

15TH MAY 2026

ISSUE 30

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Year 6 SATs Success

I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils. They conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the week and showed such determination, courage and maturity in the way they approached each day. They have worked so hard and we are incredibly proud of every single one of them.

Eid Bazaar - Monday 18th May

We are also very excited for our first Eid Bazaar taking place on Monday 18th May from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Due to the weather forecast, the event will now take place indoors across the Hall, Music Room, Gym and Events Room, with a wide range of games, crafts, activities, food stalls and external vendors for families to enjoy. There will be favourites such as mehndi, face painting, mocktails, waffles, bubble tea, crafts and games, alongside a variety of community stalls selling gifts, sweets and clothing. Please note that all stalls will be cash only.

A very important reminder that school will finish earlier than usual on Monday to allow staff time to safely prepare for the Bazaar. Children must be collected promptly at 2:45pm, with Orchard gates opening at 2:40pm. Pupils will be dismissed from classes in the usual way, but at the earlier time.

We would love to see as many families there as possible to support this special community event and help make the afternoon a success for our children.

Parent Survey Reminder

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed our parent survey. Your feedback and contributions are incredibly valuable and help to shape the future priorities of our school. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, we would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to do so.

[Priory School Parent Survey – Summer 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Reminder – INSET Day

A reminder that next Friday is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. There will be a severely restricted number of staff on site and staff will not be manning the school phones or answering the doors throughout the day. Thank you, as always, for your continued 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:

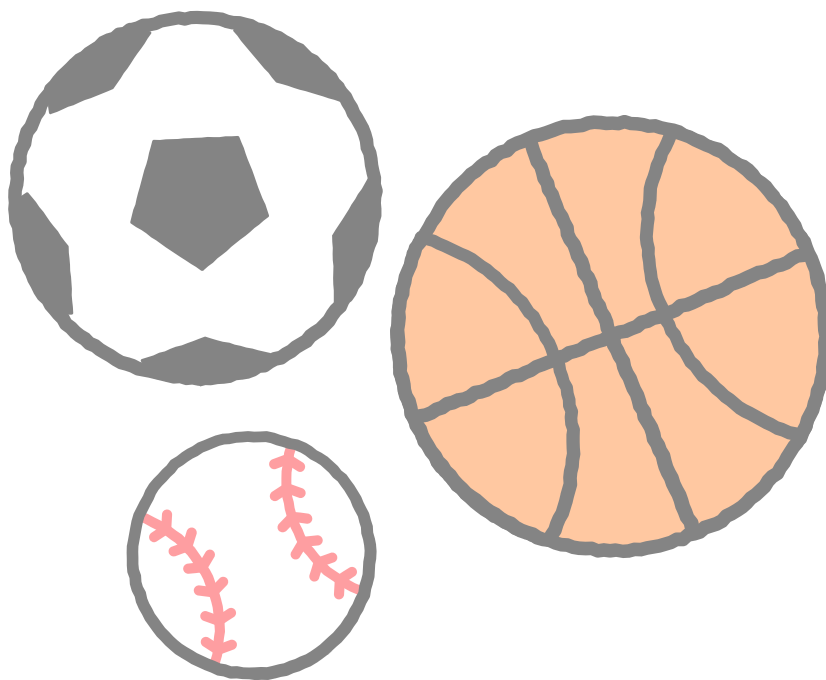
Skirts, Shorts, Cardigan

https://youtu.be/X1sa2CKN_oo

PE Day changes

For Next Week ONLY, there will be a change of PE day for the following year groups:

Reception → Wednesday 20th
Year 2 → Thursday 21st





We are delighted to let you know that Priory School will be taking part in Walk to School Week 2026, organised by Living Streets. This year's event will take place from Monday 18th May to Thursday 21st May.

During the week, we will be encouraging pupils in Years 1 – 6 to walk, scoot, cycle or wheel to school wherever possible. Taking part in active travel helps to improve children's health and wellbeing, reduces congestion around the school gates and promotes road safety and cleaner air for our community.

This year's challenge is called Mission Move. Throughout the week, pupils will meet fun and friendly secret agents as they explore the many benefits of walking or wheeling to school. Classes will work together to complete the five-day challenge by making as many active journeys as possible. Pupils will track their progress on an interactive classroom wallchart, receive daily stickers and earn a special reward at the end of the week.

