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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. The next few weeks ahead are full of opportunity and enrichment for our pupils.

We have introduced our next Value Mascot, Dara the Squirrel, representing our value of Curiosity. Each new mascot comes with their own inspiring story; however, Dara's story was only half written. We are inviting the children to help shape the ending by reflecting on an important question:

What is the one most important thing you learn at school?

We are looking forward to seeing how their thoughtful responses help bring Dara's story to life.

Ramadan Mubarak

We would like to wish all those observing a very peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

We are proud of the respectful and supportive atmosphere within our school. Staff are mindful of children who may be fasting and will continue to support them carefully and sensitively throughout this important month. We are also making appropriate arrangements to support children who wish to pray during the school day, ensuring they have a quiet and suitable space to do so.

Parents were asked to inform us via the form sent out if their child will be fasting. It is important that we are aware of this so that we can provide appropriate support during the school day. If you have not yet notified us, or if your child would like support with prayer during the school day, please do speak to their class teacher so we can ensure they feel comfortable and well supported throughout this important time.

Parents' Evening - Monday & Tuesday

A gentle reminder that Parents' Evening takes place next Monday and Tuesday.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the office as the booking has closed.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing your child's learning journey.

Girls' Football – National League Cup, London Region!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 Girls' Football Team, who won the Under 11s National Cup Tournament in Hemel Hempstead this week.

Congratulations to:

Zara, Evelyn (Captain), Michele, Igho-rose, Laila, Vanesa, Tayla and Orla

The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the competition. A special mention goes to Zara for some exceptional saves during intense penalty shoot-outs. I would also like to recognise the incredible courage the girls showed during the penalties – every player on the pitch stepped up bravely and represented the school with confidence and composure.

Laila also scored some fantastic goals during the group stages, helping to secure the team's place in the knockout rounds.

This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of our school values in action. The girls will now progress to the next phase of the tournament very soon, and we wish them every success.

With productions, Science Week, World Book Day and enrichment opportunities ahead, the term continues to be both busy and exciting. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a restful 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:

Fruit Banana Apple Orange

<https://youtu.be/WxVHoB2loLY>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages

W/C 23rd February

Whole School - 91.82%

Year 1 - 80.40%

Year 2 - 89.99%

Year 3 - 97.29%

Year 4 - 95.49%

Year 5 - 95.21%

Year 6 - 90.58%

Congratulations to 5Dawe with 98.21% the highest attendance this week!

Nursery Peek at the Week

27th February 2026

Our Learning

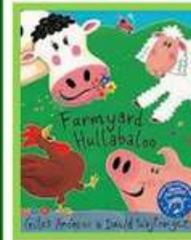
Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week we have been reminding our children to listen to each other and to the adults that are talking to them.



Communication & Language Development

This week we have been reading the story 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. We have been enjoying playing around with the different rhymes in the story.



Physical Development

We have been developing our large motor skills this week by crawling under our camouflage net. This helps develop children's vestibular



(balance) and proprioceptive (body awareness) systems as well as being great fun!



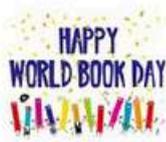
Parents' Evening

Monday 2nd March or Tuesday 3rd March.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Friday 6th March World Book Day

You may like to dress up as a book character 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.



Holi Colour Run

9th March 3:30pm-4:30pm



Fantastic Balancing



🌟 Child of the week: **Tayanna** for using the 'big toilet' independently and developing her sharing and turn taking skills.

Nursery rhyme of the week: Old Macdonald Had a Farm

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-g8UswAh_s



Contact us: nursery@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Reception - 27th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

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: **Length and height** – we will be using the vocabulary: **shorter, taller, same height, longer, same length.**

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:

We have started a new phonics phase this week and have been learning the sounds: **ai, ee, igh, oa**. Please take some time to review these sounds at home with your child. Continuing to read together regularly makes a big difference—thank you for your support! The children are beginning to apply their phonics skills in Drawing Club, where they are creating “magic codes” to bring their pictures to life. This week, we have been exploring the story *Little Red Riding Hood*.

Please also practise the following tricky words at home: **the, of, I, put, pull, full**. Becoming confident with these words will greatly support your child’s reading progress.

