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ISSUE 05

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week brings an opportunity to thank our teachers, recognise the importance of children's wellbeing and share some lovely news from the Priory family.

Celebrating our teachers

Monday 5 October was World Teachers' Day, with this year's theme of "Standing with teachers".

At Priory, we see every day the difference a caring and committed teacher can make. Our teachers help children discover new interests, overcome challenges and feel proud of what they can achieve. They bring patience, creativity and encouragement to their work, adapting learning so that every child has opportunities to participate and succeed.

We put doughnuts in the staffroom as a small token of our appreciation. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and to all the staff who work alongside them to support our children.

Hello Yellow: our feelings matter

This Friday, Priory is marking Hello Yellow, ahead of World Mental Health Day on Saturday 10 October

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It is an opportunity to remind children that everyone has feelings, everyone needs support sometimes and no one has to manage their worries alone. We want our children to know that there are trusted adults at school and at home who will listen and help.

At home, a simple conversation about what has felt good, difficult or worrying can give children space to share. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing, please speak to their class teacher so that we can work together.

Parking and respecting our neighbours

Please help us keep arrival and collection times safe by parking considerately and treating our neighbours with courtesy.

Do not block driveways, park on the school keep-clear markings or stop where you obstruct pavements, crossings or other people's view of the road. Please allow a little extra time and, where possible, park further away and walk the final part of your journey.

Our residents should be able to access their homes and raise concerns without being met with swearing, shouting or intimidating behaviour. Please keep conversations calm and respectful, even when you disagree.

Our children learn from the behaviour they see around them. Thank you to the many families who consistently show consideration and help us maintain positive relationships with our local community.

Welcome to the world, Cassidy!

We are delighted to share that Miss Wilson has welcomed a baby girl, Cassidy.

She is enjoying the baby bubble and taking each day as it comes. We send Miss Wilson and her family our warmest congratulations and lots of love as they enjoy these special early days together.

Parents' evenings

Our parents' evenings take place next week:

- Monday 12 October, 3:40–7:00pm
- Tuesday 13 October, 3:40–5:30pm

If you have not yet booked, please do so. We look forwa rd to sharing your child's progress and hearing from you.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Attendance

WC 05/10/26

Whole School - 93.89%
Nursery - 92.51%
Reception - 94.22%
Year 1 - 88.84%
Year 2 - 96.64%
Year 3 -95.48%
Year 4 - 98.06%
Year 5 - 96.79%
Year 6 - 94.36%

Winner - 4Lovelace 98.44%

Sign of the Week

Hello, Goodbye

https://youtu.be/opgo1mu7WM0



Peek at the Week
Nursery– 9th October 2026



Parents' Evening

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next week.

Hello Yellow Friday Fun

Thank you for all your donations for Young Minds on Hello Yellow Day.









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 **sharing with each other by using 'my turn, your turn'** when we are playing.

Communication & Language Development



As part of Hello Yellow Day, we have been talking about the different things that make us happy. We talked about who we could talk to if we were feeling unhappy and what we could do to help us feel happy again. We have been reading the story 'Find your Happy' by Emily Coxhead.

Physical Development

We have been developing our fine motor skills this week, using our hand-eye co-ordination to wind wool around the sticks we have found in the garden. We have been singing 'wind the bobbin up' as we worked.



Child of the week: **Furmaan** for using his listening ears and fantastic tidying up this week.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'Wind the Bobbin up' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwdxJnAA6CI

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

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Peek at the Week
Reception – 9th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please make sure you send in a named water bottle and uniform is named.
- PE on Tuesday's: Please send your child into school in PE kit.
- Please make sure you don't order your child an orange lunch as they are for KS2 children.

Star of the Week Class Bear

We have introduced our class bear. The star of the week every week will bring this bear home for the weekend with a book. Please fill out a page with pictures or drawings with any adventures you take the bear on and return them to us on Monday!

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day. You can read any book of your choosing, however reading books will be issued as soon as possible!
- Could we please request a picture of your child with family or pets for our classrooms, if you are happy sharing these, as our first topic is 'All about me.' These can be either printed or sent to our reception mailbox. Thank you to everyone who has!







We opened our own Priory School Shop in our garden with Miss Crowe!

Our Learning - This week:

It has been another lovely week and the children have had so much fun! We have carried on with our phonics and maths but have introduced some reading and drawing club into our busy days!







