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ISSUE 11

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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## **Headteacher's News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is beginning to feel wonderfully festive this week as the hall and classrooms start to come alive with decorations.

Next Friday, 5th December, is our Christmas Fayre, one of the highlights of the Priory year. Staff and pupils have been working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school.

The Fayre will open at 3:15pm, with a performance from our school choir, and will run until 4:30pm. Families can enter either through the playground by Year 2 or via the front of the school through the porch doors. There will be stalls, games, food, crafts and plenty of festive cheer – it is always a lovely way for our community to come together.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the tombola and stalls; your support makes a real difference. If you are still able to contribute toiletries, children's games or general tombola prizes, these would be gratefully received.

Our Christmas performance season also begins next week, with dates for nativities, concerts and the choir's appearance at St Peter's Church on Tuesday now confirmed. It is a busy time, but a joyful one, and we look forward to seeing many of you in school over the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and, as ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

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:

Grandmother, Grandfather

<https://youtu.be/szps7Furbsk>

# Peek at the Week

## Nursery– 28th November 2025

### Xmas Fayre

5th December 3:15pm in the school hall

### Nursery Christmas 'sing a long'

Friday 12th December

11am (morning children)

2:45pm (afternoon / all day children)



### Learning

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking with the children about their emotions and about how they can help themselves to regulate how they are feeling.



#### Communication & Language Development

We have started to read our new story 'Happy Birthday Maisy' by Lucy Cousins. We have been talking about our own birthday celebrations. It would be lovely if parents could send in a photo of their child celebrating their last birthday for children to share with their friends. Please send into the nursery email [nursery@priorschool.com](mailto:nursery@priorschool.com)

#### Physical Development

We have been building up our shoulder muscles this week in PE by lifting the heavy curling stones.



### Road safety week

We have been talking to the children about the importance of "Stop, Look, Listen and Think" to help them to stay when they are out and about.



Child of the week: Viraaaj for showing more confidence in class, interacting with his friends and teachers and joining in with our songs and signs this week.

Song of the week: Five Little Cars

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



Word of the Week: 'safe'

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# Peek at the Week

## Reception – 28th November 2025



### Important Dates / Reminders

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Priory Christmas Fayre

16<sup>th</sup> December 2025- Christmas performance

End of term 2- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (we will confirm whether this will be a full day or half day.

PE – Every Thursday – Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings back the previously read book and reading journal every Wednesday.

**Learning Together: Mon 1<sup>st</sup>, Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:45 – 9:30am.**

Please note that the 'orange' lunch option is not available for the children in reception.

### Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: **Subitising** – we will be using the vocabulary: We just have to know it, how many dots?

As the weather is getting cooler and the rain has started to arrive, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a rain coat or jacket as we will be continuing our busy learning outside.

Please can we ask that your child brings in a named water bottle every day. Additionally can we ask all school

### Our Learning - This week:

#### Communication and Language Development:



This week, we continued with our Little Wandle Phonics Program! The children have been revisiting the sounds **ck, e, u, r**, and are learning how to blend the sound together to confidently read words.

In drawing club this week we have been looking at the story **Three Billy Goats Gruff**. The children have enjoyed looking at all the different characters and where the story is set. They then thought about how they change the story and re-tell it their way!



#### Maths:

This week in Reception, the children have been exploring **subitising** with numbers 1–4. They have been showing 'how many dots' using their fingers, and have also represented the numbers with number fans, cubes and beads. They are becoming increasingly confident at recognising small quantities without counting.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** This week the children have been learning about why it is important to be kind and to use gentle hands. During the lesson, we focused on key vocabulary to help them reflect on their behaviour and interactions with others. The children explored the words **kind, gentle, friend, sharing and turn-taking**, and discussed what each of these looks like in everyday play and learning.



**R Paddington: whole class R Rupert: whole class**

Reception song of the week: Rudolph the red nose reindeer

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## Peek at the Week

### Year 1 – 28/11/25

#### Important Dates / Reminders

- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Fayre – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Children collected from Year 1 at 3pm)
- Year 1 Nativity - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm.
- Nativity costumes in school (in a labelled bag please) Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



#### Our Learning

This week in Phonics, we have been learning the split digraphs **a-e**, **e-e**, **i-e** and **u-e**. The children learned that two vowel letters are separated by another letter, but still work together to make one sound.

In Maths, we have been using Rekenreks to strengthen our number bond knowledge. Being able to automatically recall number bonds to 10, and 20, will really support the children as they move up through KS1. We began to explore subtraction using a number line on Friday.