We want everyone to be able to join in. Pupils can still take part by parking a short distance away and walking the last few minutes to school ("Park and Stride"). We also recognise that active travel may not be possible for all pupils. In these cases, pupils will still be able to take part in Walk to School Week activities in school and earn rewards for their participation.

We hope as many families as possible will support this exciting initiative and help us make Walk to School Week a great success.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages
W/C 11th April

Whole School - 94.52%

Nursery - 86.06%

Reception - 89.99%

Year 1 - 98.43%

Year 2 - 94.64%

Year 3 - 94.89%

Year 4 - 94.11%

Year 5 - 94.29%

Year 6 - 97.85%

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

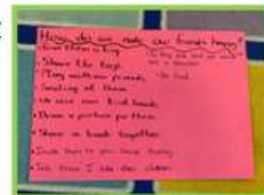
Peek at the Week

Nursery– 15th May 2026

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking more about friendships and about how important it is to make sure all our children are included in play. We made a list of all the things we could do to make our friends feel happy when they are in nursery.



Communication & Language Development

This week we have been developing our listening skills by listening to instructions and completing the actions. You can support your child by playing games with them; slowly building up the number of instructions you give them.



'Can you stand up'

'Can you stand up and clap 3 times'

'Can you stand up, clap 3 times and then touch your nose'

Physical Development

Whilst we have been planting out our tomato plants, we have been enjoying digging holes, placing the plants in and then pressing the soil down to make sure they are in position. Movements like this further develop our core strength and co-ordination.



Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. We are encouraging you to leave cars and buggies at home and walk or scoot to Nursery instead. Walking helps build strength, balance, and coordination. Walking alongside you gives a child a sense of responsibility and achievement. It helps them feel more "grown up" and confident in their own abilities. When walking, children can observe their surroundings: trees, cars, animals, and people which promotes language development and curiosity.

We found a snail in the garden which prompted lots of questions and observations. We looked at books about snails to help us find out more about them.



Child of the week: Hameedi for becoming more confident on the carpet, following the classroom charter and being a kind friend.

Please share this video and encourage your child to sing along. 'Rain, Rain, go away'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrDTSB5bVS4>





Peek at the Week

Reception – 15th May, 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 19th May – Priory Soirée
- 22nd May – INSET Day
- 25th–29th May – Half Term

Next week is **Walk to School Week** – a fun chance to walk or scoot to school! Walking helps children build strength, balance, coordination, confidence, and independence. Along the way, they can spot and talk about the world around them, helping to develop curiosity, language, and understanding of their environment.

PE News:

Next week PE will be on Wednesday! After half term, PE will return to Every Thursday.

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday, please ensure your child brings their book bag on this day.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.

As the weather is getting warmer, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle and a cap. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!



Our Learning - This week:

Communication and Language Development

This week, the children have been writing some lovely sentences! They have been using word banks and their grapheme mats to help them. It is incredibly how far they have come since joining us in September! We are extremely proud of all our children.

Please do continue to encourage your child to write at home. Maybe they can help you write a shopping list or maybe an ingredients list.

Please continue to practice the following tricky words:

the, of, I, put, pull, full, was, they, you, push, was, by, all, into, are, sure, pure.

Maths:

In math's, we have been looking at all the different skills we have learnt so far! We can subitise (knowing the amount just by looking) we know our number bonds to 10, we can complete double numbers to 5 and say if they are odd or even! WOW we have learnt so much!

Reception trip to Wellington Country Park!

Just a gentle reminder to confirm your child's place for our reception school trip. This can be done through the Arbor App.

We are looking forward to taking your children on this wonderful adventure!

Reception song of the week: - Over the Deep Blue Sea.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICPJhybHBkA&list=RDICPJhybHBkA&start_radio=1

Reception Star of the week:

R Rupert: Rocky

R Paddington: Hugo



Contact us: reception@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 15/05/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every Wednesday
- 18th May – Eid Bazaar
- 19th May – Soiree
- 20th May – Spring Fling
- 21st May – Last day of school

The Spring Fling will take place on Wednesday 20th May. Tickets can be purchased now from your class teacher, for £1. Year 1 and 2 can come to school on Wednesday in their party clothes, as we will not be getting changed before the disco. The disco will finish at 4.15, when you can collect your child from their classroom.

In English we have been reading Mr Gumpy's Motor Car. At the start of the week we looked at the features of a book cover, and the children made predictions about what would happen to Mr Gumpy. Later in the week, we focussed on plurals, adding 's' and 'es' to words.