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

Maths:

In Reception, we have been learning about **length and height**, comparing objects to see which are longer, shorter, taller, smaller, or the same length and height. The children have been exploring and measuring with everyday objects, developing their mathematical vocabulary and confidence in describing size.

Please continue to practice numbers at home to help build your child’s confidence and fluency.



Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Elijah

R Paddington: Yusuf



Reception song of the week: Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_1-TrP9jwA

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 27/02/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- 2nd and 3rd March – Parents' Evening
- 6th March – World Book Day
- 9th March – Holi colour run. Non-school uniform day and the colour run will be after school.
- Tuesday 17th March – St Peter's Church visit.

Our current English text is "What the Ladybird Heard" by Julia Donaldson. On Monday we made predictions using clues from the book cover and title and on Tuesday we created some fantastic story maps. Later in the week, we explored what kind of activities take place on a farm – and what resources come from farms. The children enjoyed cleaning mucky pigs who were stuck in the mud, milking an udder, planting seeds and learning about crops and animals.



This week we began a new unit in RE – the Easter Story. We had a class discussion about all the exciting religious celebrations happening in the coming weeks – such as Easter, Eid and Holi. We found out about how Jesus was welcomed by crowds on Palm Sunday, and discussed how we would welcome a visitor who we admired. We will be visiting St Peter's Church in March to learn more about the Easter Story.

Stars of the Week

1 Jeffers – Abdul

1 Donaldson – Yusufali



Words of the Week: farm crops field

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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 27th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

02.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 2pm/
Parents' Evening

03.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen
Kids 10am/ Parents' Evening

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 been working hard to rehearse for our performance of Frozen.

Please remember that children should come to school on Friday 27th February, Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March, wearing their costume. Year 3 should wear all white or black trousers and a white top.



We look forward to welcoming parents to our performance on Monday and Tuesday. Please contact the school office for further details.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. Children may come to school in a book related costume or wear their pyjamas to recognise the joy of bedtime stories.

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about traditional stories from the Americas. Our focus will be on the tale of the rainbow crow which originates from the Lenape people of North America.

Word of the Week: probably

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Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 27th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

02.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen Kids 2pm/
Parents' Evening

03.03.26 Performance of Disney's Frozen
Kids 10am/ Parents' Evening

06.03.26 World Book Day



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In Maths, we are continuing to focus on fractions and in English, we will be studying the Anglo Saxon story of 'Beowulf'.

Word of the Week: probably

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

27th February 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

World Book day: 6th March

St Peters Church Trip: 16th March

Easter Egg Hunt: 25th March

Priory's Got Talent: 27th March

Our Learning

This week, we began our history unit on The Islamic Empire. Initially, we explored artefacts and used our inference skills. We then used our comparison skills to compare ancient Baghdad with London.

In maths, we continued with our decimals unit and applied our knowledge of thousandths in fractions and decimals, whilst also ordering and comparing.

In English, we continued with our 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 began our 'Healthy Me' topic and looked at making healthy choices as we grow older.

Next week, we will continue exploring the Islamic Empire before starting our RE unit in which will learn all about Islam as a religion.

In maths, we will learn new strategies across percentages, linking them to: fractions, decimals, rectilinear shapes.

In English, we will start our new book '1001 Arabian Nights'. This book links to our overall topic on the Islamic Empire. We will make predictions about the story and explore a selection of traditional tales.

We visited the Science Museum and had a great time in the Wonderlab!



Child of the Week

All the children in Year 5

Word of the Week: **parliament**

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

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 27th February 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

06.3.26 - World Book Day

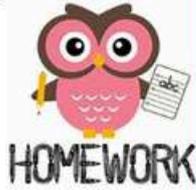
09.03.26 – 13.03.26 – Mock SATs Week

09.03.26 – Holi Colour Run

24.03.26 – Natural History Trip

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school.

Fridays: Spelling quiz.
Homework due.



Our Learning

This week, in science, we learned about an influential scientist: Carl Linnaeus, and explored the classification system he created. We also researched the 5 kingdoms that living things are sorted into.

In English, we continued reading 'The Last Wild' and the children are really engaged! We have had drama lessons pretending to be cockroaches, written poetry and created storyboards.

