

12TH DECEMBER 2025

ISSUE 13

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

On Monday, the children were absolutely thrilled to meet the reindeer. They loved learning about these beautiful animals, asking brilliant questions, and—most importantly—discovering a little more about how Father Christmas travels on Christmas Eve! It was a truly special experience for everyone.

We also enjoyed our Orchard Christmas performances, where the children sang and signed with confidence and joy. Their hard work really shone through, and it was wonderful to see so many families there supporting them.

Illness in School

We are currently seeing a high number of illnesses across the school, which reflects what is being reported nationally and widely covered in the news. There is a particularly unpleasant flu virus circulating at the moment, with symptoms commonly including fever, congestion, fatigue, vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

Please use your judgement when deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school. If your child is unwell, feverish, very congested, or unable to participate comfortably in a full school day, keeping them at home to rest is the most appropriate and safest option.

Children who have experienced sickness or diarrhoea should remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode, in line with public health guidance. This helps limit the spread of illness and protects vulnerable pupils and staff across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us keep our school community as well as possible during the winter months.

Nut-Free School Reminder

A reminder that Priory is a nut-free school. This week, a child brought a peanut butter sandwich into school and was seated next to another pupil with a nut allergy. This is extremely dangerous.

Our nut-free rule is in place to keep children safe—even small amounts of nut residue can trigger a serious allergic reaction.

Please check lunchboxes carefully and avoid all nut products, including spreads, cereal bars, biscuits and pesto.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

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:

No SOTW this week

Peek at the Week

Nursery– 12th December 2025

Thursday 18th December is the last day of term for all our Nursery children. (usual finish times)

This is also party day and children can wear their party clothes to school.



Our Visit from the Reindeer.



Learning

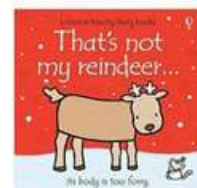
Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about how important it is to use a tissue to blow our noses and then to wash our hands. This will help us not to spread germs.



Communication & Language Development

It was great to meet some real reindeer. We have been learning new vocabulary when reading our book 'That's not my reindeer' and impressed the



reindeer herders with our knowledge of antlers, beards, and hooves!

Physical Development

We have been developing our hand-eye co-ordination with lots of Christmas activities this week.



Child of the week: **Thea** for her confident speaking when taking part in focus time on the carpet.

Nursery rhyme of the week: Jingle Bells

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ34DSTjsLQ&pp=ygUMamluZ2xlIGJlbG>



Word of the Week: 'Jingle Bells'



Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Reception – 12th December 2025



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 all of the sounds and are learning how to blend the sound together to confidently read words. We have been focusing on blending the sounds: **hat, cup, duck, sat, man, peck, hug, red.**

In drawing club this week we have been watching a children's program called 'Bagpuss'. The children have enjoyed looking at all the different characters such as: **Bagpuss, rag doll, professor Yaffle and the mice.** We also looked at where the story was set, they then thought about how they change the story and re-tell it their way!



Maths:

The children in Reception have been learning about four-sided shapes in math's. They have been exploring where these shapes appear in their environment and have been identifying the similarities between different four-sided shapes.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children in Reception have been learning about being responsible in PSHE. They are beginning to understand what being responsible means and how they can be responsible. **The focus vocabulary words are: responsible/ responsibilities and choice.**



Important Dates / Reminders

Friday 5th December 2025 – Priory Christmas Fayre

15th December 2025- Dress rehearsal: Children may bring their own clothes to wear for the Christmas rehearsal and performance.

16th December 2025- Christmas performance starting at **2pm.**

17th December 2025- Christmas lunch.

End of term 2- 19th December 2025 at **1:30pm**

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.

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: **Comparing and combining 4 sided shapes** – we will be using the vocabulary: **4 sides, 4 corners, 4 equal sides, long side, short side, compare.**

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 everyday. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!

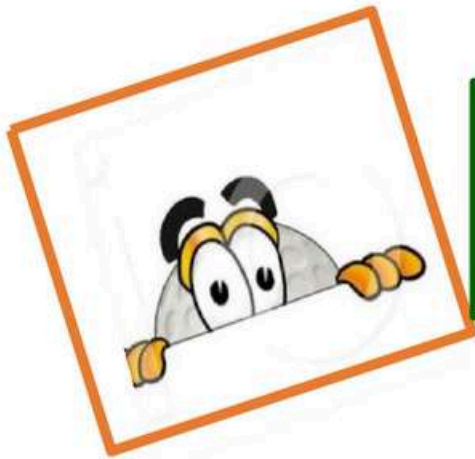
R Paddington: Talia R Rupert: Xavier



Reception song of the week: Santa, He has a red, red coat.