Our RE topic this term is Christianity. We looked in more detail at the Creation Story, and of course the Nativity in preparation for our performance! We have had some wonderful conversations in Year 1 about different religions, and our own beliefs.

**A reminder to send Nativity costumes in next week, please speak to teachers if you have any questions!**

#### Star of the Week

1 Jeffers: Noah

1 Donaldson: Ayra



Words of the Week: **mouse**    **house**    **want**





# Peek at the Week

## Year 2 – 28th November 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

5.12.25 Christmas Market opens at 15.15 for KS1 to visit with parents.



Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.

Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

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

Please send your child in with a coat daily.

**Next week**, we will be writing a postcard in role as Anna Hibiscus, asking her cousins to come and join her on holiday. In maths, we will be adding any 2-digit numbers together, using a blank number line. In art, we will be completing our unit by exploring: shape, colour and tone. We will also be learning about lighting and focus in Computing.

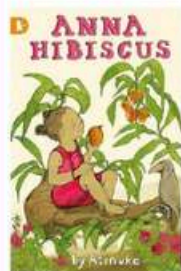
### Child of the Week

2Newton: Victoria

2Franklin: King



### Our Learning

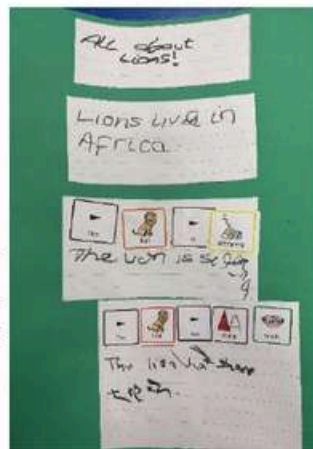


This week, in English, we have read the first part of our new book:

Anna Hibiscus on Holiday,

by Atinuke. We have learned about Anna and her family and written a description about one of our family members. We also assembled our

African Animal fact files, ready for them to be made into a class book.



$$38 + 17 = 55$$

In maths, we have been adding amounts of money and have learned how to add teen numbers using the blank number line. First doing the 'tens' jumps and then adding the 'little ones.'

In Art, we have been learning about the formal elements, focusing on line, texture and pattern. We have learnt to describe these aspects of art using key vocabulary such as: wavy, spiral, straight, rough, smooth, decorative and geometric, and have produced some wonderful pieces of artwork.







# Peek at the Week

## Year 3– 28th November 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

03.12.25 Learning Together Morning

04.12.25 3 Seacole–Swimming lessons

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair/  
Christmas Jumper 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.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

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



### Our Learning

**This week**, we began a unit in our geography lessons learning about the topography of the United Kingdom. Our work focussed on using atlases to name and locate the major cities, mountains and seas surrounding the UK.

In Maths, we continued to explore strategies for multiplication and division.

In English, we continued to learn about non chronological reports. Our writing is inspired by the incredible pangolin.

**Next week**, in English, we will plan our own non chronological report about tortoises.

In Maths, we will continue to focus on strategies for multiplication and division.

Our French lessons will focus on learning how to say the days of the week.

On Friday, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day and will also have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Fair with our classes.

Children will be able to visit the fair after school too with their parents and carers

#### French Days of the Week



Word of the Week: strange

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 4– 28th November 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

02.12.25 Learning Together Morning

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.25 Christmas Lunch



### HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 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 **Wednesday**.

Word of the Week: strange

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### Our Learning

**This week**, we have been learning about food webs in the local environment. And how human activity can affect this balance. In RE, we have been exploring the Buddhist faith.

In English, we composed a Kennings Poem inspired by our text 'Charlotte's Web'.

In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

**Next week**, we will continue to focus on Buddhism in our RE lessons.

In English, we will be learning the features of journalistic writing by creating newspaper reports. Linked to events in our text 'Charlotte's Web'.

Maths lessons, will be focussing on the 9x tables and how to calculate short multiplication questions.

**Multiplication Column Method Examples**

$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 67 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$ <p><math>7 \times 3 = 21</math></p>	$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 84 \\ \times 9 \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$ <p><math>4 \times 9 = 36</math></p>
$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 67 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 201 \end{array}$ <p><math>6 \times 3 = 18</math> <math>18 \text{ add } 2 = 20</math></p>	$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 84 \\ \times 9 \\ \hline 756 \end{array}$ <p><math>8 \times 9 = 72</math> <math>72 \text{ add } 3 = 75</math></p>
<b><math>67 \times 3 = 201</math></b>	<b><math>84 \times 9 = 756</math></b>

In Computing, we will be recording the podcasts we have written all about School News.

