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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, it is a great opportunity to pause and reflect on what has been a very busy, productive and successful few months at Priory.

Since returning in January, pupils have settled quickly back into routines, showing determination, resilience and a positive attitude to their learning. Across the school, we have continued to focus on creating calm, purposeful environments where all children can succeed—and it has been wonderful to see this in action in classrooms every day.

This term has been full of opportunities for pupils to learn, grow and shine.

We were delighted to welcome families into school during our Learning Together Week, giving parents and carers the chance to experience learning alongside their children. These sessions are always a highlight and play an important role in strengthening our home-school partnership.

Our Year 3 and 4 production of Frozen was a real standout moment. The confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm shown by the children was fantastic, and we are incredibly proud of all those involved. Thank you to staff and families who supported the children in making this such a memorable experience.

Pupils have also enjoyed a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including trips, workshops and community visits, helping to bring learning to life beyond the classroom. Across the term, we have celebrated a number of important events including Science Week, World Book Day and Holi. These experiences help to develop curiosity, creativity and a sense of belonging, as well as providing pupils with memorable moments from their school life.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team, who achieved an outstanding success in the Under 11s National Cup Tournament. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience—well done to all involved.

We are incredibly proud of Finley Martin, who has been selected to represent the Slough Schools' FA Under 11 Boys District Team for 2026/27. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of his hard work, talent and commitment to the sport. Well done, Finley!

We have also seen fantastic success across our football teams this week.

Our boys' team secured an impressive 6-2 victory against Claycots, with goals from Lukash (3), Jordan (2) and Eesa. It has been wonderful to see how well the team are working together and growing in confidence.

Our girls' team also delivered an excellent performance, winning 5-0 against Cippenham. Goals came from Laila and Taylor, alongside a strong all-round team effort. A special mention goes to Khadeeja, who played her first match, and to Michele for stepping up in goal—both contributing to a brilliant team performance.

Alongside these highlights, the day-to-day work in classrooms has continued with consistency and care. Pupils have been developing their knowledge, skills and confidence across the curriculum, supported by staff who are committed to providing high-quality, inclusive learning for all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school makes a real difference to the children's experience and success at Priory.

We are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved this term and grateful for the support of our families in helping them to thrive.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

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:

Pasta, Cereal, Bread, Rice

<https://youtu.be/BdSoDSLAMdc>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages
W/C 23rd March

Whole School - 92.11%

Year 1 - 89.97%

Year 2 - 91.59%

Year 3 - 93.69%

Year 4 - 93.44%

Year 5 - 92.95%

Year 6 - 91.71%

Congratulations to 6Attenborough with 97.42%
the highest attendance this week!

Peek at the Week

Nursery 27th March 2026

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

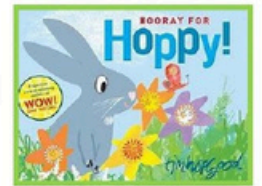


With the clocks about to change this week, many of our children will initially be more tired. We have been talking about the importance of sleep and about how we can help ourselves to go to sleep. Here are some ideas to help your child wind down at the end of the day.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zn86xyc>

Communication & Language Development

We have been reading the story of Hoppy the rabbit who wakes up after his winter sleep. He uses each of his 5 senses to explore Springtime. We have been talking about all the signs of Spring around us.



Physical Development

We have been developing our fine motor skills by wrapping wool around oval shapes to make our Easter chicks.



Happy Easter to all our nursery families. We look forward to welcoming you back to class on Thursday 16th April.



These websites are excellent for supporting learning in the Early Years:

Hungry Little Minds:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

BBC Tiny, Happy People

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/bilingual>

We have been completing lots of Easter themed activities in nursery this week including taking part in our Easter Egg Hunt.



Priory Spring term Significant Achievement awards went to :



Viraaj Kapoor and Aavya Srivastava



Please share this video and encourage your child to sing along.