Maths this week has focussed on fractions! We explored halves and quarters, and discussed the vocabulary equal and unequal. We looked at how many quarters can make a half, and how many halves make a whole.

In History, we discussed what the future of transport may look like. We compared modern vehicles to those from the 19th century and investigated some of the newest cars and trains around the world today. The children were amazed to hear about Japan's Maglev train! They then designed their own futuristic cars.



Stars of the Week

1 Jeffers – Iyla

1 Donaldson – Noah



Words of the Week: future

magnetic

levitate

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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 15th May 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

18.05.26 Eid Celebration after school

22.05.26: INSET Day

w/c 25.05.26: Half Term



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**.

Our Learning

This week, we have painted and decorated our vases using images from Greek mythology. We have also be learning about Sikhism in our RE lessons.

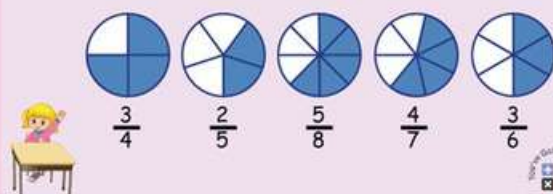
In Maths, we have been practising how to add and subtract fractions.

In English, we started to write a myth inspired by the story of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.

Next week, we will be learning about the weather in our geography lessons.

In Maths, we will be exploring equivalents fractions and non unit fractions.

In a non-unit fraction the numerator is any number other than 1.



In English, we will finish and edit our myths.



Word of the Week: medicine

Here are some of the vases we have been sculpting inspired by Greek pottery.

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Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 15th May 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

18.05.26–Eid Celebration after school

19.05.26– Soiree (evening event)

22.05.26: INSET Day

w/c 25.05.26: Half Term



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 **Wednesday**.

Word of the Week: medicine



We have been making Viking longboats this week in history.

Our Learning

This week, we completed our study of Vikings by exploring how they used longships to travel the globe. As part of our lesson, we were challenged to make a model of a longship.

In DT, we began a unit of textile design and were tasked to research money containers and practised how to sew different types of stitches.

In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of decimals to contexts involving money including converting between £ and pence.

Next week, we will continue our DT unit by designing and making our own textile money containers.

In English, we will be writing a story inspired by Viking mythology.

In Maths, we will continue to learn about how to calculate using decimals in contexts involving money. We will also be preparing for the Multiplication Times Tables Check by completing a mock test. More information about the MTC can be found on Seesaw.

On Tuesday, Year 4 will have the opportunity to take part in a drumming workshop. Children will be invited to share what they have learnt at the Musical Soiree event in the evening.





Year 5 Peek at the Week

15th May 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

18th: Eid Bazaar
 19th May: Soiree
 22nd May–Inset Day
 25th May–29th May: Half Term
 23rd June: Burnham Grammar School Trip
 30th June: Fire Service Visit

Please come and join us for the Eid Bazaar on Monday.



Our Learning

This week, we began our unit on Sikhism where we explored links between this religion and others studied this year.

In maths, we continued our topic in decimals, and learn new strategies in adding and subtracting decimals with different numbers of decimal places.

In English, we wrote own version of The Highwayman.

Next week, we will start our History unit about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will look at the Great Western Railway and changes over time.

In English, we will finish reading the shared text of Oliver Twist together and discussed the main events and characters in the story.

Child of the week

5Dawe: **Jasreet** 5Maple: **George** 5Ofili: **Evie**

Word of the Week: **rhythm**

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

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 15th May 2026

Important Information

11.05.26 : Eid Bazar

19.05.26 : Priory Musical Soiree

22.05.26 : INSET day (no school)

25.05.26–29.05.26: May Half Term

17.06.26: Matilda Trip

23.06.26 and 25.06.26 : Y6 Production

03.07.26 : Y6 Summer Fair

07.07.26 : Y6 Transition Day

09.07.26 : Y6 Sports Day (morning)

10.07.26 - 13.07.26 : Merchant Hill Residential Trip

20.07.26 : Y6 Leavers Graduation

Our Learning



**Year 6 SATs
are over!**

This week, in history, we started our History of London topic by exploring the London timeline starting from 47AD when the Romans founded the settlement of Londinium.

In DT, we learnt how trusses and arches can strengthen bridges.

This week, we have also begun rehearsals for the Year 6 Production of 'Alice the musical'. The children have started learning the songs and had the chance to watch the movie!

