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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a busy and exciting time in school as we head into the second half of the summer term. Staff are working hard to prepare for Year 6 SATs next week, and class teachers are also beginning work on end-of-year reports.

Across the school, we continue to focus on our behaviour of Courage—helping children recognise that being brave doesn't always mean bold gestures, but often the small, quiet choices to do what's right or step outside their comfort zone.

This week and over the next couple of weeks, our children will be learning about the importance of VE Day, officially marked on 8th May. To bring the school together in celebration, we'll be marking the occasion on Wednesday 21st May. Children are invited to wear red, white, and blue for a non-uniform day, and the evening will include our School Soirée at 7.00pm, which promises to be a joyful event for families. Further details, including ticket information, will follow soon.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 5th May

Whole School - 94.95%

Year 1 - 94.1%

Year 2 - 99.2%

Year 3 - 95.0%

Year 4 - 95.0%

Year 5 - 91.3%

Year 6 - 97.7%

Congratulations to 6Anning, 2Newton and Plum 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:

VE Day

<https://youtu.be/2bMgyg0Mxok>

Peek at the Week

Nursery 9th May 2025

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about our families this week as part of our Jigsaw PHSE program. The children have enjoyed sharing with their friends about their different family members. It would be lovely if parents could send in a family photo to the nursery class email address below for us to share.

Communication & Language Development



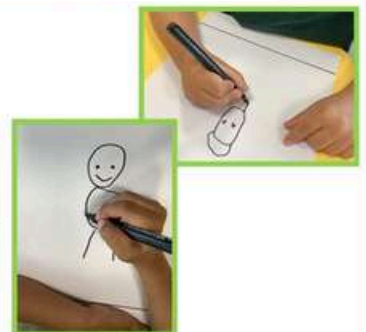
This week we have been reading the story 'Lulu loves Flowers'. We have been finding the different verbs (doing words) and acting them out. We have been doing the actions for 'writing', 'choosing', 'buying' and 'planting'. What other verbs can you help your child to act out at home?

Please use this link to listen to the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVSc8coFfGY>

Physical Development

We have been looking at how to hold our pen correctly using a tripod grasp when we draw and mark make.



Learning Together Week

This will be during the week beginning **Monday 30th June.**



Dates and times for nursery parents to follow.

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE day



Child of the week: Yusuf A for happily coming into class each day, and showing greater confidence in trying new activities.

Please share this video and encourage your child to sing along. **Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kpN80NtZFs>





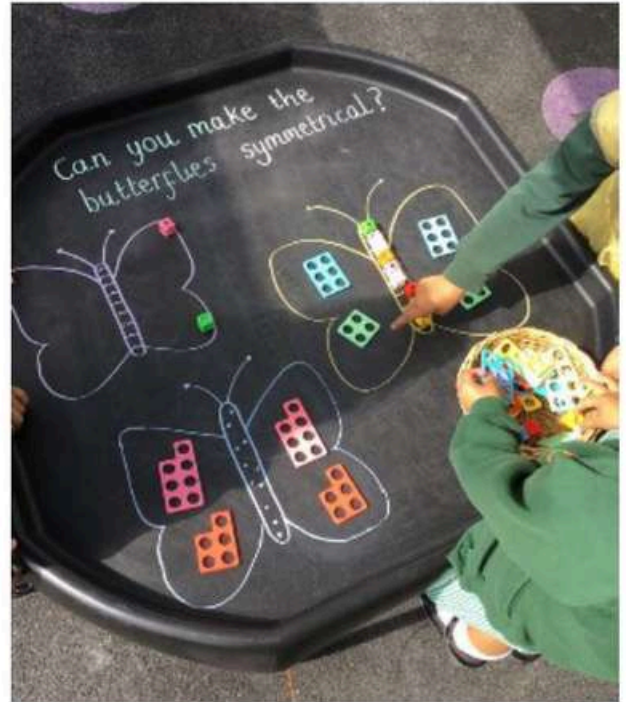
Peek at the Week–Reception

09/05/25

This week our drawing club inspiration has been "Sweet Cocoon" - a lovely animated short film about a caterpillar who needs help to squeeze into their cocoon! We've enjoyed learning all about caterpillars and butterflies this week, and have written some excellent sentences in our literacy books. You can watch the animation [here](#)

Thursday was VE Day, the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. In Reception, the children watched a video of the RAF flyover and created collages of the Union Jack using a range of art materials.

In PE, the children have been practicing athletics in preparation for sports day! They have really enjoyed being out on the big field, and have had a great time throwing howlers and running the obstacle course.



