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ISSUE 02

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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## Headteacher's News

It has been fantastic to see so many of you at our parent welcome meetings over the past week. Your attendance and engagement mean a great deal to us, and they set a strong foundation for the partnership between home and school that helps every child thrive. Thank you for taking the time to join us and for supporting the start of a positive year ahead.

This week, our behaviour focus continues to be Kindness. In his assembly, Mr Philpott shared the image of sowing seeds, reminding us that every choice we make is like planting a seed – we can choose to sow flowers through our words and actions, or we can sow weeds. As a school, we are encouraging children to think carefully about the seeds they plant each day, and how kindness helps our community grow stronger, happier and more respectful.

Next week is National Teaching Assistants' Day (Friday 26th September). At Priory, we take this opportunity to celebrate not just our TAs, but all of our wonderful support staff. Every day, they make a difference by helping children feel seen, valued and safe, creating calm and inclusive classrooms, and going above and beyond to ensure our pupils thrive. Their kindness, patience and dedication often happen quietly in the background, but the impact is front and centre in the lives of our children. We are so grateful for everything they do.

Looking ahead, we have some important dates coming up:

- Whole school photographer – Monday 22nd September
- Year 6 Multi-sports Festival – Monday 22nd September
- Parents' Evenings – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October
- WW2 Sharing Assembly – Friday 17th October
- Non-school uniform (Christmas donations) – Friday 24th October

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend – we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, ready to tackle another exciting week together.

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:

School and Teacher

<https://youtu.be/wLj6hrcmsls>



# Peek at the Week

## Nursery–19 September 2025

It has been so lovely to have met you all and we look forward to working with you in supporting your child this year. 'Peek at the Week' aims to inform you of what areas of learning we have been looking at during the week in our continuous provision and carpet times. It also will have some helpful reminders and important dates to note.

**School Photos are on Monday 22nd September.**



We have been busy exploring our new nursery class and outside area.



We have had lots of fun.

### Learning

It has been great welcoming back our original nursery children. They have been excellent role models to our new starters. Our new children are settling in excellently. Thank you parents for all your support.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been getting to know our new friends in class this week. We have been showing them all the different activities we can do and showing them around the classroom.

### Communication & Language Development

We have been learning new songs and rhymes this week. We have had fun singing our 'goodbye song' at the end of the sessions. I wonder if your child can remember how it goes

'Goodbye, goodbye, we've had fun,  
Now our Mums and Dads have come!

Is it yours or is it mine?  
Shhhhhhhhh it's home time'

### Physical Development

We have been moving around the garden on our scooters and balance bikes.



Children of the week: Our new Nursery children for settling in so well and our older children for welcoming our new friends with big smiles.

Please share this video with your child: 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSdb5wrDHnU>



Word of the Week : **happy**

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# Peek at the Week

## Reception – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

End of Term 1 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 (3:15pm)

Start of Term 2 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025

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

### Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day. You can read any book of your choosing, however reading books will be issued in the next few weeks.
- Focus core math skill: **Matching objects** – we will be using the vocabulary: **Same** and **Match**.  
These two objects are the **same**  
'Can you **match** the socks that are the **same**?'  
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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 uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!



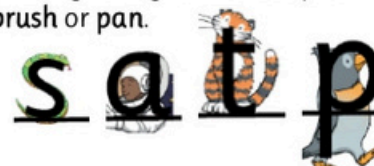
### Our Learning - This week:

This the children have been getting to know their daily routines such as learning time, lunch time and of course their first PE session! They have done extremely well settling into these routines and we are very proud of all the reception children!



### Communication and Language Development:

This week we have begun our Little Wandle Phonics Program! So far we have learnt the phonemes (letter sounds) **s – a – t – p** and we are beginning to learn how to write the graphemes (letter formation). Challenge your child to see if they can find anything around the home beginning with these phonemes such as **socks – apple – toothbrush or pan.**



### Maths:

This week we have continued to look at number and matching objects. The children have been looking at how to sort objects according to their size, colour, shape or actual objects. They have been very busy sorting the animals according to their appearance such as spots – stripes – plain.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week the children have been looking at feelings and our zones of regulation. Each zone is a different colour and linked to a core feeling. This helps the children understand their feelings and the feelings of others.

