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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a strong start to the summer term—thank you for the continued support you show our pupils and staff. Although this is a short half-term, it's packed with important moments, from SATs for our Year 6 pupils (w/c 12th May) to pupil progress meetings and curriculum monitoring across the school. Please also note that Learning Together Week has been moved to the week commencing 30th June—we're looking forward to welcoming you in for shared learning experiences then.

This term, we're focusing on the value of Courage—being brave and true to yourself, even when it's hard. For our pupils, this could mean trying something new, starting a task without asking for help, or saying sorry after a disagreement. We're proud of how our children continue to grow in confidence, kindness, and determination every day.

Finally, I'd like to remind families about parking on Orchard Avenue. I've received two complaints this week—one from a parent struggling with the congestion at the end of the school day, and one from a resident whose car was hit as they entered their driveway. The bend in the road makes visibility and movement difficult, and parking there causes real safety concerns. Please do not park on Orchard Avenue, especially near the bend. Let's be considerate of each other and our neighbours, and model safe, respectful behaviour for our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 28th April

Whole School - 95.47%

Year 1 - 92.5%

Year 2 - 98.7%

Year 3 - 92.5%

Year 4 - 96.1%

Year 5 - 94.5%

Year 6 - 97.8%

Congratulations to RPaddington with 100% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

Courage

https://youtu.be/Dy3NO0hDkgO?si=BZA_8z3CfYXGLEAS

Peek at the Week

Nursery 2nd May 2025

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been welcoming our new children to Nursery this week. We have been sharing with them our class behaviour charter:

We show that our nursery is a happy and respectful place to learn in by:

- Caring for our friends by using kind hands, kind feet and kind words.
- Using our manners.
- Listening to each other.
- Sharing with each other by using 'my turn, your turn'.
- Looking after our toys by remembering to 'choose it, use it, put it away'.
- Keeping each other safe by walking inside.
- Talking to a teacher if we are hurt or upset.



Please remind your child of our charter.

Communication & Language Development

We have been listening to the sounds around us and tuning into the different sounds we hear. As part of our phonic work we have been playing a listening game where we have had to listen to sounds and blend them together in our head to guess what each item is. (c-a-t is a cat)



It has been lovely meeting all our new children and parents and we have been very impressed with how quickly children are settling into their new nursery. Thank you to parents for their support over what can sometimes be an emotional time.

Monday 5th May is a bank holiday. There will be no nursery or school on this day. Enjoy the extra time together.

Physical Development

We have had lots of opportunities to develop our large and fine motor skills.



Child of the week: Talia for settling back into nursery well and being a kind and helpful role model to our new nursery friends.

Please share this video and encourage your child to sing along. 'I had a little turtle'

[I Had A Little Turtle | Nursery Rhymes With Lyrics by HooplaKidz-Sing-A-Long - YouTube](#)





Peek at the Week–Reception

02/05/25

We have had lots of exciting activities this week linked to our "Growing" topic. We made the most of the sunshine and planted lots of seeds – carrots, cucumbers, beans and sunflowers! Fingers crossed we see some seedlings sprouting soon.



This week we read the traditional tale, Jack and the Beanstalk. We saw some fantastic writing from the children during a literacy task, and some creative drawings during Drawing Club.



We really enjoyed experimenting with watercolour paints and oil pastels.

On warmer days, please ensure your child has their water bottle and a sun hat to wear.

Our Learning

Maths

The children were challenged to build a beanstalk during provision, and it was great to see lots of teamwork. We then used a meter stick to measure each beanstalk, comparing sizes uses vocabulary such as "taller" "shorter" and "height". The tallest beanstalk was 65cm tall!



Reception song of the week:

[It's a Beautiful Day](#)



Well done to our stars of the week!

R Paddington – Ruqayyah

R Rupert – Areeza





Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 2nd May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

05.05.25 Bank Holiday

23.05.25 INSET DAY

w/c 26.05.25 Half term



Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. **Please make sure your child's reading book and diary are in their school bag every day as we are now changing different groups' books on different days.**

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

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

Please also send your child in with **a cap and a water bottle**, especially now the weather is warmer, and apply sun tan lotion at home before the children come to school.