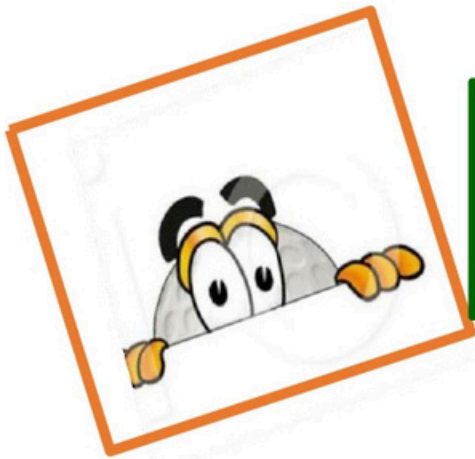
Hot Cross Buns

<https://supersimple.com/song/hot-cross-buns/>



Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 - 27/03/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- 13th April - Inset Day
- 14th April - Back to school
- 30th April - Beckonscot trip
- 4th May - May Bank Holiday



We have had lots of exciting events in school this week! On Wednesday we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt- where the children competed in their houses to see who could collect the most eggs. We searched on the big field and playground and had a fantastic time.

In DT, we made cards with moving parts - a hinge and a lever. The children designed their own chick and egg, before assembling their cards. They used their best handwriting to write a message inside!



In Computing the children used Scratch Jr, a coding app, to create a game. We previously planned what we wanted our Space Race to look like (the background, type of rockets and what we wanted them to do) and this week they brought it to life.

We have had a wonderful Spring term in Year 1, and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays!
We hope you all have a fun filled break 😊

Significant Achievement Award!
1 Jeffers - Musa 1 Donaldson - Cayden



Words of the Week: **Spring** **Easter** **blossom**

Contact us: year1@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 27th March 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 13.04.26 INSET Day
14.04.26 Back to school
04.05.26 Bank Holiday



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

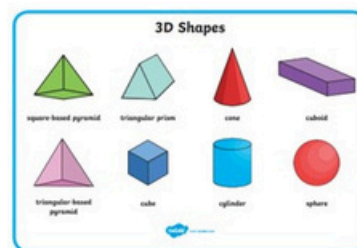
No reading books or spellings sent home over the holidays. Th children have worked super hard and deserve a fun Easter break!

Our Learning

This week in English, we have worked hard to finish writing our stories based on: The Queen's Hat. We have focused on our spellings and presenting our work beautifully, showing off our best handwriting!



In maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes: reminding ourselves of their names and looking at their different properties (faces, edges, vertices).



In RE we looked at the Easter story!

We also enjoyed doing our performance of The King's Hat, both to the Year 1 children in our dress rehearsal and to our grown ups. The children did an amazing job!



In the Year 2 garden, we have had lots of Easter fun activities set up! The children also really enjoyed the Easter egg hunt on Wednesday!



Significant Achievement Award

- 2Newton: Ibrahim
2Franklin: Pavraj



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Peek at the Week

Year 3 – 27th March 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

30.03.26-10.04.26 - Easter Holidays

13.04.26 INSET Day

24.04.26 Greek 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.

Word of the Week: kindness



Our Learning

This week, we have had a really exciting time in school. On Monday, Rev Josh, who works at St Peter's Church in Burnham, came to deliver a special Easter assembly. On Wednesday, we had great fun at the Priory Easter Egg Hunt. On Thursday, we had a Significant Achievement Award Assembly and Hornbeam enjoyed a special treat for earning the most house points this term. Today, the whole school enjoyed the 2026 Priory's Got Talent Show'.

Congratulations to the Year 3 acts who were amazing!

After Easter, Year 3 will be learning about the ancient Greek civilisation. On the 24th April, we will take part in an immersive Greek Day. Children may wear Greek fancy dress to school on that day if they wish.

Linking to this topic, our focus in English lessons will be reading and then retelling the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur.

In Maths, we will be exploring how to measure volume and capacity.