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

Coming up:

Thursday 22nd May–Last day of school

Wednesday 4th June–Sea Life Centre trip

Reception song of the week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p077rk5n/numberblock-ks-numbersongs-lets-all-draw-numbers>

Well done to our stars of the week!

R Paddington – Siddhanth

R Rupert – Harvey



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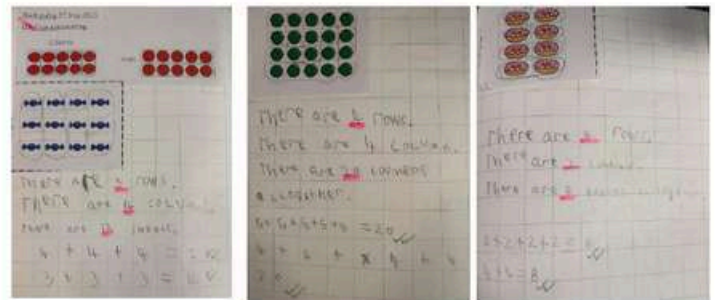
Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 9th May 2025

Our Learning

This week:

In maths this week, we have continued our unit on multiplication and division. The children have been exploring arrays to represent quantities and have learned the key vocabulary: *column* and *row*. They worked really hard to showcase their understanding through written explanations, and we are very proud of their efforts!



In English this week, the children have been busy planning their own piece of writing to explain why an animal of their choice would not be able to use a type of transport from the past. Next week, they will use their plans to write their explanations independently. Their writing will not only showcase their understanding of adjectives and different punctuation marks, but will also give them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt during our history topic.



Important Dates / Reminders

Please can all book bags be brought in on a Thursday so library books and reading books can be changed.

Please log in to Numbots.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.
- Focus core math skill: **Counting in 5's, 10's and 2's.**
- Please log on to numbots



This week's phonics QR code:



As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child comes to school with a **sunhat** and a **water bottle** each day.

The children are also thoroughly enjoying the water play equipment, which means they may get a little wet during the day. If you would like your child to change into dry clothes afterwards, please send in a set of **spare clothing**.



Thank you for your support!

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Azlan

1Jefferers: Shoaib



Words of the Week: **were once here today says**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 9th May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

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.



Our Learning

In English this week we have been collecting descriptive phrases to describe the Sahara desert, Amazon Rainforest and London. We will use these in our diary writing next week, when we will write in role as the Snail and pretend we have visited these places on the back of the huge, humpback whale.



In maths, we have used our knowledge of the ten and two times table to help us solve division number sentences dividing by ten and two. For example to solve $60 \div 10$, we counted on our fingers to see how many 10s we needed to make 60. We have also



enjoyed learning about the history of the seaside and how it has changed over time, from the bathing machines of the Victorian period, to deckchairs in the 1950s.

to how we use the seaside now. In the garden, we enjoyed using construction blocks to build our own beach huts at the seaside.

Next week in English, we will be writing our diary entries about our travels as the Snail. In maths, we will be using our timestable knowledge to help us divide by 5 and starting our unit on finding fractions of a shape. We will also be having a DT day on Thursday, where we will design, make and evaluate a seaside vehicle with moving parts!



In art, we have looked at using natural objects such as sticks to make impressions in clay to create a piece of abstract art.

Child of the Week

2Newton: Aarna

2Franklin: Ghija





Peek at the Week

Year 3– 9th 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://trockstars.com/>

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

Our Learning

This week, we have been learning about the function of leaves. During an outdoor learning lesson we drew some scientific illustrations to show how plants turn towards the light. We also dissected a flower to identify the reproductive organs.

In Maths, we have been exploring equivalent measures and took part in some practical measuring activities. In PSHRE, we discussed strategies that we can use when we have friendship issues.

Next week, we will be returning to the topic of fractions in Maths. Our focus will be on adding and subtracting fractions. In Science, we will learn about the life cycle of plants and how seeds are distributed in different ways. In Design and Technology, we will begin a unit of work where we learn how to make pop-up books. In English, we will continue our unit linked to the Pixar animation, 'The Blue Umbrella'.

We have been learning about capacity and volume in Maths.



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

www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 9th 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 are struggling with.

Our Learning

This week in English, we have been continuing to write sentences based on 'Arthur and the Rope'. The children have been thinking about effective vocabulary and how to describe characters' feelings.

In Maths, we have started learning about decimals. The children are now confident at understanding the relationship between tenths as a fraction and a decimal.