## Reception Stars of the Week coming soon!



Reception song of the week: Coming soon!

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 1

### Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send children in with all uniform/ belongings named.
- PE is only on a **Tuesday**.
- School photos on **Monday**



### Our Learning

#### **This week:**

In Maths, we have been working to recognise numbers written in different forms – numerals, words and representations. We have been continuing to practice counting backwards and forwards to 20.

In English, we have been enjoying reading more poems from our class book "Out and About" by Shirley Hughes. At the start of the week we performed a poem as a class, adding actions and movement. We then spent time exploring rhyming words, which we will put to good use when we have a try writing our own poems!

In PSHE, we have been discussing the idea of feeling safe. We spoke about where and who makes us feel safe – and the children shared their own thoughts during circle time.

### **Star of the Week**

1 Jeffers: Hoorain

1 Donaldson: Avika



Words of the Week: **when what he she was**

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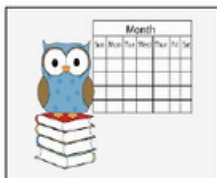
# Peek at the Week

## Year 2– 19th September 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

#### 22.09.25 School photos

Please read with and to your child every day and also discuss what you are reading.



Spellings will also be sent home each Friday and there will be a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice these spellings daily if possible.

Fruit is provided for snack time but the children can also choose to bring in a healthy snack from home.

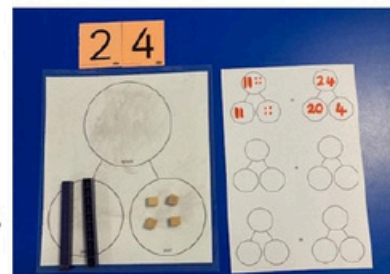
Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday**.

Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their bag every day. We will keep their reading records at school on a Thursday to change their books and update their spellings ready to send home Friday.

Please send your child in with a coat or waterproof jacket as they will be outside in the garden for part of each day.

### Our Learning

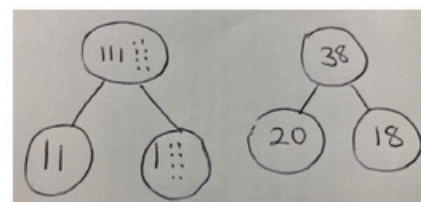
**This week**, the children have been learning to partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones and to



work out the value of each part. In their English lessons, the children have written speech bubbles to show a conversation between Mr Pepys and his maid, when she woke him to tell him about the huge, raging fire!

**Next week**, we will start our science unit on materials. The children will be sorting different materials and objects according to their properties: hard, soft, flexible, rigid etc. In our English lessons we are going to write a set of instructions from Samuel Pepys to his maid, telling her how to bury his precious possessions to save them from the fire. In maths, we will continue with partitioning numbers, moving on to flexible partitioning. We can split the number into tens and ones, but how else can we partition it?

For example,





# Peek at the Week

## Year 3 – 19th September 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

22.09.25 - School Photos 25.09.25 3 Nightingale–Swimming lessons

10.10.25–Hello Yellow Day



13.10.25 /14.10.25–Parents' Evening

24.10.25–Non Uniform Day–donations for Christmas Fair

w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term

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!

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Monday. Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

### Our Learning

This week, we have been continuing to develop our writing using the story 'Stone Age Boy' to inspire us. In each English lesson, we focus on how to write really effective sentences.



In Maths, we explored number lines and place value up to 1000. In the afternoons, we learnt about life in the Bronze and Iron Ages and how digital devices work. 3 Nightingale were brilliant during their first swimming lesson!

Next week, we are going to begin a unit of work in our Science lesson linked to rocks and soil. We will be learning about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. In Maths, we will be learning to compare and order numbers to 1000.

On Monday, we have our school photographer in so please wear uniform to school and bring PE kit in a bag.

### Year 3 Stone Age Day



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

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 4–19th September 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

22.09.25 - School Photos 03.10.25 Year 4 Roman Day  
 10.10.25–Hello Yellow Day 13.10.25 /14.10.25  
 –Parents' Evening  
 24.10.25–Non Uniform Day–donations for Christmas Fair  
 w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term



Please read with your child for at least 20 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Wednesday. Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

### Our Learning

This week, we continued to develop our writing using the Pixar animation 'Feast' to inspire us.