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Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 27th April 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

30.03.26-10.04.26 - Easter Holidays

13.04.26 INSET 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:

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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 **Monday**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Word of the Week: kindness

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Our Learning

This week, we have had a really exciting time in school. On Monday, Rev Josh, who works at St Peter's Church in Burnham, came to deliver a special Easter assembly. On Wednesday, we had great fun at the Priory Easter Egg Hunt. On Thursday, we had a Significant Achievement Award Assembly and Hornbeam enjoyed a special treat for earning the most house points this term. Today, the whole school enjoyed the 2026 Priory's Got Talent Show'. Congratulations to the Year 4 acts who were incredible!

After Easter, we will start with a focus in our RE lessons on the Buddhist faith. As part of our learning, we will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop led in school by members of the Taplow Buddhist Centre,

In history, we are moving on to a study of the Viking invasion of Britain. Our work in English will link to this topic and we will be reading a book called 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'.



Year 4 enjoying an investigation exploring flight during British Science Week.





Year 5 Peek at the Week

27th March 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

School returns - 14th April

Bank Holiday-4th May

Year 6 SATS-11th May

Soiree-19th May

Half term- 25th May-29th May

We ended this term with the Easter Egg Hunt and Priory's Got Talent.



Our Learning

This week, we learnt about the Christian festival of Easter and enjoyed taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt!

In maths, we finished our unit on statistics and consolidated our learning across the year so far.

In English, we continued to explore 1001 Arabian Nights and created our own version of a traditional tale that could become another chapter in 1001 Arabian Nights.

This term in PSHRE, we have focused on how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. Next half term we will focus on developing Healthy Relationships.

After the Easter break, we will begin our new topic: Highways and Byways. We will kick off this unit by focusing on History: Crime and Punishment.

In maths, after half term we will start our new topic, shape, with a focus on angles.

In English, we will begin our unit which focuses on the narrative poem The Highwayman. Some of us will read the adapted version of this, The Highway Rat. Here, we will develop our own versions of this poem and write our very own narrative poems.

Significant Achievement Award

5Dawe: **Jack** 5Maple: **Ibrahim** 5Ofili: **Savan**

Have a lovely Easter holiday.

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 27th March 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

13.04.26– INSET day / school closed to children.

14.04.26– First day back for children

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school.

We have not set any spelling homework for the Easter holidays. Instead, all children have taken home folders of the practice SATs papers we have completed during the year. Children can use these as part of their SATs revision.

Natural History Museum Trip



Our Learning

This week, in art, we explored how Frida Kahlo expresses her heritage in her artwork. We created a background for a self-portrait that expresses our own culture and identity.

In English, we continued reading *The Last Wild*. We are enjoying all the dramatic plot twists and turns!

In maths, we will continue our shapes topic by learning about vertically opposite angles, as well as angles in triangles.

After Easter holidays, in art, we will continue to study Frida Kahlo and create our own self-portraits. We will also continue our **history** topic on the ancient Maya.

In English, we will begin revision lessons in preparation for the SATs in May. We will revise topics in grammar, punctuation and spelling, as well as practice reading comprehension skills.

In maths, we will finish our topic on shape by calculating angles in a quadrilateral and identify the properties of circles.

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.



Significant Achievement Awards:

6 Attenborough: Igho-Rose **6 Anning:** Ayatal **6 Darwin:** Siena

Word of the Week: privilege

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

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Talent Show Winner!

Congratulations to Khadija in Year 5 for winning Priory's Got Talent 2026! What great singing we all heard today!

Here she holds her Golden Ticket prize!



Year 5 Trip

Last week Year 1, 3 and 5 had the pleasure of visiting St Peter's church and completed some Easter themed activities. We made biscuit tomb stones, thorn paper crowns and decorated the paths leading up to the church with palm leaves. The children had an amazing time partaking in the crafts and consolidating their learning on Easter. We cannot wait to go back and tour the church. Thank you to Reverend Josh and the team of volunteers for the lovely day!



PE NEWS



A week of quality football was on display from both our boys' and girls' teams.

On Monday, the boys delivered an excellent performance, securing a 6–2 victory against Claycotts Town Hall. They made a flying start, scoring twice within the opening minutes. The atmosphere was fantastic, with Year 5 students providing great support from the sidelines. It was a strong all-round display, with goals from Lukash (3), Jordan (2), and Essa (1).

