution.

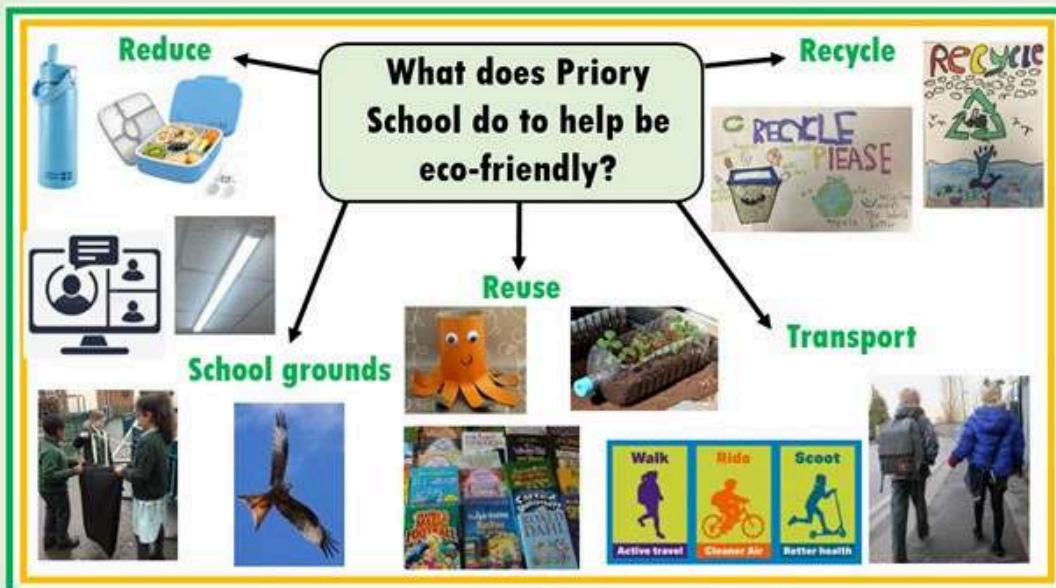
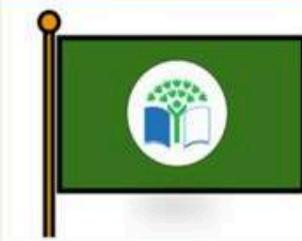
Also, why not try walking or cycling to school. It is much healthier than sitting in a car, especially because, people inside cars can breathe in more pollution than people walking or cycling on the same road.



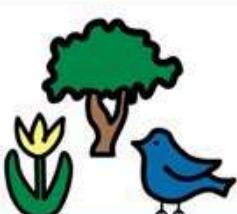


# Eco Council News.

January 2026.



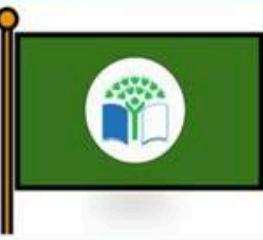
This week, some of the Eco Council representatives helped deliver an assembly to the whole school. They talked about all the different things Priory School does to help be Eco-friendly. This included the importance of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. For example, having self-closing taps, automated lighting, separate food disposal waste, encouragement of walking/cycling to school and lots more!





# Eco Council News.

January 2026.



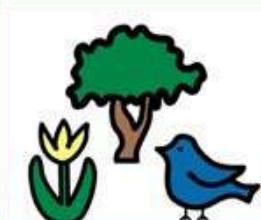
## Big Schools' Birdwatch



The children then went on to talking about the School grounds and the wildlife around us. They introduced the Big Schools' Birdwatch by the RSPB. The RSPB stands for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. It is a charity in the UK that helps protect birds and nature. It looks after many special places like forests, wetlands, and beaches where animals live.

The RSPB works to save endangered animals and learn more about how to care for nature. It also encourages people to help look after wildlife and our planet.

Each class are encouraged to spend one hour outdoors to record birds that they spot. They then upload their results to the RSPB website which provides scientists with vital information. We look forward to sharing some photos with you soon!