Have a look at some of our amazing wings! Just like Perfectly Norman's Wings!

Communication and Language Development:

This week we have carried on learning our first phonics sounds. The children have learnt s,a,t ,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c and k. We have been superstars at our 3-letter blending and we have been introduced to our first tricky words which have been 'I' and 'is'. We also learnt our first diagraph 'ck'!

Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about patterns. We have looked at different patterns and what comes next. We have also started mastering our numbers through the numberblocks!
Key Vocabulary: What comes next?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week in literacy we have been looking at the book 'Perfectly Norman'. We have been focusing on all out favourite things and what we are good at!

Reception Stars of the Week

R Rupert: Fatima R Paddington: Child M



Reception song of the week: Burning Energy

"Burning ENERGY!" ⚡ Don't-Stop-Moving Challenge | Danny Go! Dance Songs for Kids

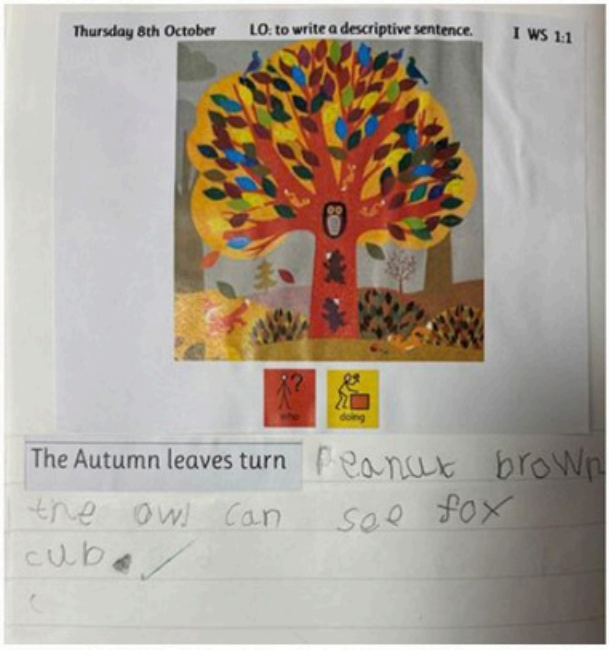
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Peek at the Week
Year 1 – 09/10/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every **Wednesday.**
- Please only send water in drinking bottles, not juice.
- **Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th – Parents' Evening.** Please speak to class teacher if you have not yet booked a slot.



Our Learning

Year One have produced some fantastic writing this week in English, where we have been focusing on writing descriptive sentences. On Thursday, we widened our vocabulary by using a colour thesaurus to describe the autumnal colours of the leaves.

In Maths, we have been using symbols to show greater than, less than and equal to. Next week, we will be looking at different ways to order numbers.

Our Geography this week focused on maps. We investigated different kinds of maps, and how we could use them in everyday life. We then split into groups and used a map of our school grounds to find the treasure hidden outside!



Star of the Week

1 Donaldson: Kamil 1 Jeffers: Jackson



Words of the Week: **North** **South** **East** **West**

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Peek at the Week
Year 3 – 9th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

12.10.26/13.10/26 Parents Evening



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!

Please help your child to practise their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10x tables.

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.

We are a nut-free school.

Our Learning

This week, we enjoyed taking part in some online workshops delivered by authors as part of the Henley Literary Festival.

In French lessons, we have been learning how to count up to 20.

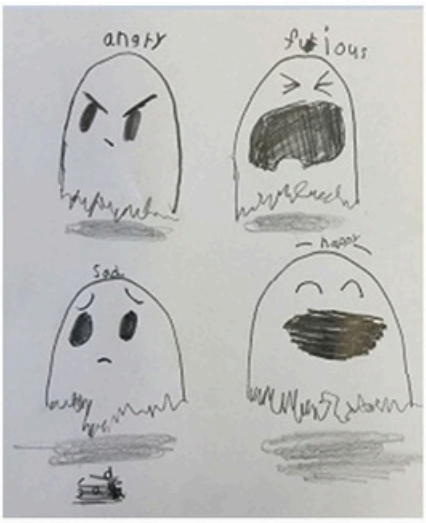
In Maths, we explored how to complete calculations where we add and subtract 1's across a 10 and 10 across 100.