In art, we looked at sculpture and enjoyed making mini models of something natural: a hedgehog, pine cone or acorn.

Child of the Week

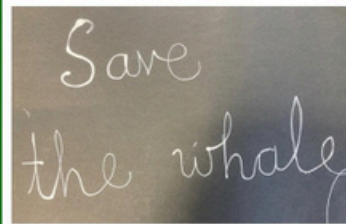
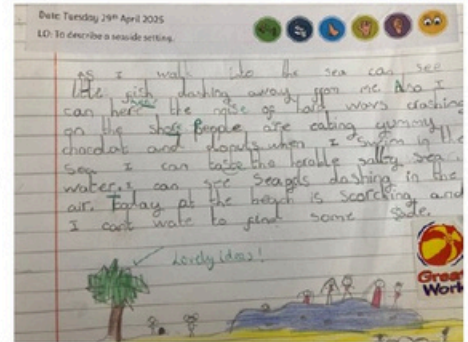
2Newton: Dominic

2Franklin: Ayan



Our Learning

We have had an exciting and busy week in Year 2! In **English**, the children wrote some wonderful seaside setting descriptions using adjectives and adverbs to add more detail.

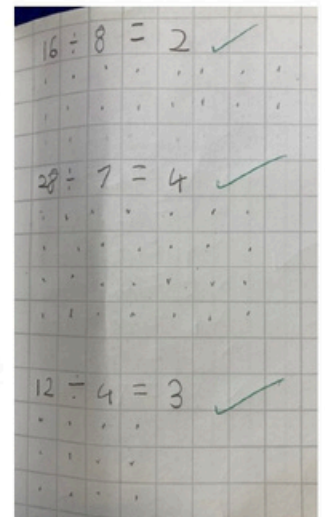


We were also surprised to find a note from a snail in our classroom! Then we all helped rescue the whale that was stuck on Priory Beach and wrote

a recount to explain what had happened!

In maths, we have been solving division by grouping. For example, 16 divided into equal groups of 8 makes 2 equal groups.

Next week in English, we will be preparing for and then writing our first diary entry as the Snail, describing our travels around the world and focusing first on visiting the desert. In maths, we will be using our timetable knowledge to help us solve division number sentences dividing by 10 and dividing by 2.





Peek at the Week

Year 3– 2nd May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

05.05.25 Bank Holiday

23.05.25 INSET DAY

w/c 26.05.25 Half term

HOMEWORK

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Books can also be read online at <https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars: <https://ttrockstars.com/>

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

Our Learning

This week, in English, we have begun to construct a story inspired by the Pixar animation, 'The Blue Umbrella'. In Maths lessons, we have been learning how to measure capacity and volume using litres and millilitres. In Science, we have begun to learn more about plants building on our prior learning in Year 2. This week we focussed on the function of roots and the stem. In PSHRE this term, we will look at relationships. This week we discussed gender stereotypes relating to different careers and jobs in the home.



Next week, we will be learning about the function of leaves and dissecting a flower to identify the reproductive organs. In Maths, we will explore equivalent measures and take part in some practical measuring activities. In PSHRE, we will explore strategies we can use when we have friendship issues.

We love Free Time Friday!



Word of the Week: **different** Follow this link to find more super daily activities:

www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year3@prioryschool.com

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 2nd May 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to read at least three times a week and record it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as much as possible.

Times Table Check

Please spend time practising times tables with your child whenever possible.

Here are a few hints on how you can support your child:

- Use your child's heat map from Times Table Rock Stars to see which specific questions your child needs to work on.
- Practising on 'Garage' mode on Times Table Rock Stars.
- Times table songs on Youtube.
- Make up rhymes or jokes for times table questions that they

Our Learning

This week in English, we have been reading 'Arthur and the golden rope'. The children have been writing sentences focusing on using effective vocabulary to describe a setting and ways to show how a character is feeling rather saying what the character is feeling.

In Maths, we have been working really hard to adding fractions and mixed numbers. We have continued to remember that the denominator tells us how many parts there are and therefore how many parts are needed to make a whole.

Next week in English, the children are going to be writing their Norse mythology stories based on 'Arthur and the Golden rope'. The children will also be thinking about what the main character feels at different parts in the story.