# Special Educational Needs Disabilities

## SEND-AID

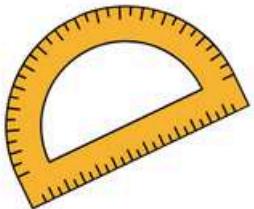
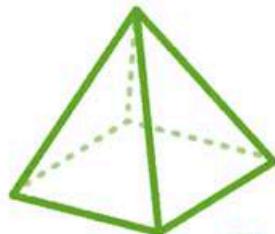
### SEND Advice and Information Sessions

### Winter/Spring 2026

If your child has a Special Educational Need or Disability and you need some guidance, please book a 1:1 appointment at SEND-AID. SEND-AID officers can provide information on local SEND services, activities and support groups, education for children with SEND, financial support for SEND families, basic behaviour management, courses and workshops. SEND-AID can be accessed face-to-face, on-line or by telephone on the dates below.

Location:	Dates:	Time:
Chalvey Grove Children's Centre, Slough, SL1 2TE	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	09:00 – 12:00
Online sessions	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	12:00 – 14:00
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	13:00 – 15:00
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	12:00 – 1:00
Romsey Close Children's Centre, Slough SL3 8PE	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	09:00 - 12:00
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	09:00- 12:00
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	09:00 – 12:00
Penn Road Children's Centre, Slough SL2 1PG	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	09:00 – 12:00
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	09:00 – 12:00

To book a face to face, on-line or telephone sessions, please contact: [EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk](mailto:EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk)

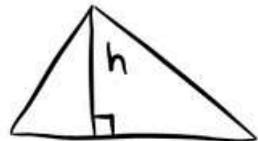
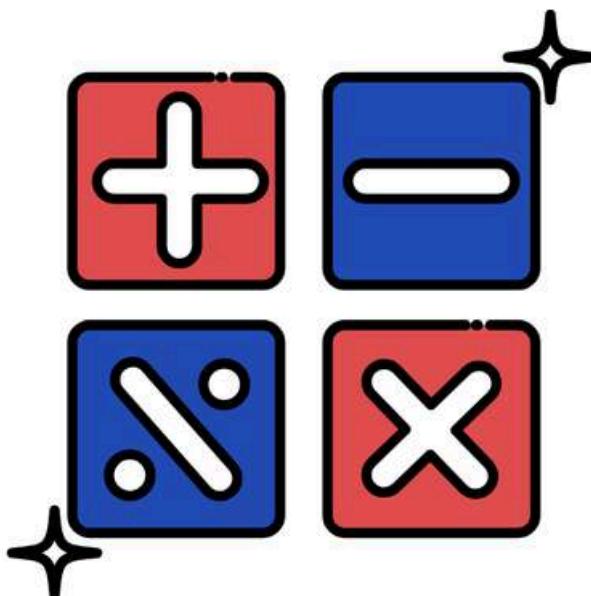
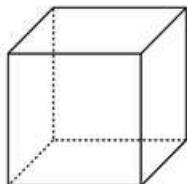


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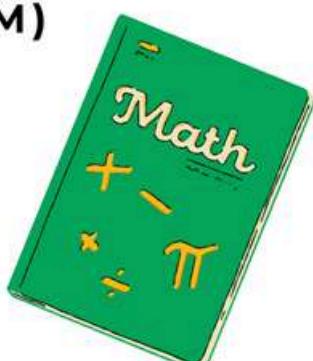
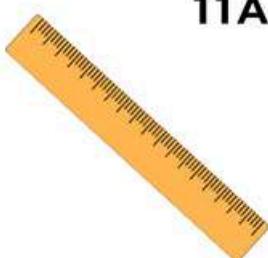
February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

10AM - 11AM KS2 Maths SATs Practice

11AM - 12PM 11+ Revision (GL/CEM)

£10 per lesson

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# Family Wellness

## Stronger Together

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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.
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## Stronger Together



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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11  
YEARS OLD

MON 16<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:

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