Next week, Year 3 will begin a unit of RE focusing on Islam and how beliefs link to values and daily life. In art lessons, we will be exploring prehistoric art and developing our drawing skills.

Maths lessons will allow children to develop strategies to add and subtract without exchange and then moving on to adding across a 10 or 100.

Word of the Week: thought

The children drew emotional ghosts during the Sophy Henn workshop! These illustrations were inspired by her book ''I Hate Everything'.





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Peek at the Week
Year 4 – 9th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

12.10.26/13.10/26 Parents Evening

Please note that Y4 parents' meetings are NOT held in the Y4 classrooms.



Homework

Please read with your child or encourage them to read independently for at least 20 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!

Children should practice their times tables every day. Times Tables Rock Stars Logins are stuck in the children's reading records.

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.

We are a nut-free school.

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Our Learning

This week, we enjoyed taking part in some online workshops delivered by authors as part of the Henley Literary Festival. In English, we have begun to write a story independently inspired by the Pixar animation 'Feast'.

In geography lessons, we began a unit of work exploring food and farming. We compared how different crops are grown in the UK and Italy.

In Maths lessons, we practised column addition and subtraction.

Next week, we will continue to write our story independently.

In Maths, we will be exploring column subtraction with exchange and completing some problem solving challenges.

In geography, we will be learning more about the way climate affects the crops that can be grown in the UK and Italy.

In computing, we will be exploring issues relating to online safety.

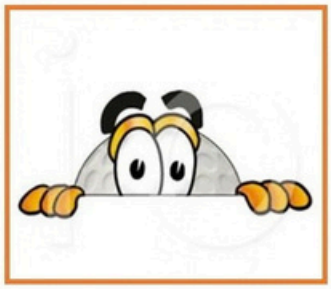
Year 4

Roman Day









Year 5 Peek at the Week
9th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Black History Month: October

Friday 19th October – Sharing Assembly

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October– parents evening

Monday 19th October–Taplow Court Trip

Half term:

26th October–30th October



We took part in a live lesson for the Henley Literary Festival.



Our Learning

This week, we continued with our history unit and looked at the axis and allies.

In maths, we started our next unit on addition and subtraction using formal methods (column addition and subtraction).

In English, we began our unit on 'Good night Mr Tom' about the life of an evacuee during WW2. Here, we focused on reading skills, such as making predictions and drawing inferences from the text, as well as our acting skills!

Next week, we practice our WW2 sharing assembly and perform to our parents.

In maths, we will continue to practising using column method addition and subtraction in a range of contexts.

In English, we will continue with the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom', exploring the characters and their emotions as the story unfolds. We will also look at the character descriptions and features of a diary to help us write our own diary entries in role.

Star of the week

Maple: Milan Ofili: Preyaansh Dawe: Qaim-Deen

Word of the Week: awkward

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 9th October 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

12.10.26 – 13.10.26 – Parents Evening

21.10.26 – Non-School Uniform Day

23.10.26 - Hogwarts Day

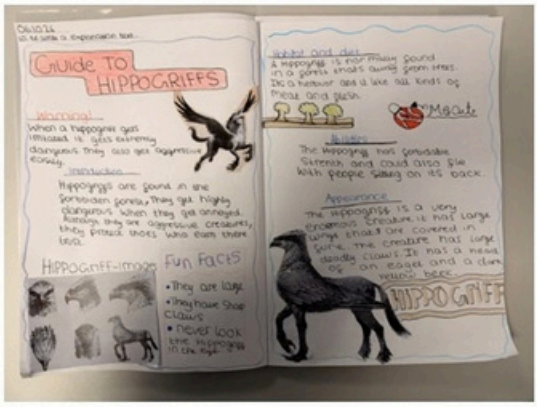
Wednesdays: Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Times tables practice



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

Y6 English work:



by Aya Zekari-Day (6 Anning)

Our Learning

This week, in science, we began a new topic on Light. We learnt about how light travels and how our eyes see light. We investigated how shadows are formed and how we can change the shape and size of them.

In English, we had the chance to have an experience sensory lesson where we collected a range of exciting vocabulary to use in our writing next week!

In maths, we continued to improve our understanding of multiplication by 2-digit numbers and used this knowledge to solve worded problems. Then, we started to explore short division.

Next week, in science, we will continue learning about light by exploring mirrors, reflection and refraction.