Next week in English, the children are going to be writing their stories based on Arthur and the Rope. The children will spend some time making a plan and then writing their independent piece thinking about how they can make their writing flow effectively.

In Maths, we are continuing to focus on times tables, please ensure that your child is practising as much as possible.

In the afternoons in science, the children are going to be learning about how a switch can be used in a circuit and then the children will be creating their own switches.



Child of the week:

4 Turing: Dimercia

4 Lovelace: Zain A

4 Chamberlain: Ronan

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

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

9th May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

21st May: Soiree Event

3rd June: Fire Service Visit

17th June: Arts Week

23rd June: Whole Day at Burnham Grammar

Our Learning

This week, we started our second History topic, with a focus on rail transportation and the changes over time. Here, we will also explore Brunel and his impact on our local area. We also started our art unit, where we will be learning to draw with accuracy.

In maths, we focused on co-ordinates on a graph and the translation of shapes.

In English, we continued The Highwayman in more detail. We explored character, language and emotions through drama, and incorporated this within our writing.

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

Next week, we will continue to explore vanishing point and perspective in drawing and paintings whilst making links to the illustrator, Charles Keeping, that created art work for The Highwayman narrative poem.

In maths, we continue our topic in co-ordinates and focus on reflection, as well as start our new topic of decimals.

In English, we will apply what we have learnt in this unit to plan and write our own version of the narrative poem, The Highwayman.

We visited the Gurdwara in Slough this week.



Child of the week

5Dawe: **Isaac** 5Maple: **Ethan** 5Ofili: **Shazneen**

Word of the Week: **recommend**

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 May 2025

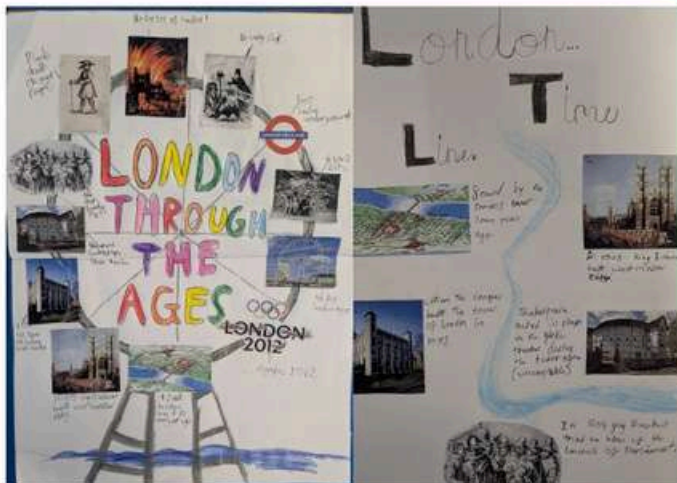
Important Information

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.

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 history, we started our new topic on the history of London. We created timelines to order key events in London's history.

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

In maths, we focussed on maths revision in preparation for the SATs.

Next week, in history, we will continue our history of London topic by exploring the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Plague.

In English, we will sit the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper on **Monday**. We will then sit the Reading paper on **Tuesday**.

In maths, we will continue revising maths and sit the papers on **Wednesday** (Arithmetic 1 and Reasoning 2) and **Thursday** (Reasoning 3).

Any questions about the upcoming SATs, please do email us year6@prioryschool.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: Burhanuddin **6 Anning:** Stefania **6 Darwin:** Max

Word of the Week: relevant

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The Orchard–Peek of the Week

Week commencing: 05/05/2025

Important Dates

Monday 12th May Apple Class- Community trip to Ockwells park

Plum class -Thames Valley Adventure playground on Wednesday

Pear class- Swimming on Thursdays

Friday 23rd May- Inset day

Monday 26th May- Half term - back to school on the 2nd June

Our Learning

In English the children went to the garden and followed visual instructions to set up a garden. They pulled out weeds, ploughed the soil and put in seeds. Over the week, they ordered these instructions and wrote them out.

In Maths the children have been learning about shapes and patterns. They have used objects to make patterns, matched shapes and used playdough to cut into halves, thirds and quarters.

In Art the children have recreated The Snail work by Henri Matisse. They used different coloured tissue paper to create this.

This week in Festivals and Celebrations we celebrated International Dance Day. The children watched and copied different types of dance. The children then watched a dance performance performed by staff.

Pear class really enjoyed swimming . They had fun splashing around and using the floats.

Cherry class had fun in the soft play and playing on the swings and slide in the garden at TVAP.