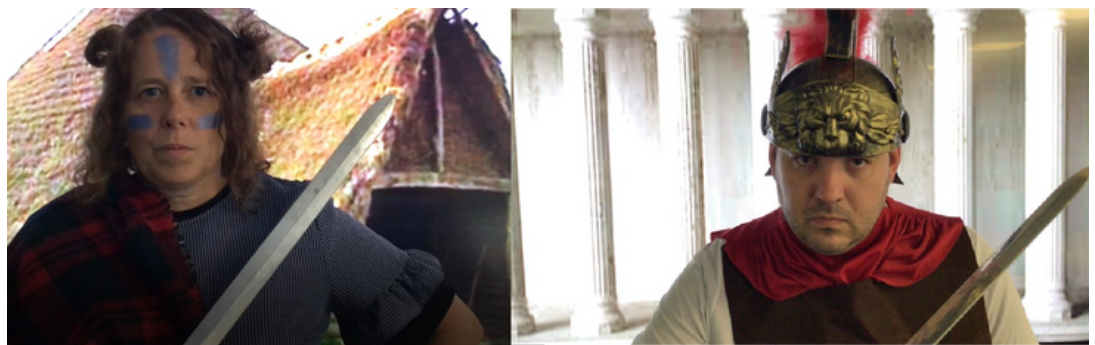
In Maths, we explored number lines and place value up to 1000. In the afternoons, we learnt about the Celts and Boudicca's revolt. We even got to hear an eye-witness account from a Roman and a Celt!

Next week, we will focus on what life was like and the legacy of the Roman invasion of Britain.

In Maths, we will be looking at Roman numerals and ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000. In our Computing lessons, we will be learning about computer networks.



Using Number Lines



In history, we listened to two eye-witness accounts to find out about Queen Boudicca and differing opinions on the revolt she led against Roman rule of Britain.

Word of the Week: weight

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# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 19th September 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

Don't forget to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Tuesday.

School photographer–22nd September 2024

WW2 sharing assembly–17th October at 2pm.



### Our Learning

**This week**, we continued our science unit on forces. We finished this unit with making simple machines using pulleys and levers.

**In maths**, we continued place value focusing on powers of 10, partitioning and writing numbers using words.

**In English**, we continued to explore Rose Blanche and sentence stacking.

**Next week**, we will begin our art unit on propaganda posters by looking at posters encouraging us to "Stay at Home" during the pandemic.

**In maths**, we will focus on comparing and ordering numbers and recap our rounding skills.

**In English**, we will complete analysing our Rose Blanche book by focusing on how to create 'full circle' endings and begin planning and writing our own version the story.

In Science, we looked at water resistance and whether or not a streamline design can affect water resistance.



### Star of the week

Maple: **Haider** Ofili: **Ben** Dawe: **Lily-May**

### Word of the Week: **prejudice**

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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Important Dates /Reminders

**22.09.25:** School Photographers

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

**Fridays:** Spelling quiz. Homework due:

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



Times Tables Rock Stars: Play ([ttrackstars.com](http://ttrackstars.com))

### Our Learning

**This week, in DT,** we used two influential architects as inspiration to design our own magical shop in Diagon Alley. We were also sorted into one of the school houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin.

**In English,** we continued Harry's journey into the magical world and met some of his magical teachers. We then had the opportunity to compare different characters based on their personality and attributes.

**In maths,** we continued to work on place value and applied our knowledge of number. We learnt to read and write larger numbers and compare them.

**Next week, in geography,** we will learn how to read maps using 4 and 6 grid references. The children will get the opportunity to apply their skills to an orienteering activity around the school grounds.

**In English,** we will have the chance to write our own character description of a magical teacher and a magical beast.

**In maths,** we will recap rounding and negative numbers. Then will start a new topic on addition and subtraction, focussing on the written methods

AI Computing Workshop: Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to attend RAF's workshop, where they learned how AI is used in aviation. Pupils created their own paper planes and used the AI technology to launch them!



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



### Child of the week:

**6 Attenborough:** Kyle   **6 Anning:** Dylan H   **6 Darwin:** Esha

**Word of the Week:** prejudice

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# Peek of the Week

The Orchard  
Week commencing- 15.09.25

## Important Dates/ information

**Monday-**

**Community Trips - Apples**

Please could Pears bring in £2 for their community trips so the children are able to buy something from the shops.