On Friday, we will have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Fair with our classes. Parents and carers are welcome to visit with children after school too!



# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 28th November 2025

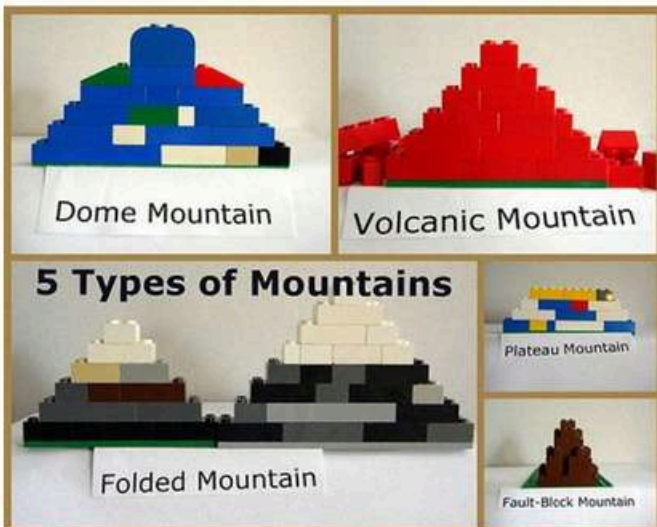
### Important Dates / Reminders

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

**05.12.25: Christmas Fair/ Christmas jumper day**

**19.12.25: End of term**

This week we learnt about mountains and how they are formed. We then recreated some of these mountain types using Lego.



### Our Learning

**This week,** we continued exploring Vector Drawings in ICT and Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes in geography.

**In maths,** we started our fractions topic and focused on finding equivalent fractions for non unit and unit fractions.

**In English,** we continued writing effective sentences for our speeches. Here, we have been using our knowledge of refugees to help structure our thoughts and ideas about refugeeism.

**In PSHRE,** we continued to look at cultural differences within the classroom and how we should be celebrating these differences rather than allowing them to cause conflict.

**Next week,** we will look at the features of blogs and create a piece of writing based on our imagined experience of surviving an earthquake. The children will then aim to publish these on a website.

**In maths,** we will continue with the topic of fractions this week. The aim of the week was equivalent fractions and strategies linked to them. Next week, we will continue focusing on fractions, and the various methods to convert, compare and order.

**In English,** we will be researching a topic for our speech on a societal issue such as homelessness, climate change or the right to education. We will then be writing our speech independently, using planned success criteria to structure our ideas.

### Star of the week

5Dawe: **Freddie** 5Maple: **Maryam** 5Ofili: **Lukash**

Word of the Week: **convenient**

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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Important Dates /Reminders

02.12.25: **Cippenham Baptist Church**

05.12.25: **Christmas Fair/ Christmas jumper day**

19.12.25: **End of term**

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

**Thursdays:** Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1
- Times tables practice on TTRS

### Our Learning

**This week, in history,** we learnt about Henry VIII and had the chance to record a newspaper article on the 'scandal' of his divorce with Catherine of Aragon.

**In art,** we finished our symbolism topic by designing and creating a final piece of artwork including collage, inspired by our learning of the British Monarchy.

**In English,** we planned, wrote and edited our biographies.

**In maths,** we learnt to multiply fractions by integers, and by fractions, and began to explore how to divide fractions by an integer.

**Next week, in history,** we will write a newspaper account about the trial of King Charles I. We will also learn about William and Mary, as well as Queen Victoria.

**In English,** we will be kick-starting our new English unit, (on Shakespeare's Macbeth) with some exciting drama to help children understand the plot!

**In maths,** we will continue to explore fractions, learning about fractions of an amount and finding the whole.

Y6 art:



**PSHRE Focus: Celebrating Difference.** In PSHRE this term, we will learn to accept that everyone is different and understand that there are different perceptions of 'normal'. By the end of the unit, we will know how to help someone who is being bullied and explain ways in which one person or a group can have power over others. We will learn the importance of using kind words by appreciating people for who they are.



### Child of the week:

**6 Attenborough:** Marcus **6 Anning:** Shazneen **6 Darwin:** Jordan

**Word of the Week:** convenience

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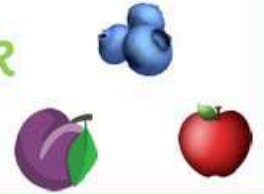
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## Peek of the Week

The Orchard  
28/11/2025



### Important Dates

#### **Pear Class TVAP visits**

Every Wednesday morning—please remember pack lunches and spare clothes!

#### **Apple Class Swimming:**

Every Thursday morning—please remember towels and swimming clothes!