Makaton sign:



Star of the week

Pear Class- Aizah for settling in well in class and doing amazing in her swimming lesson Cherry Class-. Levi for doing great work this week
Apple Class- Avraaj for playing nicely in the playground and doing great sharing Plum Class- Mohammed for settling in well in class



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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)	



Priory School (Foundation)

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

8th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs Breakfast

During the week of SATs (Monday – Thursday), we will be offering all Y6 pupils a breakfast in the morning, between **8am and 8:30am**.

Children should arrive via the office where they can make their way to the lunch hall with their belongings.

Please note: **children should not arrive any earlier than 8am**. If you would like your child to have breakfast with us, **please ensure they arrive before 8:30am** as the breakfast will close at this time.

Any questions, please email us at year6@prioryschool.com.

Yours sincerely,

Shanice Jhalli
Year 6 Leader

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office@prioryschool.com



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Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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The Urdu language is spoken predominantly in Pakistan and India. It is the official state language of Pakistan and is also officially recognized in the constitution of India. Significant Urdu communities exist in the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



My name is Moksha
and I am from India
میرا نام موکشا ہے اور
میں ہندوستان سے ہوں

I can speak Hindi which is
similar to Urdu.
میں ہندی بول سکتا ہوں جو اُدرو
سے ملتی جلتی ہے

I like to eat cake.
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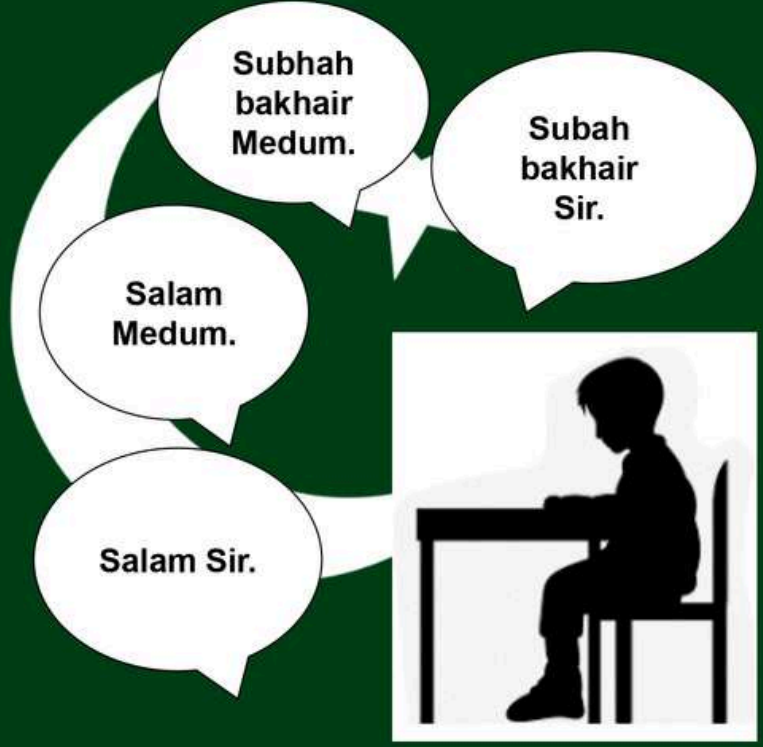
I like to play games.
مجھے گیمز کھیلنا پسند ہے





رجسٹر – The Register

Urdu	English
Subah bakhair صبح بخیر	Good morning
Medum میڈم	Madam
Sahb صاحب	Sir
Subah bakhair صبح بخیر	Good afternoon
Salam سلام	Hello



رنگ – Colours



Dhur ka khaana – Lunch

Kon sa rang?

کون سا رنگ

Urdu	English
bara maharbani براہ مہربانی	please
Shukria شکریہ	thank you
Kon sa rang? کون سا رنگ	Which colour?

Narangi
aap ka
shukria.

Sabz bara
mahrabani.

Peela
aap ka
shukria.

Nila aap
ka
shukria.

Surkh bara
mahrabani.



Good morning

صبح بخیر

Sabah
bakhair

Thank you

شکریہ

Shukria

Yes

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Please

براہ مہربانی

Barah
mahrabani

Well done

اچھا کیا

Achaa
Kiyan

Sorry

معذرت

Marzarat

Hello

سلام

Salam

Good afternoon

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-apBSAJetw>



Useful websites:

Facts:

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/pakistan-facts.html>



CHARITY FUN SKATE

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

SLOUGH ICE ARENA

10AM TILL 1PM

£10 per person or
£30 for a family of four

Includes skate hire

All ticket sales and proceeds go

To Spice Jets and Spice Synchro events.

To Book your tickets, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/mvhv23x2>





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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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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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



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