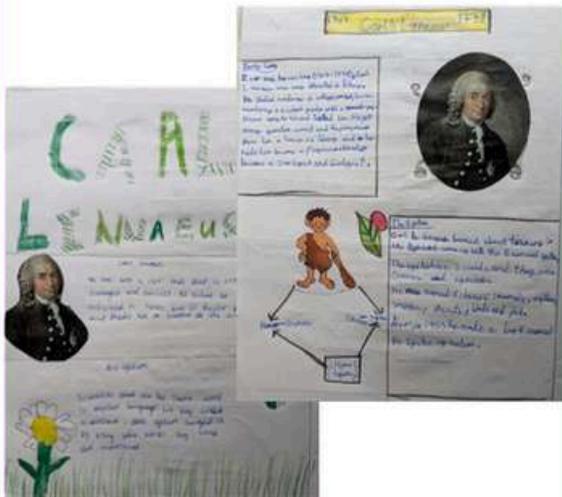
In maths, we completed our topic on ratio. We then began a new topic on area, perimeter and volume. We focussed on recapping previous learning.

Next week, in science, we will finish our topic on classification by researching different groups of vertebrates and invertebrates, then comparing viruses and bacteria.

In English, we will continue reading 'The Last Wild' and create our own video news broadcast. Later, we will meet a new character and explore her point of view by writing in role.

In maths, we will focus on calculating the area of different types of triangles as well as parallelograms.

Science–Carl Linnaeus



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. I will understand that some people can be exploited and made to do things that are against the law. I will know why some people join gangs and the risks this involves. I understand what it means to be emotionally well and can explore people's attitudes towards mental health/illness.

Child of the week:



6 Attenborough: Natalie **6 Anning:** Raem **6 Darwin:** Daisy

Word of the Week: nuisance

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The Orchard–Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 23/02/2026

Important Dates

TVAP– **Plums class**

Swimming– **Pear class**

Community trip– **Cherry class**–
Mondays. Please bring in £2

World Book Day–

Friday 6th March 2026

Book Fair– 2nd-6th March 2026

This week in English, we introduced our new topic book 'Animal Boogie'. Looking at the different characters and their actions. The children identified the animals by building puzzles of the characters and writing their names 1 see...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25...u1GzruQM>



In Maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 10 using numicon to make the magic number 10! Also berries class have started making equal groups, introducing them multiplication.



World Book Day!

For World Book Day, Orchard are asking children to pick their favourite characters from our topic book 'Animal Boogie'.

- Bear
- Monkey
- Elephant
- Snake
- Vulture

Makaton sign: Boogie



Star of the week

Cherry Class-Bhuvraj for doing great actions during English

Pear Class–Eliza for good listening

Strawberry Class– Rosie for settling back into school well

Berries Class –Lalit for his amazing timetables knowledge!

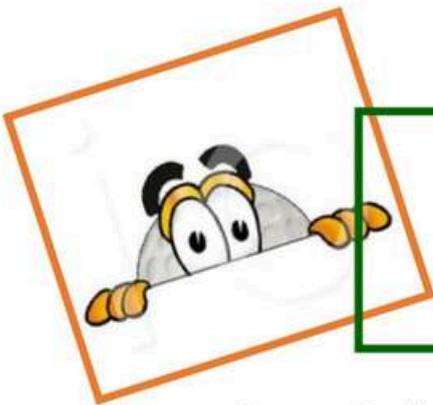
Plums– Theo for good addition

Apples– Jawad for engaging in all lessons



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Woodlands Peek at the week

Friday 27th February 2026

This week, our Peek at the Week focuses on our KS2 woodland owls group, who attend woodland sessions in the morning.

Important Dates / Reminders

- Travelling book fayre-Next week
- World Book Day - Friday 6th March
- Holi Colour Run - Monday 9th March

Our final puppets



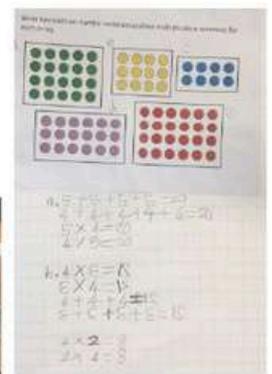
The children really enjoyed crafting. During this activity, they were cutting, peeling stickers, and gluing – all of which are great for developing their fine motor skills

Our Learning

This week, in English, we started our new text: Pinocchio. The children spent time learning about who Pinocchio was and learned that he was a puppet! We then had lots of fun exploring what puppets are by creating and using our own.



