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# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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## **Headteacher's News**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Tea with SLT on Tuesday, 11th November. It was such a lovely and productive discussion, covering all sorts of school matters – from SATs, reading at home and the 11+, to secondary school choices, lost property, and (my personal favourite) the ever-popular topic of cars parking on Orchard Avenue.

We talked about how parking there can cause real difficulties for those driving in and out of school and, more importantly, for families walking with buggies or trying to cross the road safely. I really value the open, honest feedback from parents who came along and the constructive ideas shared about how we can continue to make Priory even better.

We'll be inviting EYFS and KS1 parents to the next Tea with SLT session in the Spring term, and I'd love to see more families join us – the conversations are always relaxed and genuinely helpful. On a related note, we've received a kind email from a local resident on Mead Way who has noticed some litter being dropped at drop-off and pick-up times. We know that most of our families take real pride in our community, so this is just a gentle reminder to everyone to help keep our surrounding streets tidy by taking litter home or using the bins provided. A little care makes a big difference to our neighbours – and to the reputation of our school.

Communication has now gone out to parents about our first Learning Together Week. Please remember that these sessions are invite-only, as we can accommodate just ten parents at a time, but across the year every parent will have the opportunity to attend a session. We're really looking forward to welcoming families into classrooms to see learning in action.

We have also started promoting our Christmas Fair, which will take place on Friday 5th December. This is always one of the highlights of the year and our biggest fundraiser, so we're really excited about it. We are still a little short on donations – especially toiletries, children's games, and items for the tombola – so if you are able to gift anything to the school, we would be so grateful.

A huge well done to our amazing Year 5 and 6 girls' and boys' football teams, who took part in the Slough Town National League Cup this week.

Both teams played brilliantly, showing great skill, teamwork and determination – and incredibly, both made it through to the finals alongside Lynch Hill School!

Our boys' team showed fantastic grit and resilience, especially after losing 4-0 to a team earlier in the tournament, only to face them again in the final. They battled hard, played their best football, and narrowly lost 1-0 – a brilliant comeback and a real show of perseverance.

Our girls' team went one step further, winning their final and earning a place in the next round! This marks their second football competition win in just two weeks – a superb achievement that reflects their teamwork, sportsmanship and drive to succeed. What made us most proud, though, was not just their performance on the pitch, but their attitude, encouragement and support for one another – as well as the boys cheering the girls on in their final and vice versa.

Mr Watson said, "It was a brilliant showcase of teamwork." Well done to every single player – we are so proud of you all!

Finally, we're doing our best to spread the word about our wonderful school to families with children starting Reception in September. We've created new leaflets and adverts promoting our Stay and Play sessions and Priory tours. Please help us by sharing these with friends and family – there's no better recommendation than one from our own Priory parents!

Thank you, as always, for your support and for the positive difference you make every day to our Priory community.

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:

Mum, Dad, Foster Mum, Foster Dad

<https://youtu.be/x40Xa-u78II>





# Peek at the Week

## Nursery– 14th November 2025

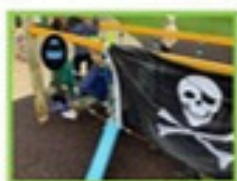


It has been lovely welcoming so many families to our rhyme time session this week. The children loved you coming!

Don't forget to chat, read and play with your child at home. To support your child's speaking and listening why not look at the following website for some ideas of activities to do with your child. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



We have been doing lots of fun activities to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week.



### Learning

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about how to make sure our Nursery is a happy place for everyone to learn in. This week we have been focusing on 'listening to our teachers and to our friends'



#### Communication & Language Development

We have had great fun learning all these different nursery rhymes this week: Sing a Song of Sixpence, Humpty Dumpty, When I was One, I Hear Thunder and Two Little Dickie Birds. Please continue to encourage your child to sing along to them.



#### Physical Development

During our activities this week we have had lots of opportunities to practice our cutting skills. We have been learning to hold our scissors correctly, learning to open and close them, learning to snip, cut along a line then learning to cut out a shape. It is a very complex skill to learn!!



**Child of the week:** Hawwa for her confident singing this week in rhyme time, being a kind friend and listening so well to her teachers.

**Song of the week:**

Please encourage your child to sing along

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26yFO5lnkgU&t=43s>



**Word of the Week:** 'singing'

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# Peek at the Week

## Reception – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



### Important Dates / Reminders

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Priory Christmas Fayre

16<sup>th</sup> December 2025- Christmas performance

End of term 2- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (we will confirm whether this will be a full day or half day.

PE – Every Thursday – Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday.

Please note that the 'orange' lunch option is not available for the children in reception.

### Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: **Subitising and Composition** – we will be using the vocabulary: 1 more, how many?

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 been revisiting the sounds i, n, m, d, and learning how to blend the sound together to confidently read words. Please use the link below to support your children with this week's phonemes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5w9Ax-uuOM&list=PLUGr6z2H2KNGLy2Tckcy8Kk8u10mXgcmie&index=76>



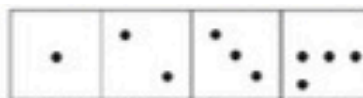
In drawing club this week we have been looking at the story 'Chicken Licken'. The children have enjoyed looking at all the different characters and where the story is set. They then thought about how they change the story and re-tell it their way!



#### **Maths:**

In Reception, we have been exploring **subitising** (recognising numbers without counting) and **composition of number**. Our main focus has been on making the number 5 using different combinations of smaller numbers. The children have explored these numbers using number beads, identifying 1 more and 1 less! The children have also used number fans to show each number quantity. Please use the link below to support your child with this new skill.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMVEkhSa5fE>



#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

In PSHE, we have been learning about what it means to **belong** and how we are both **similar** and **different**. Children are developing their understanding of key words such as **rights, learn, share, kind, belong, similar, and different**.

R Paddington: Jake

R Rupert: David



Reception song of the week: Five little snowman fat

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## Peek at the Week

### Year 1 - 14/11/25

#### Important Dates / Reminders

- A reminder to ensure your child's book bag comes to school every **Wednesday**.
- Year 1 Nativity - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm.

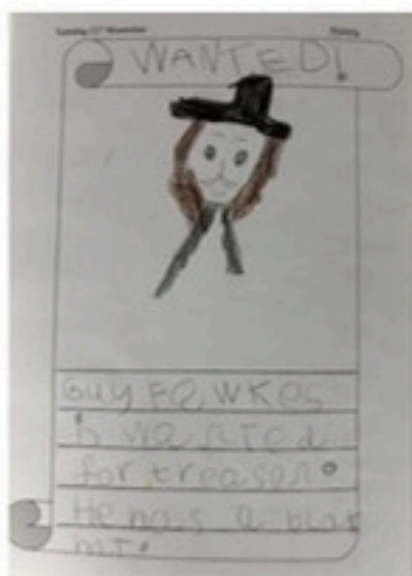
#### Our Learning

In History, we have continued to find out more about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We created some fantastic wanted posters, including Guy's crime (treason!) and some excellent portraits.



On Tuesday we took part in a 1 minute silence at 11am, for Remembrance Day. We then painted some beautiful watercolour poppies and wrote about why this day is important.

We have begun rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity - how exciting! Please look in your child's book bag for more information.



#### Star of the Week

1 Jeffers: Umaiza

1 Donaldson: Alice

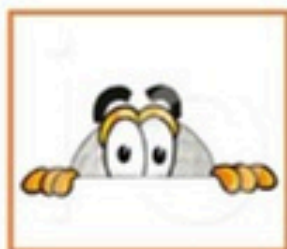


Words of the Week: Mr Mrs Ms ask

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## Peek at the Week

### Year 2 – 14th November 2025

#### Important Dates / Reminders

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.



Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

Please login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and timetables.

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

Please send your child in with a coat or waterproof jacket as they will be outside in the garden daily.

#### **Child of the Week**

2Newton: Aila

2Franklin: Isaiah



#### Our Learning

**This week**, we have continued to work on addition in maths. We locked the big number in our heads and then used counters or our fingers to count on the smaller number (e.g.  $53 + 5 = 58$ ).

##### AFRICAN ANIMALS



In English, we completed our research and also enjoyed drawing our own labelled pictures of our African animals to go on our final fact files. In Geography, we have looked

at the human and physical features of our local area, as well as those of a small Kenyan village in Africa.

We loved painting poppies in the garden this week, to show our appreciation and respect for the soldiers who fought for our country.



**Next week**, we will be drawing on blank number lines in maths to help us add 1-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers, as well as adding multiples of ten (e.g.  $40 + 20 = 60$ ). We will be editing and writing up our fact file sections in English, ready for us to assemble them! In geography, we will be exploring the features of different types of maps, as well as creating our own!





## Peek at the Week

### Year 3– 14th November 2025

#### Important Dates / Reminders

20.11.25 3 Nightingale–Swimming lessons

21.11.25 Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair/  
Christmas Jumper 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.