**Wednesday-**

**TVAP- Plums**

**Thursday -**

**Swimming- Berries**

Please send children with towel, swim wear and swim nappies.

## Peek of the Week from the Orchard

This week in English, we have introduced our new topic book 'Space Pirate Bears'. We explored the different characters through role play and small world toys, as well as using mind mats to describe the characters features. Here are some of our new characters:



In Maths, we continued working on number consolidation, using our counting skills to put the correct amount of candles on the 'Space Pirates' birthday cake. We also counted out the bears onto the school bus.

Makaton sign of the week:



Bear



## Stars of the week

**Plums:** Musa for sticking in his English work independently

**Cherries:** The whole class for going to the dinning hall for lunch, well done!

**Apples:** Harrison for self regulating

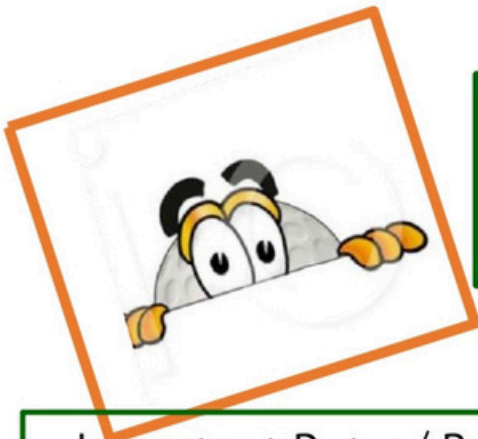
**Pears:** Martyna for following instructions

**Berries:** Ayan for settling into his new class and helping in the classroom

**Strawberries:** The whole class for their first week settling in, well done!







## Peek at the Week Woodlands



### Important Dates / Reminders

We would also like to kindly remind parents who pack a snack for their child in Woodlands to ensure it is a healthy option. Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy choices.



Afternoon sessions have also brought our KS1 and KS2 children together to revisit the different Zones of Regulation. They have also been given lots of opportunities to practise their turn-taking skills through playing a variety of different games. They have also spent time thinking about what makes a good friend and even created their very own friendship potions!



It has been so lovely to see all the children settle back in to woodlands this week. They have all enjoyed spending times in their woodland classes.

Our Year 6 pupils have particularly enjoyed their new secondary-style sessions, where they are practising important skills for the transition to secondary school. This week, they have been focusing on organising their belongings.

In our morning groups, the children have all been recapping their phonics skills and started to learn a couple of new sounds. Our KS2 children have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 100 and have used a place value chart to help them. Meanwhile, our KS1 morning session have been focusing on objects that match and creating sets of objects. Both groups have participated in daily emotion check-ins at the start of their sessions using the zones of regulation to support them.



Woodland star of the week: **Kyle**

For settling back into woodlands really well since the start of term and showing lots of kindness to the younger pupils in his session.



Zone of the week: **Green Zone**

If you need to contact Woodlands, please do so through your child's year group email.





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**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACE**

## Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, and you live in Slough, you can now apply online for a transfer from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) for September 2026.

The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

You will also find the **Starting Secondary School booklet** on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

## Who should apply?

Current Year 6 pupils - children who will be transferring from primary (Year 6) school to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2026.

## When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2025. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 31 October 2025.**

**Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools**

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

## and there is

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- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

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[www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions)  
Closing date to apply 31 October 2025

## Changing your preferences or changing the order after submitting an application

You can make any changes to your application before the closing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences after



the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, all your preferences would be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications.

It is possible to change your preferences after your application has been downloaded by the Admissions team but you will need to complete an amendment form which you will find on the council's website.

## What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (31 October 2025) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

## How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to [www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions) and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

## Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

## Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting Secondary School' booklet

Or visit: [www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions)

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Contact Centre:

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Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

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# OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMP!

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# Year 6 AI and Machine Learning Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 6 attended a workshop by Hyett Education, in conjunction with the RAF. The workshop introduced the children to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning, focusing on their applications in self-driving vehicles. We learned physical computing and coding concepts with BBC micro:bit computers and then built and programmed a robot buggy with AI capabilities. The Year 6's had a fantastic time exploring the technology!