In English, we will finish our Harry Potter unit by writing our own narrative part of the story, incorporating all the incredible vocabulary we have collected over the last several weeks.

In maths, we will begin to learn and consolidate the strategies of long division. We will use our knowledge to solve multi-step problems followed by how to use order of operations..

PSHRE Focus: **Being Me in My World**. In PSHRE this term, we will learn that our attitudes and actions make a difference to our class team. We will acknowledge who is in our school community, the roles they play and how we fit in. We will understand that our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn to care about other people's feelings by trying to empathise with them.



Child of the week:

6 Attenborough: Siddartha **6 Anning**: Shannon **6 Darwin**: Mohid

Word of the Week: awkward

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

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Planet Earth

Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week of 05/10/2026

Important Dates

Apple Class Community visits

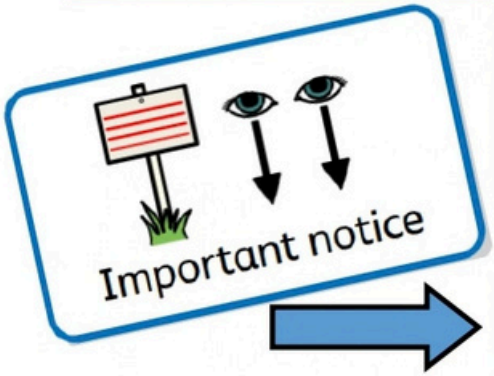
Every Monday morning–please remember £2 for the café!

Pear Class TVAP:

Every Wednesday

Berry class Swimming:

Every Friday–please remember swimming clothes and towels!



Another exciting week of hands-on, sensory learning in the Orchard!

In English we continued exploring our story Whatever Next!, following Baby Bear on his exciting rocket journey to the moon. The children enjoyed exploring story characters and objects, acting out the rocket launch and creating their very own sensory moon picnic!

In Maths we have been exploring counting and repeating patterns through a fun Teddy Bear's Picnic theme. The children used teacups, cakes, biscuits, colourful picnic items and balls to create and copy patterns. We also explored patterns through clapping, movement and percussion sounds, making learning fun and interactive!

For Geography Some children have been exploring our school environment, recognising familiar places and learning about the layout of the school. Others have been comparing Burnham and Kampong Ayer, a water village in Brunei, Asia, discovering similarities and differences in houses, transport and everyday life.

In science have been learning about caring for our environment. Through practical activities, the children explored pollution, helped clean up a pretend ocean and beach, and learned about recycling and keeping our surroundings clean.

It has been another wonderful week of exploring, discovering and learning together!

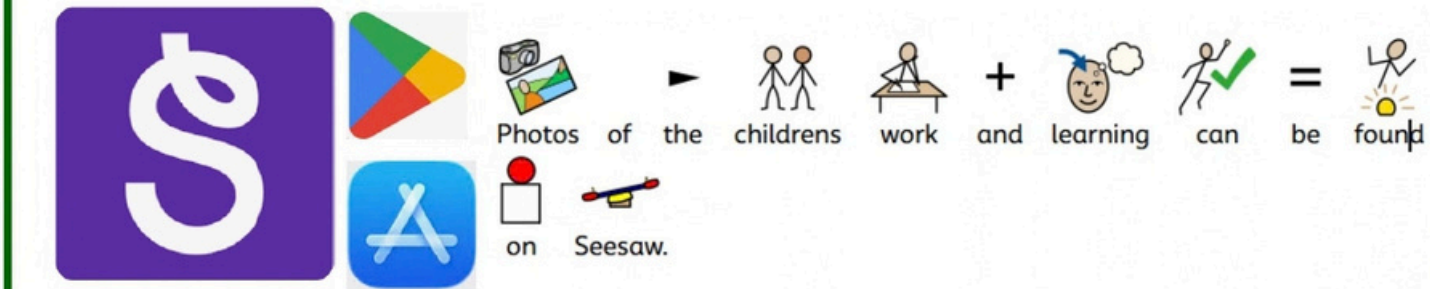
Important Reminders

Parents' evenings are taking place next week on Monday 12th of October and Tuesday 13th of October. If you haven't booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible

On 23rd of October it will be a non-school uniform day for the Priory Christmas fayre donations and also to mark the end of the term.

As the mornings are becoming a little chillier, please also remember to send your child to school with a coat or jumper to help keep them warm.