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Peek at the Week

12/12/25 - Year 1

Important Dates / Reminders

- Year 1 Nativity - Monday 15th December, 2pm.
- Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 17th December
- Friday 19th December – last day of term.



Reindeer visit on Monday!

Our Learning

We have been carrying out phonics assessments this week in Year 1, and the adults are very proud of all the progress made in learning new digraphs this term. Please continue to record in reading diaries when you have read together.

In Maths, we have started learning about shape. The children have really enjoyed practical lessons and activities which have allowed them to explore 2D and 3D shapes, and build on their knowledge from Reception.

We have been learning about everyday materials this week in Science. On Thursday, we discussed the difference between an object and material, and looked at some materials around our classroom. We then worked together in groups to complete a sorting activity.

We have been very busy learning lines, practicing our songs and creating props for our Nativity on Monday! All of Year 1 are excited to perform to parents, and can't wait for our dress rehearsal to older year groups on Friday.

Star of the Week

1 Jeffers: Izaan

1 Donaldson: Manreet



Words of the Week: Reindeer Advent Material

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 12th December 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17.12.25 Priory Christmas lunch

19.12.25 Last day of term –
finish at 1:30pm.

05.01.25 INSET Day



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.

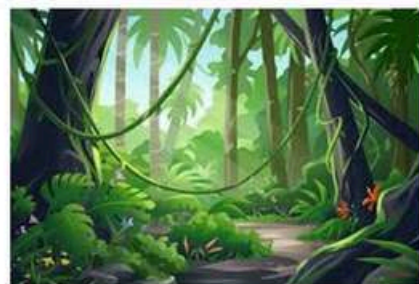
Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**. Please also send your child in with a coat daily.

Our Learning

This week, we have continued with our unit on subtraction in maths, using different methods to solve these numbers sentences (counters, drawing and crossing out dots, counting back on our fingers and counting back on a blank number line).

In English, we generated descriptive phrases about the rainforest and then used our ideas to write a poem about Anna's journey from the busy city to the tropical rainforest.



We enjoyed a visit from a lady from Cippenham Baptist Church who spoke to us about the Christian celebration of Christmas. We had lots to contribute to this workshop and could 'show off' our recent learning about the Christmas Story in RE.



We have also enjoyed making some very special crafts to take home at the end of term! Here is a sneak peak!



Child of the Week

2Newton: Oliver

2Franklin: Rebecca



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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 12th December 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17.12.25 Christmas Lunch

18.12.25 Class Christmas Party–non uniform day

22.12.25- 02.01.26 Christmas Holidays

05.01.26 INSET Day



HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

<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 had the opportunity to spend some time with the reindeers who were visiting our school. We were able to find out lots of facts about these amazing animals.

In English, we finished writing reports inspired by the terrific tortoise.

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

In our DT lessons, we have been using sewing skills to create a seasonal decoration.

Next week, is a busy week in school. We have lots of seasonal celebrations including Christmas Lunch, class Christmas parties and a Significant Achievement Award Assembly,

In RE lessons, we will be learning about how Christmas is an important festival for Christians. We will learn about the story of the Nativity and how some Christmas traditions are linked to this story and others are not.



We were visited by a string quartet who performed some lovely Christmas songs.

We also learnt more about the different instruments and how music can transport us to other times and places.

Word of the Week: straight

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Peek at the Week

Year 4– 12th December 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17.12.25 Christmas Lunch

18.12.25 Class Christmas Party–
non uniform day

22.12.25- 02.01.26 Christmas
Holidays

05.01.26 INSET Day



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:

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

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, began with the opportunity to spend some time learning about reindeer as they were visiting our school.



Our RE lessons focussed on how Christmas is an important religious festival for Christians. As part of our learning we used oranges to make Christingles. We also had a visit from a member of the Cippenham Baptist Church to teach us how some Christmas traditions are linked to the story of the Nativity whilst others are not.

In Maths, we have been working on strategies for short division. This is an area of Maths where our knowledge of times tables really helped us.

Next week, will be busy week in school with Christmas Lunch, class Christmas parties and our Significant Achievement assembly to look forward to.

In our French lessons, we will be learning about how to say, read and write the days of the week.

French Days of the Week





Year 5 Peek at the Week

12th December 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

Significant Achievement Awards: 19th Dec

Christmas lunch: 17th Dec

Christmas class parties: 18th Dec

Last day of term: 19th Dec

This week, in Geography we looked at Earthquakes using crackers and shaving foam.