#### Year 3 Trip to WHIPSNADE ZOO

As part of their learning in science and English, Year 3 have the opportunity to visit Whipsnade Zoo on 21.11.25. Please click the link below to secure your child's place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NFDrkOtSfj>

#### Our Learning

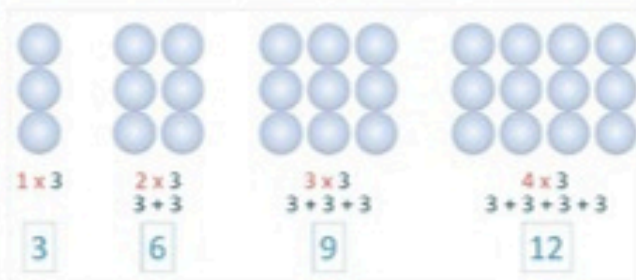
**This week,** Science lessons focussed on the diets of animals and humans. We learnt why it is important to eat a balanced diet and the different groups that particular foods belong to.

In French, we learnt how to say different colours.

In Maths, we revised the 2x, 5x and 10x tables using a range of strategies including arrays.

**Next week,** we will be taking part in DT lessons where we will learn how to use seasonal fruit to create a pastry. The kitchen staff will help us to bake our pastries which we will then taste to evaluate.

In Maths, we will be focussing multiplication and division and be exploring the 3x tables.



On Friday, we will be going to Whipsnade Zoo to support our learning in Science and English.

During, the visit, we will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop led by zoo staff.

Word of the Week: suppose

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 4– 14th November 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

21.11.25 Bikeability

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day



### 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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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.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Word of the Week: suppose

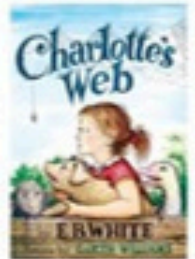
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### Our Learning

**This week**, we continued to work on saying, reading and writing numbers to 10 in French. In English we explored the characters in our text and wrote a setting description of a farm.



In Maths, we completed an arithmetic and a reasoning assessment to check our progress so far.

In DT, we made pizzas and reflected on how successful our recipes were. In Science we have begun a unit of work focussing on the digestive system beginning with a look at the different types of teeth.

**Next week**, we will be learning about how our knowledge of teeth can help us identify the diet of animals by looking at their skulls. We will also learn the location, name and function of different parts of the human digestive system.

In Maths, we will be exploring perimeter.



### Couleurs

Rouge	Orange
Jaune	Vert
Bleu	Violet
Rose	Noir

In French we will be learning the names of different colours.

Computing lessons will focus on creating media using sound.





# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 14th November 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

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

**Xmas Fair:** 5th December

In Science, we conducted an investigating to see which factors affect dissolving.



In Art, we worked collaboratively to make remembrance day artwork.



### Our Learning

**This week,** we continued with our Science unit and we also explored vector drawings in ICT this half term.

**In maths,** we continued to apply multiplication strategies to help support us within common factors, prime numbers and square numbers.

**In English,** we finished our Goodnight Mr Tom unit by creating a newspaper article about how the evacuees settled into Little Weirwold.

**In PSHRE,** we explored which communities the children are part of through games and activities.

**Next week,** we will continue exploring the migration of refugees and will begin our learning on mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes.

**In maths,** we will continue to explore multiplication and division. Here we will specifically learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

**In English,** we will begin our unit on Azzi. This is a picture book which explores the impact of WW2 on our world and the journey of a refugee family as they search for safety.

### Star of the week

SDawe: **Jack** SMaple: **Ibrahim** SOfil: **George**

### Word of the Week: **conscious**

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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Important Dates /Reminders

**02.12.25:** Cippenham Baptist Church

**05.12.25:** Christmas Fair

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

**Thursdays:** Spelling quiz.  
Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1



### Our Learning

**This week, in history,** we will continue our monarchy unit by learning about King John I, the importance of the Magna Carta, and Henry VIII.

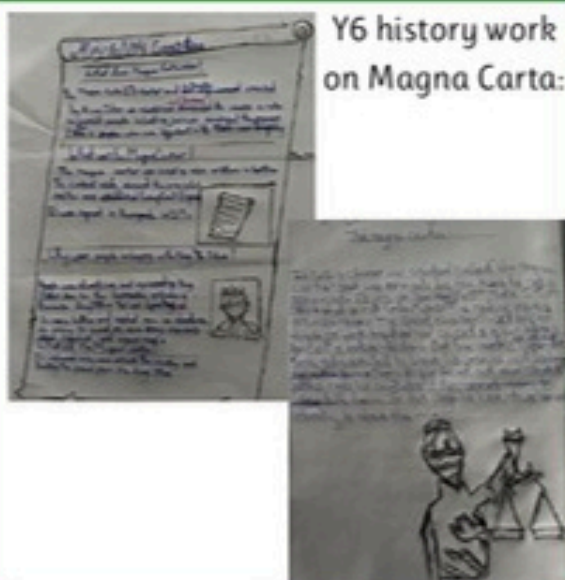
**In English,** we started our new learning on biographies. We looked at inspirational figures in Black history and have focussed on writing sentences about Malorie Blackman.