In maths, we began our unit on multiplication. We recapped the multiplication symbol and what it means to multiply. We then learnt about equal grouping and how we can use an array to help us multiply. We also spent time on Thursday playing connect four to help us remember columns and rows!



Star of the week: Sophia

For making fantastic progress in reading and always working hard during her reading practise sessions.



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

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SEND News

Slough SEND Parent Carer Forum - EHCP Survey

We have been asked to share the following information with families of children with SEND.

Slough Local Authority has recently supported the establishment of a new Slough SEND Parent Carer Forum. The forum is being developed with the support of Contact and is working alongside Slough LA and education partners following the publication of the SEND Priority Impact and Action Plan.

As part of this work, the forum is gathering feedback from parents and carers about their experiences of applying for or securing an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in Slough.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND and would like to contribute your views, you are invited to complete the short survey linked below.

Please note that this survey is being conducted independently by the Slough SEND Parent Carer Forum. Responses will go directly to the forum and not to the school.

Survey link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeSUpSz86XXOPxTwNraUaP-qAtvpzTXNZIIt-7gHWNC4cneA/viewform>

Your participation is entirely voluntary. The feedback gathered will help inform discussions between the Parent Carer Forum and the Local Authority about future SEND provision and processes across the borough.

PE NEWS

Girls footballing Brilliance



NATIONAL LEAGUE TRUST
U11 LONDON REGIONALS 2026

National League Trust U11 London Winners!!



A superb demonstration of passion, determination, and outstanding skill was on display at Hemel Hempstead as the Priory girls, who were representing Slough Town, delivered a truly impressive performance to win the National League Trust London Regionals.

After four highly competitive group games, the girls topped the league table to secure their place in the semi-finals with lots of goals from Laila, Evelyn and Taylor chipping in.

Showing remarkable resilience and composure under pressure, they battled through a tense semi-final that was ultimately decided by penalties. Zara was outstanding in goal, making a series of fine saves to help secure the victory.

The final against Woking was just as dramatic. In another fiercely contested match, Priory once again showed grit and belief, taking the game to penalties. In a thrilling shootout, they emerged victorious 9-8, with all six girls scoring at least once – a fantastic team effort that perfectly summed up their unity and confidence.

An unforgettable day, defined by teamwork, courage, and a champion mentality. Congratulations to all involved – a truly deserved triumph for Priory!

Group A	PLD	PTS	GD
1  Slough Town	4	10	5
2  Woking	4	7	2
3  Hemel Hemp...Town	4	6	0
4  Boreham Wood	4	3	-3
5  Maidenhead United	4	3	-4
Fixtures Group A			▼



BOYS 2-2 V. WESTERN HOUSE



On Friday 13th Feb. The boys played their final league game of the Slough league, in rather muddy and wet conditions. They secured a 2-2 draw V. Western House. To progress to the knockouts. A awesome display of hard work and team work.



Safety in PE

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

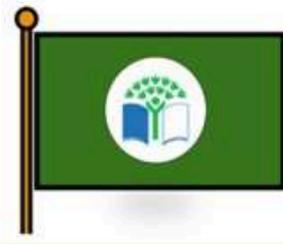
This helps ensure that all pupils can participate fully and enjoy their learning without the risk of injury or items being broken or lost.

Thank you for your continued support.



Priory's Eco Council.

February 2026.



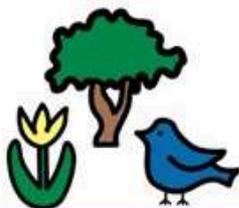
Priory School organised a clothes and shoe collection in partnership with Bag2School to help raise funds for the school. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and school fundraising organisation.

Since it was founded in 1999, it has paid out more than £48 million to schools across the country.



In addition to raising much-needed funds for Priory School, the initiative also benefits the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report highlights that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the amount of textiles disposed of as municipal solid waste. However, despite this progress, the UK still sends around 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill each year.