#### **Plum Class Community:**

Every Monday morning—please remember £2 for a stop at a café or shop.

This week in maths has been wonderfully practical, and the children have absolutely loved it! They began by building Lego towers and matching them to the correct number cards, strengthening their number recognition and counting skills in a hands-on way. We then moved on to addition activities, where the children combined groups of objects and explored different ways to make a total. To finish the week, they practised doubling using arrays, gaining a solid understanding of how equal groups can be represented visually.

In English, our learning has been inspired by the night sky while camping, just like the characters in our storybook. The children have been using their imaginations to go stargazing, creating their own constellations, and writing descriptive sentences from the characters' perspectives.

Each afternoon, the children have been getting into their Key Stage groups to rehearse for the Christmas concert. They have been working incredibly hard on their performance, and we are very proud of their effort and teamwork. We truly hope you are able to attend and celebrate their achievements.

To help ensure everyone can enjoy the performance comfortably, please limit attendance to two family members per child, as space will be tight.

Thank you as always for your support – we look forward to next week!



**CELEBRATE!**



### Star of the week

**Plum class:** Theo for using the toilet all this week.

**Cherry class:** Abdullah for focussing in activities.

**Apple class:** Azaan for fantastic signing during performance practise.

**Pear class:** Aizah for regulating her emotions.

**Berry class:** Izaan for singing and signing during our performance practise.

**Strawberry class:** Rosy for transitioning from school to home time.



# PRIORY SPORTS NEWS

## BOCCIA SILVER



## PRIORY STRIKE SILVER

AFTER LOTS OF GROUP GAMES, PRIORY TEAM 1 PLAYED IN A THRILLING FINAL, LOSING ON ONE OF THE LAST THROWS BY LESS THAN AN INCH. THE BOYS DID INCREDIBLY WELL AND SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS.



WE WERE PROUD TO TAKE TWO TEAMS TO THE EVENT, AND EVERY STUDENT ROSE TO THE OCCASION. THEIR HARD WORK AND FANTASTIC ATTITUDE MADE THEM WONDERFUL AMBASSADORS FOR OUR SCHOOL.





# PRIORY BOYS FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Over the last week , the boys have played two league games, in both games the boys have demonstrated a great attitude, commitment and courage. Losing 5-1 to Lynch Hill and 2-0 to OLOP. Both games the boys created many chances to score. We will keep working hard as a team and enjoy representing the school





# Up and coming events

YEAR 6 GIRLS NETBALL MATCH MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER

ORCHARD LONDON IRISH INCLUSION FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER





# Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



## Participation session

**For parent carers of children  
with neurodivergent needs**

**JOIN US AT  
YOUR SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 3 December 09:30 - 10:30  
Priory School**



[Click here to book](#)

**Connect - Share - Make a difference**

PINS is a national project funded by NHS England in partnership with the Department for Education, Department of Health & Social Care & the National Network of Parent Carer Forums





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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP!

We are delighted to be running a Multi-Sport and Football Camp at Alexander School (SL4 4XP) over the Xmas Holidays!

Running on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of December!

Don't miss out & make the most of our early bird offer today!



**BOOK NOW!**

- ✓ Loads of Games
- ✓ Lots of Prizes to be won
- ✓ Different sports throughout the day for multi-sports
- ✓ Different focus for football and matches
- ✓ Heaps of Fun



**EARLY BIRD ££17.50/DAY \***  
\*UNTIL 21ST NOVEMBER  
**£25/DAY AFTER**

**10AM - 3PM**  
**9AM DROP OFF (£4)**

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# *Burnham Park Hall*

CHRISTMAS MARKET & LIGHT  
SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
2025

1pm to 8pm

SANTA'S GROTTO WITH REAL LIFE  
REINDEERS, MULLED WINE, CHOIR,  
MERRYMENT AND MINCE PIES!

FREE ENTRY (SMALL CHARGE FOR  
SANTA GROTTO)  
LIGHT SWITCH ON APPROX  
6:30PM

BURNHAM PARK HALL  
WINDSOR LANE  
BURNHAM  
BUCKS  
SL1 7HR





**BURNHAM PARK HALL PRESENTS**

# The Santa Show



It's Christmas Eve in the North Pole and the Elves are making final preparations to Santa's sleigh before a crisis strikes! Santa's needs your help to resolve the problem before it is too late and Christmas is cancelled.

Will the children be able to help Santa save the day?

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 2025**  
**2:30PM & 4PM**

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**

WINDSOR LANE, BURNHAM, SL1 7HR

Tickets £5 adults / £10 under 16s (includes gift)

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