Next week, in DT, we will complete our topic on bridges by designing and constructing our own bridges with straw and cardboard.

Next week, in production rehearsals, we will begin the audition process. Roles will be cast by the end of the week.

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:

Well done to all our amazing year 6 pupils for completing their SATs !

Word of the Week: recommend

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

Contact us: year6@prioryschool.com

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Occupations

Important Dates

Apple Class Community visits

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

Berry Class TVAP:

Every Wednesday

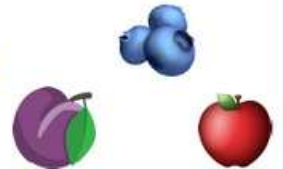
Cherry Class Swimming:

Every Friday—please remember swimming clothes and towels!



Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week of 11/05/2026



This week has once again been filled with engaging and practical learning opportunities across the Orchard.

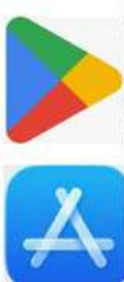
In English, all classes have continued exploring the topic of Occupations. The children have enjoyed taking on different roles through imaginative and sensory play. Berries Class have been learning about doctors, engaging in role-play activities such as caring for patients and using medical equipment. Pears Class have been learning about police officers, exploring how they help keep people safe and taking part in role-play scenarios. Plums Class have been learning about firefighters, investigating how they help in emergencies. The children have shown great enthusiasm and engagement, developing their communication and understanding through meaningful play.

In Maths, pupils have been focusing on learning about positional language, and developing understanding of half and quarter turns. Also exploring concepts such as doubling, sharing, and grouping. Through practical activities, children have been supported to develop their understanding at their own level, from exploring number through hands-on resources to solving simple number sentences. The use of concrete materials and interactive activities has helped to build confidence and deepen understanding.

In Science, the children have been learning about keeping healthy, with a focus on how germs spread and the importance of washing hands. They took part in a practical experiment to see how germs can spread, which helped them understand how easily germs move from one person to another. The children then explored how to wash their hands properly using soap, rub, wash and dry, learning how this helps to stop the spread of germs. The children were very engaged and enjoyed the hands-on learning.

Important Notice

A gentle reminder to please sign up to your Seesaw accounts. This will allow you to view photos of the children hard at work, stay updated on their learning, and celebrate all of their wonderful achievements.



Stars of the week



Plum class: Amira for amazing role-play skills during English

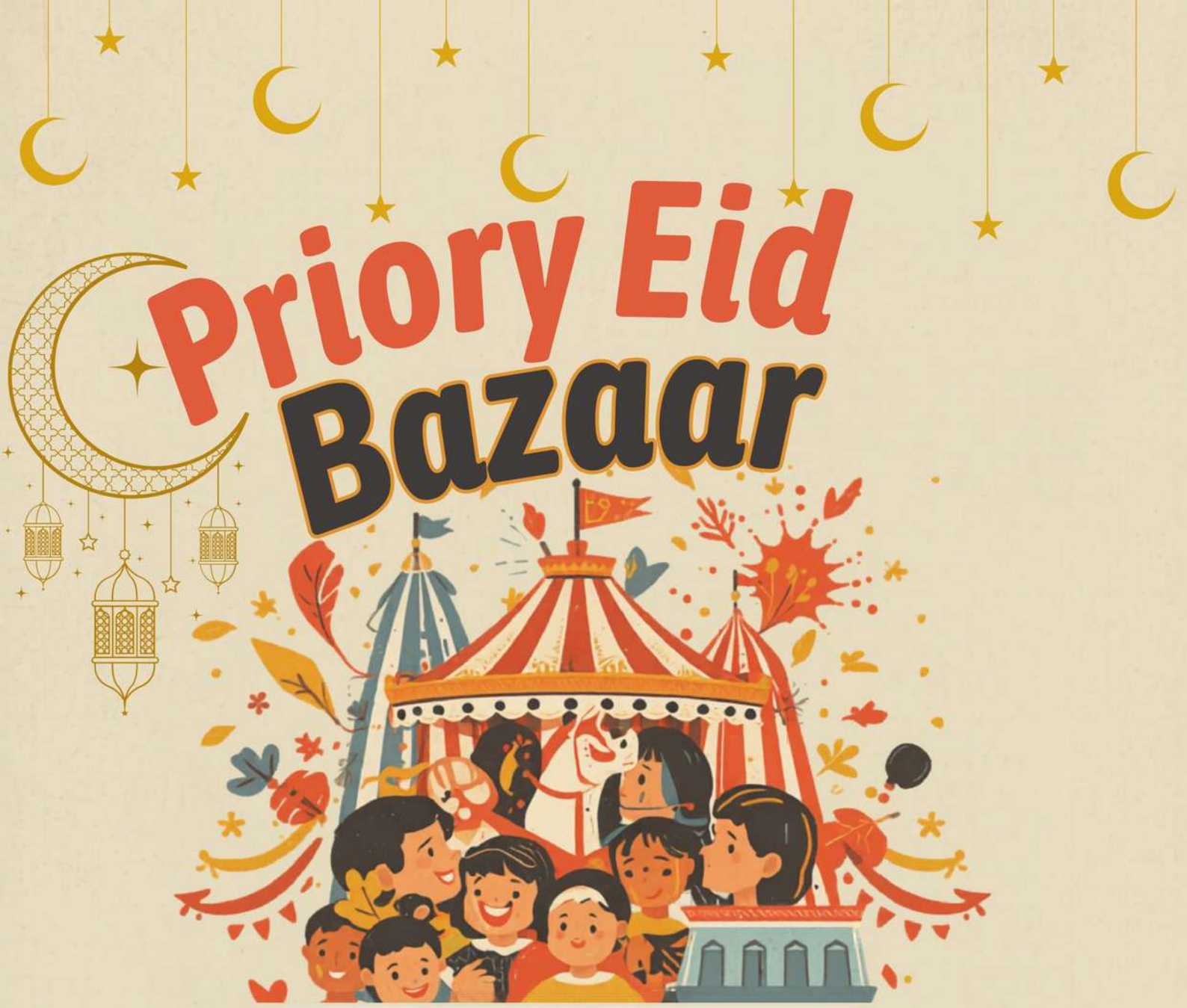
Cherry class: De'arra for doing an amazing job in her phonic assessment