The girls played Cippenham after school on

Thursday and matched that energy with another fast start, finding the net early on. Cippenham battled hard in a game played in great spirit, but the girls went on to win 5–0. Goals came from Laila and Taylor. A

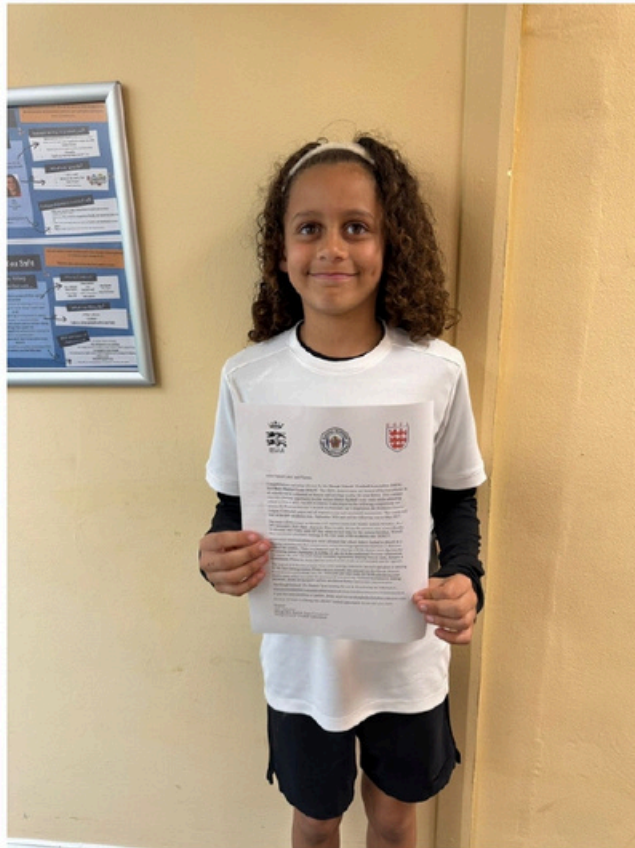
special mention goes to Michele for stepping in as goalkeeper for her first game, and to Khadeeja for making her debut for the school team.

A brilliant effort from both teams—on to the semi-finals!

Priory Boys 6-2
Claycotts
Priory girls 5-0
Cippenham



Finley's District Football Success



A huge Achievement from Finley, who is in year 5, who has successfully been selected to represent the Slough School's District for next season, a huge achievement, to be selected out of so many boys in Slough.



Priory School (Foundation)

Orchard Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 6HE
www.prioryschool.com
Head teacher: Mrs H Foster

9th March 2026

RE: Appeal for equipment

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently developing the outdoor space, known as 'Mr McGregor's Garden', at Priory School and, if possible, would greatly appreciate your support.

If you have any of the items listed below at home that are spare or unused, we would be very grateful for donations of equipment and materials that could be used by the pupils.

In particular, we are looking for:

- Children's gardening tools (spades, forks, trowels, etc.)
- Tarpaulin
- Rope
- Buckets
- Bags of compost
- Old guttering or plastic piping (for water play and exploration)
- Planks of wood/decking boards.

These resources will help us create engaging outdoor activities where children can explore, build, plant, and learn through hands-on experiences.

If you have any of the above items that you would be happy to donate, please drop them off at the main office.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Larkins

Contact: Telephone: 01628 600300
office@prioryschool.com



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EASTER CAMPS 2026



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Slough, SL1 6HE



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NEWSLETTER

Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond Public event – 6th May 6.45pm

As part of the University of Reading's centenary celebrations, the Centre for Autism Wellbeing Hub is hosting a free hybrid event on Wednesday 6th May exploring what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The evening will bring together autistic children and young people, families, professionals, students and researchers, and will feature talks from Professor Elizabeth McCrum, members of the Wellbeing Hub team, and Andy Smith (Spectrum Gaming).

In-person attendees can also view poster presentations of current autism research from current staff and students.