In Maths, we are moving on to looking at decimals. The children will be learning about what a tenth represents and how to represent it on a diagram.

In the afternoons in science, the children are going to be learning about what makes a simple circuit and then having a go at making one.

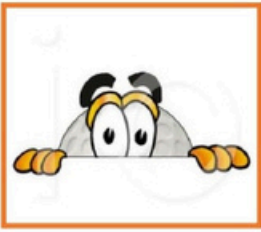


Child of the week:

4 Turing: Maryam **4 Lovelace:** Zain **4 Chamberlain:** Danish

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

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

2nd May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

5th May: Bank holiday
 21st May: Soiree Event
 3rd June: Fire Service Visit
 17th June: Arts Week
 23rd June: Whole Day at Burnham Grammar

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This week our year 5 children entered a dance competition for, Slough schools sports network.



Our Learning

This week, we continued to explore crime and punishment throughout the ages in history. Here, we became time detectives and looked for trends across periods of time and reflected on the impact of religion on beliefs around crime and punishment.

In maths, we focused on calculating angles around a point and on a straight line. We challenged ourselves further with calculating angles within regular and irregular shapes.

In English, we continued our topic on The Highway man, and explored a variety of poetic devices within our writing.

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

Next week, we will start our new topic in History, with a focus on rail transportation and the changes over time.

In maths, we will start our new topic with a focus on co-ordinates on a graph and the translation of shapes.

In English, we will continue The Highwayman in more detail and will focus on exploring character, language and emotions, and incorporating it within our writing.

Child of the week

5Dawe: **Evelyn** 5Maple: **Raem** 5Ofili: **Aasiyah**

Word of the Week: **queue**

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

Contact us: year5@prioryschool.com

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 2nd May 2025

Year 6 SATs

Important Information

SATs week: 12.05.25–15.05.25

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

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

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

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

Our Learning

This week, in DT, we worked in groups to design, build and evaluate our own bridges, combining the knowledge and skills we have learnt over the unit.

In English, we focussed on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation revision in preparation for the SATs, including conjunctions

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

Next week, in **history**, we will start a new topic on the history of London, starting with the Gunpowder Plot.

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

In maths, we will continue to revise maths in preparation for the SATs.

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

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



Child of the Week:

6 Attenborough: Sarah **6 Anning:** Abdul-Muizz **6 Darwin:** Abdul

Word of the Week: recommend

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week commencing- 28.04.25

Important Dates/ information

Monday- Apples Class
Community Trips

Wednesday- Cherries Class
TVAP, please can children bring swim wear to play in the splash area and spare clothes.

Thursday- Pears Class
Swimming

Please could Apples bring in £2 for their community trips so the children are able to buy something from the shops.

Swimming- Please send children with towel, swim wear and swim nappies.

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of the week:

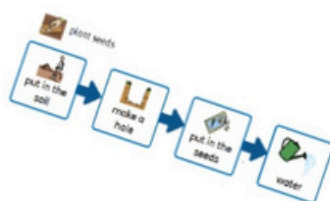
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Peek of the Week from the Orchard

This week:

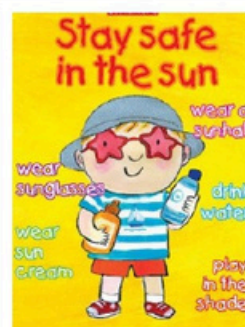
In English, we went on a sensory walk to the garden, following instructions on how to get there. We wrote our own instructions on how to plant a seed including what equipment we need and the method we used.



In Maths, we continued to work on our skills for number consolidation. To support our learning in one to one correspondence we used vegetables from the garden to count out the correct amounts shown on the number line, as well as counting the number of times we banged on a drum.

We counted on from numbers between 1-100 in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In Science, the children learnt what a plant needs to grow and made their own watering cans to water their plants in the green house.



Now that the sun is out please can you send your child into school

with a sun hat, water bottles, sun cream and lots of spare clothes for water play. To help keep the children cool in the heat please could you send children to school in shorts and t-shirts (summer uniform).

The children will be learning how to independently take care of themselves in the sun, putting on their own sun cream and communicating when they need shade, a drink and are feeling hot.