Apple class: Azan for participating in all English lessons

Pear class: Rohaansh for engaging in his activities.

Berry class: Izaan for making positive choices consistently





MONDAY MAY 18TH 2026
3.00PM-4.30PM - ON KS1 PLAYGROUND

**GAMES, FOOD, CRAFTS, SLIME,
FACE PAINTING, HENNA & MORE!**

FUN FOR ALL



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN CELEBRATIONS
ORCHARD AVE, SL1 6HE



TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY 11TH
 MAY: £6.00
 INCLUDING TEA/COFFEE &
 HOMEMADE CAKE
 AVAILABLE ON ARBOR VIA THE
 SCHOOL SHOP

19
 MAY
 2026
 DOORS OPEN : 6.30 PM
 PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 7.00PM



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning: Eating and food

Friday 22nd May - 10:00 - 11:00am

**Join our online informal discussion.
What to expect?**

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Eating out

**25 spaces
available!**

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE

Official Reopening of the Pond at Lent Green Lane, Burnham

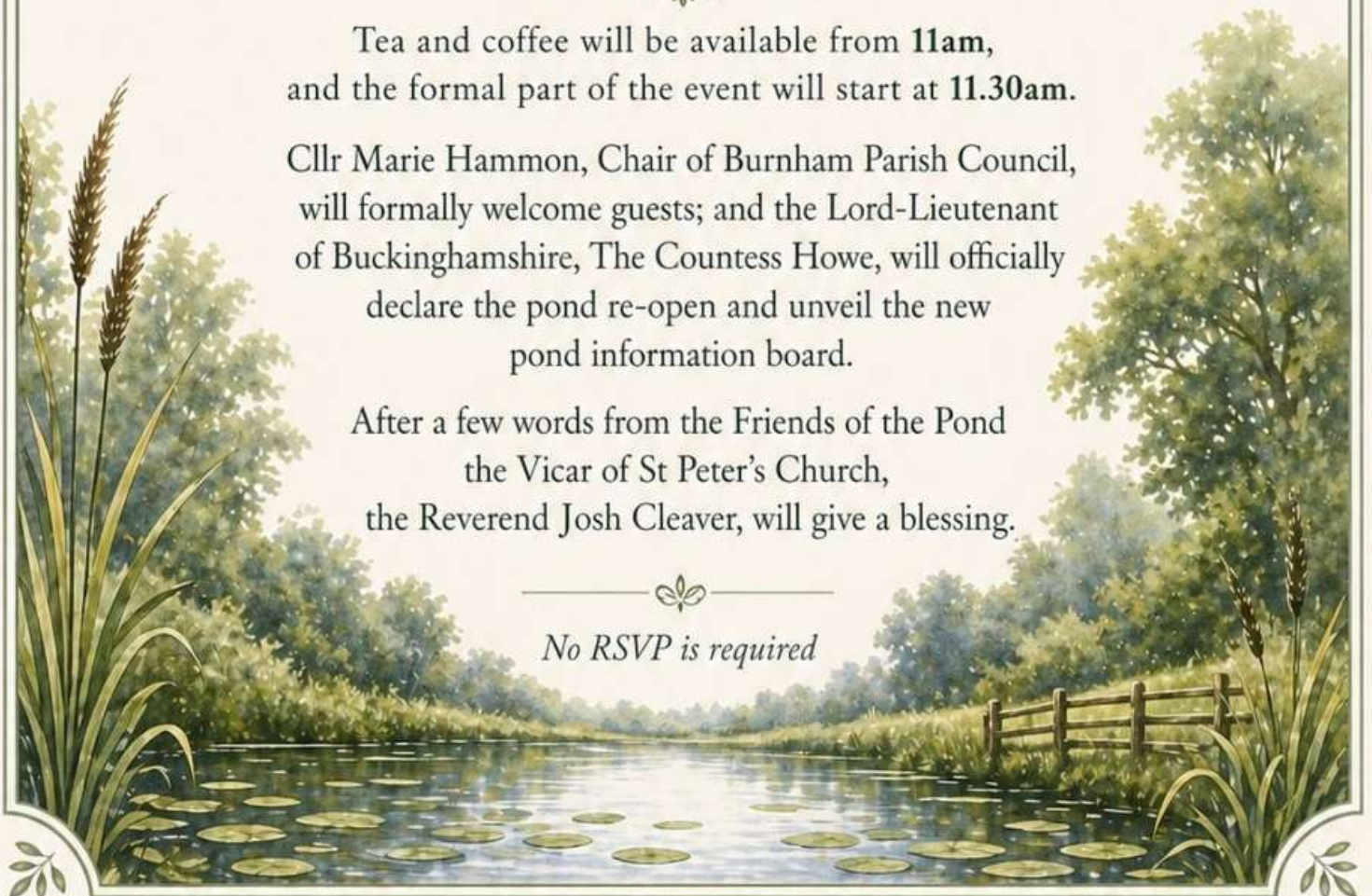
ON SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

Tea and coffee will be available from **11am**,
and the formal part of the event will start at **11.30am**.

Cllr Marie Hammon, Chair of Burnham Parish Council,
will formally welcome guests; and the Lord-Lieutenant
of Buckinghamshire, The Countess Howe, will officially
declare the pond re-open and unveil the new
pond information board.

After a few words from the Friends of the Pond
the Vicar of St Peter's Church,
the Reverend Josh Cleaver, will give a blessing.

No RSVP is required





SLOUGH SEND

PARENT CARER FORUM



Coffee Morning



Join us for a friendly, informal coffee morning to connect, share experiences and support each other.

Your voice matters