Wishing all our Orchard families a lovely weekend!



Stars of the week

Plum class: Varin for his fantastic effort in Phonics.

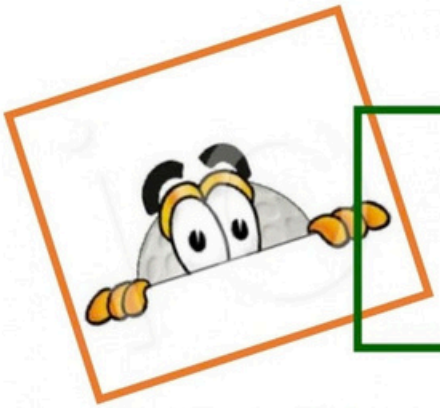
Cherry class: Arshdeep for engaging in all the lessons.

Apple class: Mus for wearing his new trainers inside ad outside Of class.

Pear class: Eliza for great work in Maths.

Berry class: Avraaj for his amazing drawing and writing in Drawing club.

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Woodlands Peek at the week
Friday 9th October 2026

This week our article focusses on Woodland Hedgehogs session. This session is for our KS1 and KS2 learners who attend woodlands in the afternoon.

Important Dates / Reminders

9.10.26–Hello yellow day

12.10.26/13.10.26 Parents Evening

On Wednesday afternoon, we had two very special visitors in Woodlands... Miss Larkins and Bernie!

They came to Woodlands to read the children a story called Bea's Bad Day, a book about a young girl who is looking forward to her birthday, but something goes wrong!

It was a great book for teaching the children about emotions, as well as the importance of resilience.



Our Learning

This week in Woodland Hedgehogs, we have continued to learn all about our emotions. In KS1, the children have been focusing on the emotion 'happy' and have been discussing the things they enjoy doing when they are feeling this emotion.

We were so proud of the writing produced by KS1 this week–we have included some WOW work below!



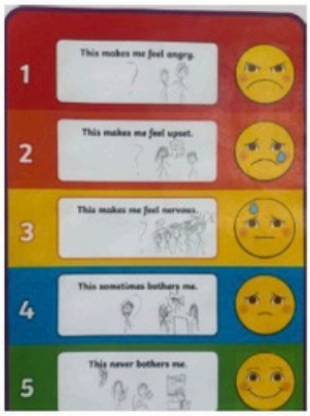
Anthony Y2





Noah Y2

Our Key Stage 2 children have been discussing things that trigger strong emotions. They completed a task where they identified things that trigger different levels of emotion. We also started to discuss a range different strategies that could support us at each stage of emotion .



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Star of the week:

Our star of the week was given to a child for engaging really nicely in sensory play sessions this week!



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

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PRIORY SCHOOL

CURIOSITY, HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, TRUST

RECEPTION 2027 & NURSERY OPEN DAYS

Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.



- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Play-based learning
- Outdoor play

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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


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OCTOBER
HALF TERM
CAMP!
FOOTBALL + MULTI-SPORTS CAMP
A fun, active and exciting holiday camp for boys and girls of all abilities!
Football & Multi-Sports every day
Different sports, skills & games each day
Friday = Halloween Fancy Dress Disco!
Fun, learning & making friends
Prizes & awards to be won!
BOOK NOW!
FRIDAY
HALLOWEEN
FANCY DRESS
DISCO AFTERNOON!
JW
JW COACHING
LIMITED SPACES BOOK NOW!
COMPETITION DAY EVERY FRIDAY!
PRIZES & AWARDS TO BE WON!
HALLOWEEN DISCO AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY!
DATES
26 OCTOBER – 30 OCTOBER
(HALF TERM WEEK)
TIME
10:00AM – 3:00PM
EARLY DROP OFF
9:00AM START
extra £5 per day
LOCATION
Datchet St Mary's Primary School
SL3 9EJ
PRICES
EARLY BIRD £18.50 PER DAY
UNTIL 7 SEPTEMBER
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CURVE VENUE
OCTOBER HALF TERM

Kathakali



Suitable for all ages

A vibrant dance show filled with storytelling, music, colourful costumes and spectacular makeup!