Date: Wednesday 6th May

Location: Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus (or online via Teams)

Time: 18:45–21:00 (in person) | 19:00–20:30 (online)

Full details, including booking links and a full agenda for the evening is [available on our website](#)

Our New Facebook Page!

The Centre For Autism Wellbeing Hub have a [new Facebook page](#) with all our latest news and events. Please follow us for regular updates.



Monthly talks

Please note that there will be no webinar in April due to the Easter break

Spaces Available – Family Wellbeing Course (Ages 11–16)

A few places are still available on our 6-week Family Wellbeing Course for parents and carers of autistic children aged 11-16 (including those awaiting assessment).

- **Thursdays 19:00–21:00 from 22nd April**
- In person - University of Reading
- £60 per person (financial support available)

Delivered in partnership with Parenting Special Children, this course has been co-developed with autistic children and young people. It includes video insights from them about what supports their thriving, alongside practical, evidence-based strategies to support whole-family flourishing.

[More details on our website](#)

Centre for Autism Special Interest Group *Free in person event for professionals*



Date: Thursday 25th June 2026
16:00 – 18:00 p.m.
Tea and coffee provided.

Title: The Wellbeing Hub: current work and future directions

The Wellbeing Hub team will present an overview of the current activities of the Wellbeing Hub. Attendees will be invited to share their perspectives and ideas to help shape the future direction of the Hub.

Venue: School of Agriculture, Earley Gate, University of Reading. Satnav Postcode RG6 6ES

Register: [Please visit our Eventbrite page](#)

All advertised studies have been granted ethical approval by the University of Reading's Research Ethics Committee

Music and Early Word Learning in Autism

Learning new words can sometimes take longer for autistic children, and using those words in different situations can also be challenging. While we know a lot about how children learn language in general, we still do not fully understand what best supports autistic children who experience language delays. Many autistic children show a strong interest in music, and research suggests the brain may respond more strongly to song than speech. This study explores whether music could support word learning in young autistic children.

We are looking for:

- Autistic children under 6 with little or no language (diagnosed or awaiting assessment)

The study involves:

- 2-3 visits to the University of Reading (4 hours total)
- Standardised assessments of autism, language, and cognitive skills
- Word learning task with and without music

Families receive a £40 Amazon voucher for taking part. If you are interested, please contact: Sina Meyer (s.meyer@pgr.reading.ac.uk)

Does your child have trouble sleeping?

Many children with autism and other neurodevelopmental conditions experience sleep difficulties. This study seeks to understand whether children benefit from sleep interventions and why some children benefit from sleep hygiene training while others may require melatonin. Your participation will help us better understand the impact of sleep interventions for children.

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Who are we looking for:

Children with autism and other neurodevelopmental conditions aged 2-15.

What will the study involve:

- Up to three visits to the University of Reading involving,
 - questionnaires about your and your child's sleep and well-being,
 - a short play-based sensory assessment with your child
 - wearing sleep watches for up to 7 nights.

Families receive £20 per visit (for 2nd and/or 3rd visit).

If you are interested, please contact: Rhea Varghese (r.varghese@reading.ac.uk)

If you have any feedback for the newsletter including anything you would like to hear about then please get in touch autism@reading.ac.uk

Unsubscribe from the Centre for Autism newsletter at any time by sending an email with "Unsubscribe Newsletter" in the subject heading to autism@reading.ac.uk

Tree of Life

Wed 1 Apr 11.30am

£12 | £10 under 16s

£40 Family and friends offer (4 people)

Age guidance
7+ years

A dance theatre show including South Asian Bharatanatyam and contemporary Western dance. With original music and spoken word.



SISTERS 360

Age guidance
8+ years

'An inspirational tale of skateboarding stepsisters fizzes with freewheeling fantasy'

The Stage

Thur 2 Apr 3pm

£12 | £10 under 16s

£40 Family and friends offer (4 people)



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Ages
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- Animation
- Singing
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An interactive musical show for all the family - based on the book by
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Thur 9 Apr 11.30am

£12 | £10 under 16s

£40 Family and friends offer (4 people)

Age guidance

2 - 7 years

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