By taking part in our Bag2School collection, families had the opportunity to declutter their cupboards and wardrobes while donating unwanted textiles in the bag provided. Items included adults' and children's clothing, pairs of shoes (tied together), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Full details of accepted items were available at <https://bag2school.com>.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

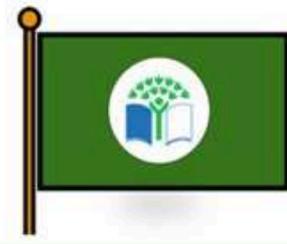
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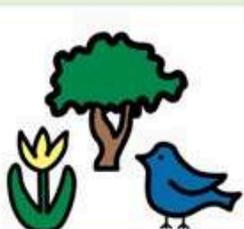
As well as raising much-needed funds, the initiative also helped to raise awareness among pupils about the importance and benefits of recycling and reusing textiles.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated over the past few days.

We managed to collect an amazing 428kg which calculated to £128.40!!

The class who will be awarded with a non school Uniform Day will be..... 5Ofili who donated 20 bags. Date for the non uniform day will be provided once this has been confirmed.

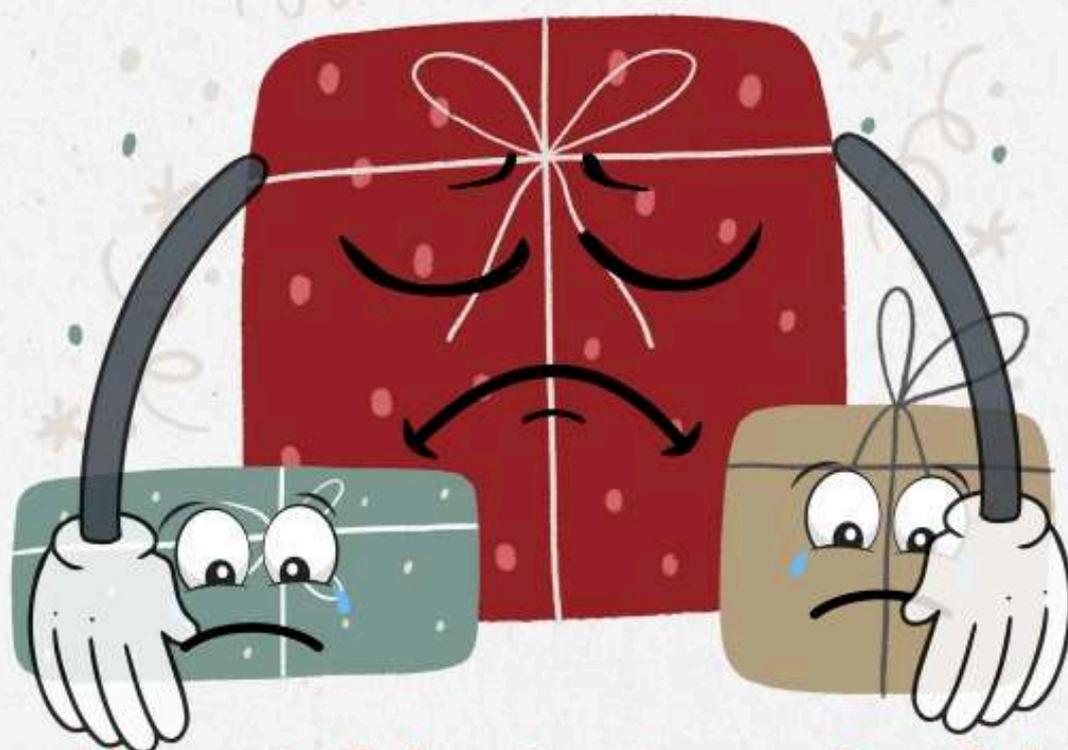
We will hold another collection day during the Summer term and will send out more details nearer the time.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Thank you again to all those
who took part!





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

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EASTER CAMPS 2026



Fox Hill Primary School
Bracknell, RG12 7JZ



Normal Day 9-3pm - £34.00
Extended Day 8-5pm - £42.00



Week 1: Monday 30th - Thur 2nd April



HUGE 20% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

EASTER20 Expires 18th March

To book your place at our club, follow the QR code!
Or click the link - in2care.magicbooking.co.uk