Our Learning

This week, we began our RE unit where we focused on the Christmas Story.

In maths, we continued with fractions and focused on adding and subtracting fraction that are less than 1 and greater than 1.

In English, we also wrote a blog in Geography where the children will talk about the impact of a tsunami.

In PSHRE, we completed our final Together As One Session where we made fruit kebabs to discuss diversity.

Next week, we will begin our DT unit and learn a range of stitches to join and decorate fabric in order to make a Christmas stocking.

In maths, we will continue to focus on fractions. Here, we will consolidate learning this half term.

In English, after Christmas, we will be focusing on space-themed non-chronological reports in which the children will create their own planets and write about them.

Star of the week

5Dawe: **Zain** 5Maple: **Anaya** 5Ofili: **Jay-Jay**

Word of the Week: **disastrous**

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 12th December 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

17.12.25: Christmas Lunch/ Party

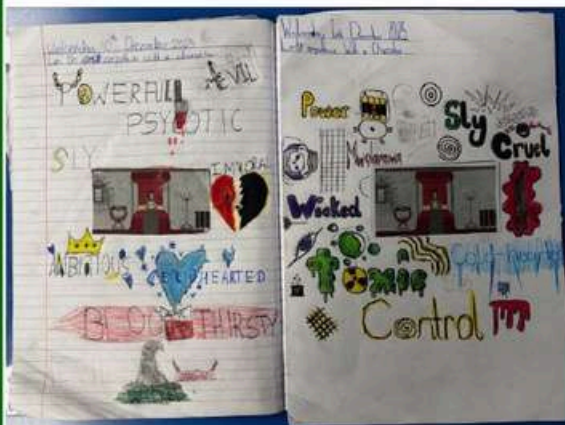
19.12.25: Christmas Holidays (finish by 1:30pm)

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

Y6 English Work (Lady Macbeth vocabulary) :



Our Learning

This week, in science, we learnt how electricity is produced, and what it produces. We had the chance to make simple circuits and made posters on being around electricity safely!

In English, we explored more of Macbeth in detail, learning how to empathise with the characters. We wrote letters in the role of Macbeth using Old English!

In maths, we started our new topic on measurement. We enjoyed a practical lesson on measurement and focused on converting metric measures.

We also had the chance to visit the reindeers on Monday afternoon! We learnt lots of interesting facts about them and even had the chance to feed them!

Next week, in history, we will see the trial of King Charles I come alive. We will then write a recount of the trial, using the notes we took during the workshop.

In English, we will be composing and publishing our own poems inspired by *Double, Double Toil and Trouble*.

In maths, we will complete our topic on converting units by learning how to calculate with metric measures. We will also enjoy some fun Christmas maths activities.

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: Michele **6 Anning:** Gaanavi **6 Darwin:** Harmony

Word of the Week: guarantee

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The Orchard–Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 8/12/2025

Important Dates

TVAP– Pear class–Wednesday.
Please bring pack lunch.

Swimming– Apple class–
Friday. Please bring in
swimwear and a towel

Community trip– Plum class–
Monday - Please bring in £2

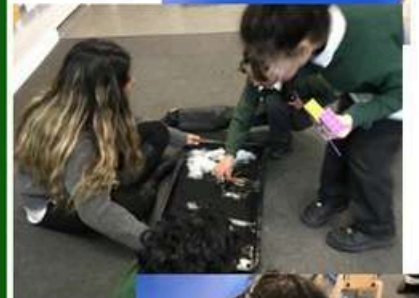
Our Learning

Maths: We have been busy counting from 1-10! The children loved walking through the Orchard to find hidden numbers. They did a great job tracking them all down!

English: We have been reading *Stick Man*! The children have loved re-enacting their favourite scenes from the story and were very busy creating their own stickmen.

Christmas Concert: This week, the Orchard performed their Christmas concert! The children did such an amazing job singing and signing for their parents. We are all so proud of you!

Makaton sign:



Star of the week



THE WHOLE ORCHARD– for their efforts for the Christmas Concert!





THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER



Class Christmas PARTY



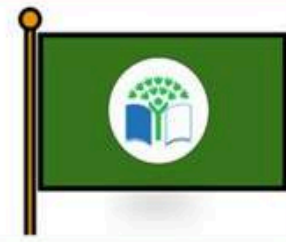
Non Uniform Day
Children can come to school
in their party clothes!





Eco Council News.

December 2025.