Stars of the week

Plums: Ahmed for his amazing progression in his reading

Cherries: Zarah for her amazing instruction writing in English

Apples : Zain for fantastic work in maths and doing such good listening on the community trip



SATs Timetable

Please find below a copy of the SATs timetable for Year 6:

<p>Year 6 SATS 12th May - 15th May 2025</p>

Monday 12.05.25	Start at 9:40 GPS Test (Short answer questions - 45 mins) (Spelling Task - 15 mins)	
Tuesday 13.05.25	Start at 9:40 Reading Test (1 hour)	
Wednesday 14.05.25	Start at 9:40 Maths Paper 1 (30 minutes)	Start at 10:45 Maths Paper 2 (40 minutes)
Thursday 15.05.25	Start at 9:40 Maths Paper 3 (40 minutes)	

PE News

Victory for the Girls' Football Team!

Congratulations to our amazing yr 5 and y6 girls football team on their outstanding 6-0 victory this week! With determination, teamwork, and incredible skills, they secured a well-deserved win against Penn Wood. A massive shout out to Tayla , Vanesa, Evelyn and Laila for their goals, their hard work on and off the field truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance. Player of the match was awarded to Vanesa for demonstrating incredible determination and skill and making crucial contributions on both ends of the pitch, Go Priory!!!

Creative Dance Academy Showcase

This year's Dance Showcase was a vibrant celebration of movement, music, and student creativity. From contemporary and hip-hop to ballet and jazz each performance reflected the hard work, passion, and dedication of our talented dancers. Students across all grade levels took to the stage to share their artistry, impressing audiences with their energy, precision, and expression using the theme 'Knowledge'. A heartfelt thank-you goes to our dance teacher Matt Thompson and Ms Lianne Miller, PE teacher for their dedication, time and commitment towards the Priory Dance Crew, volunteers, and behind-the-scenes crew who helped bring the show to life. A special mention to Drew Lake who was recognised for his amazing break dancing by an external Dance School who offered drew a Scholarship in their dance school. Drew , his Parents Mr Thompson and the PE team are extremely proud of him and wish him all the best in his future dance career. We are proud of every performer that took part, the courage to get on the stage and perform in front of 100's of people including the Mayor was just so incredible to see and we look forward to seeing their continued growth in Dance!





GEMS

ADHD & Autism Support Service
East Berkshire



Oral health support Virtual session Autism and ADHD

**Friday 16th May 2025
10am to 11:15am**

As part of National Smile month, GEMS would like to invite parents and carers to a virtual session to help support good oral health.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email Gems.4health@nhs.net



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Ages 5 to 10



First and third Monday of the
month - 4pm to 5pm

7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor

21st April - Easter Monday - No session

5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session

19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)

2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library

16th June - Picnic in the Park - Bracknell

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have
ADHD and/or autism and
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com



Do you have a degree?



Interested in becoming a teacher?



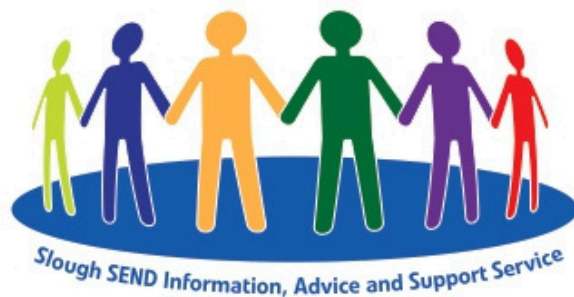
Live in or near Slough?

Qualify in less
than one year

Find out more

Drop in sessions at Ryvers School, Trelawney Ave, Slough, SL3 7TS

Come along any time on **Thursday 8th May**, between 11am-12.30pm **or** 4pm -5.30pm



Online information sessions for parents of children with SEND, young people with SEND, and professionals

Wednesday 11 June 2025 11am-12noon or 6-7pm.

This session will focus on ceasing the EHC plan.

Upcoming sessions include:

- Wednesday 10 September - Annual reviews
- Tuesday 18 November - Early years SEN support.



To book, email:
SENDIASS@slough.gov.uk
(please specify AM or PM session)
or via
www.sloughsendiass.org.uk