Together we are stronger



DATE:
21st May 2026



VENUE:
Best Start Family Hub
Penn Wood SL2 1PG



TIME:
11-12:30pm



All parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are welcome! 

CURVE VENUE PRESENTS

From 10am
to 3pm**£4**
Per
Session

or £12 for 4

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TUESDAY 26 MAY**Ages
5+
years****DJ Skills****Arts and Crafts****Street Dance****60 min
Fun Filled
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Who We Are

A collective of parents and carers working together to improve support for children and young people with SEND in Slough.

What We Do

- ✓ **Amplify** the voices of families navigating SEND systems.
- ✓ **Work alongside** schools, health teams, and the local authority.
- ✓ **Use real lived** experiences to shape and improve services.
- ✓ **Strengthen links** between home, school, and services.
- ✓ **Create** safe, welcoming spaces where families can learn, connect, and lead change together.

Why It Matters

- ★ Because **when families are heard, services improve.**
- ★ Because **every child deserves to thrive.**
- ★ Because **together, we make SEND support stronger.**



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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Family, siblings and homelife

Friday 19th June - 10:00 - 11:00am

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Creating a home that works for everyone's needs and rhythms
- Supporting sibling bonds
- Navigating family tensions with empathy and realistic expectations
- Letting go of 'perfect' parenting

**25 spaces
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Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



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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