**In maths,** we continued to explore fractions. We focussed on how to order, compare, add and subtract fractions.

**Next week, in art,** we will revisit symbolism, focusing on royal portraiture. This linked to our **history**, in which we began our topic on the history of the British monarchy.

**In English,** we will be planning and writing our own biography on an inspirational figure in the black community.

**In maths,** we will continue to explore fractions, focusing on adding and subtracting mixed numbers and solving multi-step problems.



Y6 history work on Magna Carta:

**PSHRE Focus: Celebrating Difference.** In PSHRE this term, we will learn to accept that everyone is different and understand that there are different perceptions of 'normal'. By the end of the unit, we will know how to help someone who is being bullied and explain ways in which one person or a group can have power over others. We will learn the importance of using kind words by appreciating people for who they are.



### Child of the week:

**6 Attenborough:** Savina **6 Anning:** Blake T **6 Darwin:** Blake H

**Word of the Week:** controversy

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# The Orchard–Peek of the Term

## Week commencing: 10/11/2025

### Important Dates

**TVAP-** Pear class–Wednesday.  
Please bring pack lunch.

**Swimming-** Apple class–  
Friday. Please bring in  
swimwear and a towel

**Community trip-** Plum class–  
Monday - Please bring in £2

### Our Learning

This week in Maths, the children studied number bonds within 10 and worked on doubling numbers up to 10. In Cherry class, children had fun singing and enjoyed the song '1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive.' They consolidated their understanding through participation in a variety of structured activities.

In English, Children participated in a camping-themed activity. As a class, we packed our camping bag and discussed essential items needed for a trip. We also constructed a tent together and sang camping songs.

In Festival and Celebrations, the children engaged in activities related to Remembrance day. We discussed the soldiers who fought for the country and those who lost their lives as well as the significance of wearing a poppy. The children enjoyed their learning and participated thoughtfully in the activities connected to Remembrance day.



### Makaton sign:



### Star of the week

**Pears-** Eliza for her lovely singing in music lessons and circle time



**Cherry-** Noah for engaging in Phonics

**Berries-** Ridwan for amazing singing and joining in Makaton signing

**Apples-** Zain for doing fantastic addition work in Maths

**Plums-** Abdullah for settling into his new class

**Strawberries-** Eden for excellent Maths skills







#### Slough Town U11 National League Trust Cup

Priory Girls demonstrated outstanding teamwork once again as they claimed victory in the Slough Town National Cup. This marks the fourth time Priory School have won the event, adding to their previous titles in 2018, 2019, and 2022.

The girls delivered an exceptional defensive performance throughout the entire competition, finishing the tournament without conceding a single goal. Their results on the day were:

- 1-0 vs Langley Hall
- 4-0 vs Clippenham
- 0-0 vs Lynch Hill (Group Stage)
- 1-0 vs Lynch Hill (Final)

With this impressive run, the Priory Girls will now go on to represent Slough Town in the next round of the competition.

A huge congratulations to the team on a fantastic achievement!



#### Boys – Slough Town National Cup Runners-Up

It was a brilliant day at Arbour Park, the home of Slough Town, as the boys showcased fantastic footballing skills, resilience, and teamwork throughout Thursday's competition.



Their results on the day were:

- 1–0 vs Western House (W)
- 2–0 vs Clippenham (W)
- 0–4 vs Lynch Hill (L)
- 0–0 vs Marish (D)
- 1–0 vs Godolphin (W)

These results secured the boys a place in the final, where they worked incredibly hard and showed tremendous resilience, narrowly losing 1–0 to Lynch Hill.

It was a great experience for all of our students, who demonstrated courage and represented our school with pride. A huge well done to the team!



## School council!

🎉 Congratulations to our new School Council members! Thank you to everyone who took part. It was lovely to see democracy in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the elections last week and we look forward to hearing all the brilliant ideas the new council will share this year. 🙌







### Language of the Month

We have continued to introduce a new language of the month.

Be sure to look out on the school website for the new slides at the start of each month. You will find the page under the parents section.

Have a look through the slides with your child/ren to learn new words and phrases.





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-  Kick-off: 3:00pm
-  Free entry for all local schools – pupils, families & staff.  
Apply for the tickets using the attached QR code and inserting the promo code – as always please do not share this code on any of your social media

Let's fill the stands, celebrate our community, and show our support for the team ahead of the FA Cup run!