Friday 23 October 7.30pm

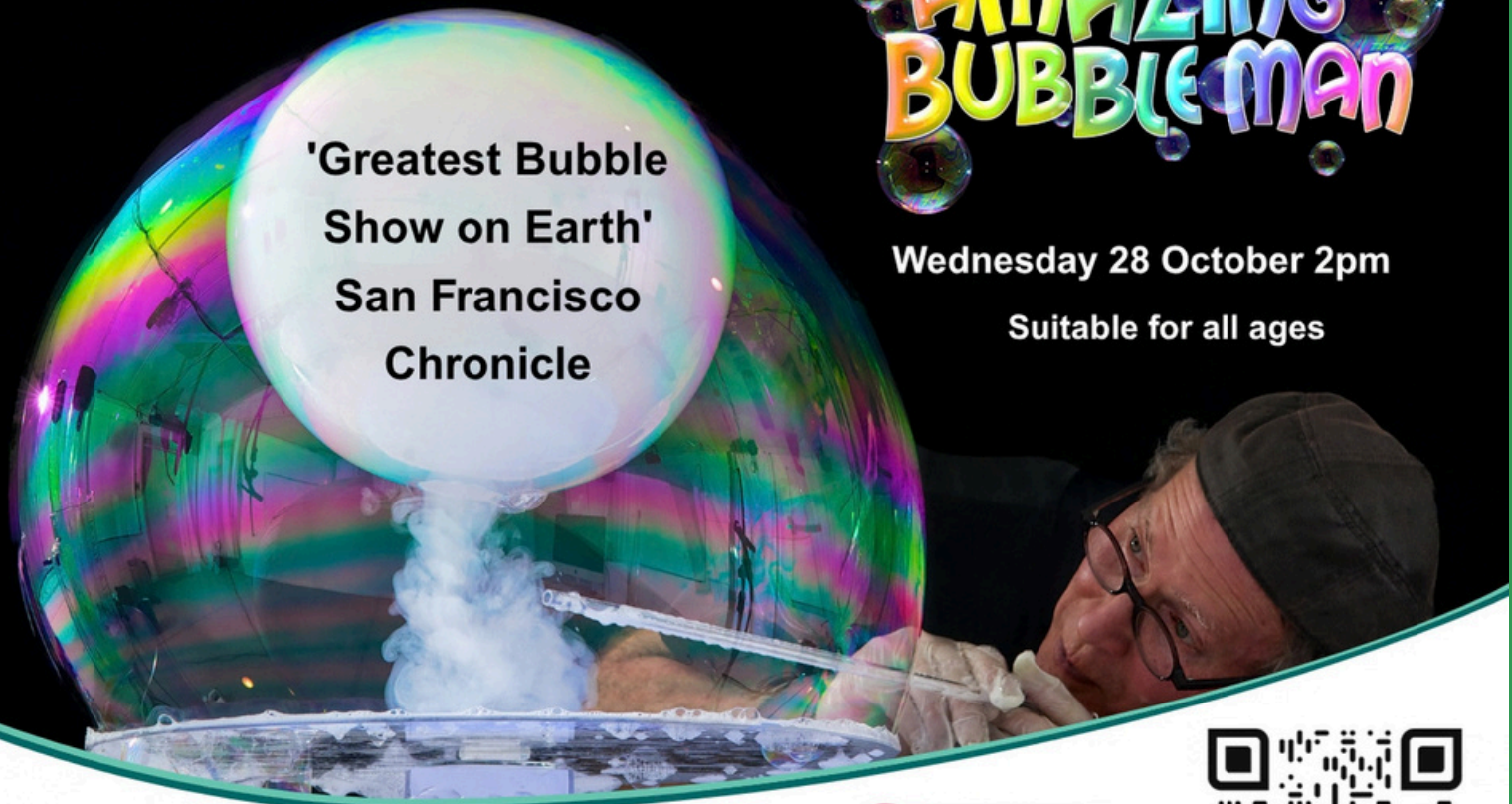
Louis Pearl

The AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

'Greatest Bubble Show on Earth' San Francisco Chronicle

Wednesday 28 October 2pm

Suitable for all ages



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CURVE VENUE
OCTOBER HALF TERM



The Shivers

This high-octane action-comedy opens the door for grown-ups and children to talk about misinformation, fake news and keeping safe online.

Ages 6-11 years

Thursday 29 October 11.30am

The Elves and The Shoemaker

Age guidance: 3+ years



A beautifully crafted set and puppets, sublime music and a comic mouse make this show a magical must-see.

Friday 30 October 11.30am

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