Last week was the Christmas Fayre. As part of the event, we held a pre-loved school uniform sale and a pre-loved book sale.

Uniform was sold for as little as £2 and books for a bargain at 50p.

We managed to raise around £80 which is fantastic!

Selling preloved books is eco-friendly! It extends a book's life, reducing the demand for new books and the massive resources (trees, water, energy, inks) needed for printing. When you buy a preloved book, you are helping by cutting carbon footprints and keeping books out of landfills where they take decades to decompose.

Selling preloved uniform is also eco-friendly because it significantly reduces textile waste, conserves natural resources like water and energy, and lowers the carbon emissions associated with manufacturing new clothes.

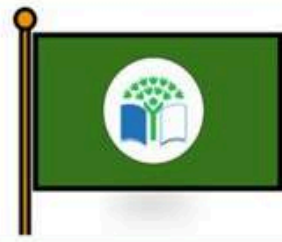
Our Eco Council team would like to continue to promote eco-friendly initiatives and if you missed the opportunity this time, you will be able to contribute at future school events.





Eco Council News.

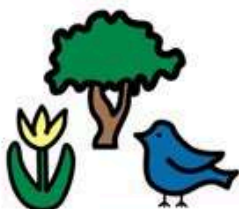
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Over this last half term, Miss Crowe and children in KS2 have worked hard to keep the school environment clean. Miss Crowe has had different children help use the litter pickers and pick up any rubbish around the playgrounds, around the classrooms and even around the mile a day track!

It is really important to pick up litter because it protects wildlife and ecosystems, promotes safety by removing hazards and enhances the school's grounds appearance. The children taking part seemed really involved and questioned how some of the litter even got there!

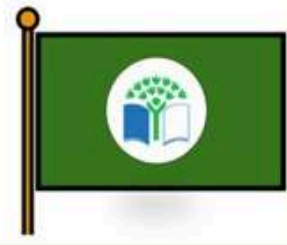
Scroll down for more photos!





Eco Council News.

December 2025.



Litter Picking



**FREE
SESSIONS**

The season to shine with Slough Libraries

Follow the trail of the magical comet to a sparkling line-up of free family activities in libraries this December.

The Curve

The Comet story time

Saturday 6 December, 11-11.30am. A special edition story time, featuring the magical story of The Comet.

Caroline's comets

Saturday 13 December, 2-4pm. Join Museums Partnership Reading to explore Slough's comet-connected history. Celebrate the achievements of Caroline Herschel, discoverer of 8 comets, who looked to the skies over Slough through a giant telescope. Create your own comet to zoom around your room, along with other space related activities. Drop in. Age 5+

LEGO® Build to Give

Tuesday 16 December, 4-5pm. Children can give the gift of kindness by building a LEGO® heart and for each one made, LEGO® will donate a gift to a child in need. Drop-in. Age 5+

Papercraft

Saturday 20 December, 3-4pm. Transform your paper into dragon claws or a Christmas wreath. Drop in. Age 4+

Do you want to make a snowman?

Monday 22 December, 2-3pm. Turn paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+

Regular drop in events

LEGO® (for age 5+)

Tuesdays, 4-5pm

Chess (all ages)

Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm

Borrow up to 30 books with your library membership and take the magic of stories home. Access thousands of books, magazines and newspapers digitally, through our e-reading services, so you can always have something to read without venturing out in the cold.

Ask staff for details or visit

www.slough.gov.uk/libraries

Parents/carers should stay on site. Please note the age guidance for each activity.

Cippenham Library

Pop-up play featuring The Comet story time

Saturday 6 December, 11am-12noon. Enjoy a magical tale, then stay to play. Board games and puzzles available after your story.

Caroline's comets

Saturday 6 December, 1.30-3.30pm. Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

Pop-up play

Saturday 13 December, 11am-12noon. A room full of puzzles and board games for an hour of family fun.

Do you want to make a snowman?

Tuesday 23 December, 2-3pm. Turn plain paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+

Britwell Library

Lynch Hill School choir

Friday 19 December, 4pm. Enjoy a selection of seasonal songs from the young singers of Lynch Hill School.

Langley Library

Caroline's comets

Monday 15 December, 3.15-4.30pm. Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

Jingle bell pots

Tuesday 16 December, 3.30-4.30pm. Turn old pots into festive bells that really jingle all the way! Add your own colourful touches to create a delightful decoration for your home. Drop in. Age 3+

More comet adventures await at The Curve Venue seasonal show The Comet. See curvevenue.uk for details. **Please note: ticket charges apply for this production.**



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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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