

27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ISSUE 03

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory


National Support Staff Day - A Huge Thank You!

Today, we take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge the incredible contributions of our support staff at Priory School. From our dedicated catering team, site staff, and PE team to our admin team, inclusion and safeguarding team, and Teaching and Learning Assistants (TLAs), each of them plays a vital role in supporting the education and wellbeing of our pupils. Their hard work often happens behind the scenes, but their impact is felt every day throughout the school. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do to make Priory School such a fantastic place to learn.

A Call for Parental Support - Priory Friends and Christmas Fayre

We also want to take this opportunity to encourage more involvement from our parent community. The Priory Friends group works tirelessly to organise events and raise funds, but we are in real need of additional parental support. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, this year's Christmas Fayre will be smaller in size than usual. However, we are still excited to host a Christmas Market full of festive fun on Friday, 6th December.

- KS2 pupils can enjoy the market from 2-3pm.
- We will open the market to parents and pupils from 3:15-4:30pm.



We kindly ask parents to consider whether they might be able to offer their time to help us restore the Fayre to its full glory in future years. Every little bit of support makes a huge difference.

Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Market Donations

To support our Christmas Market, we are holding a non-uniform day on 25th October. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we kindly ask for donations that can be used at the market, such as items for tombola's or stalls.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating the festive season together!

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 23rd September

Year 1 - 95.4%

Year 2 - 95.0%

Year 3 - 95.9%

Year 4 - 94.1%

Year 5 - 95.0%

Year 6 - 89.4%

Congratulations to classes 5Maple and Apples with 100% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

When you are worried

<https://youtu.be/Z1MzL3dZeC0>

Peek at the Week

Nursery–27th September 2024

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about belonging to our Priory nursery family. We talked about the different activities we do at nursery that may be different to what we do with our families at home.



Communication & Language Development

We have been practising understanding instructions that have two parts, such as “**get your coat and wait by the door please**”. Can you help your child to listen to instructions at home; using their name first will help them.

Physical Development

With the changes in weather we will be wearing coats more. We have been practising to put on our coats by ourselves. Please encourage your children to do their own zips and fastenings up.



Reception Stay and Play Day

Monday 30th September

4:00pm–5:00pm

If you have a child due to start the Reception class in September 2025, please bring your child to visit our Priory Reception classes after school.



We keep finding different bird feathers in our garden. We have been looking at pictures to see which birds they belong to.

As part of our topic ‘1,2,3, all about me’, we have been creating our own faces out of different materials and drawing self portraits.



Child of the week: Aveer for being a kind friend to our new children and for lots of practice using the bathroom and being proud of his achievements.

Nursery rhyme of the week: Incey, Wincey, Spider climbed up the water spout.

Please share this video with your child and encourage them to sing along. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMfPKUz3hvE>

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week-Reception

27.09.24

The weather has been a real talking point in our Reception classes this week! We have had lots of fantastic opportunities to discuss Autumnal weather and experience it in real life—flooding, torrential rain, thunder and lightning! We donned our waterproofs and had lots of fun learning outside, rainy days are the perfect time to explore water play.



We have noticed our Reception children are really getting into the swing of our routines and timetables this week! They have been very enthusiastic in our PE and Music lessons, and our weekly trip to the Library was a highlight again. We had our first whole year assembly this week, and awarded the first Stars of the Week! We always remind children to celebrate their friends who have achieved something that week, and it may be their turn next!

Coming up:

Thursday 10th October – First class photo for Maidenhead Observer

Friday 11th October – Hello Yellow Day (non uniform)

Please remember to send a jacket in with your child,

Our Learning

Communication & Language Development

We have really enjoyed our phonics lessons this week, learning the sounds 'i, n, m, d'. In the home learning journals this week, you will find a helpful sheet to practice these sounds with your child.

Phonic information for Parents [here](#)

Maths



This week, we have built on our sorting skills, using a variety of loose parts in our classrooms. We have explored using the language "fewer" and "more" to describe groupings. Next week, we will be looking at measure and patterns!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In circle time this week, we discussed one of our class charter points—looking after our classroom and equipment. We talked about why this is important, and how we look after our favourite things at home. We then decided to all work together to have a big tidy of our outside area!

Reception song of the week:

[The Seasons Song](#)



Reception Stars of the Week:

RRupert: Zayan

RPaddington: Cayden

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 27th September 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

- All reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please make sure your child brings a book bag/ appropriate bag to take it home in.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.
- Focus core math skill: doubling numbers within 10.



Our Learning

This Week:

In math, we have been practicing doubling numbers within 10, and the children have become very efficient at recalling them! We have also learned how to find 1 more and 1 less than a number. The children have used a range of mathematical resources to support their learning, including cubes, counting bears, and tens frames.

In English, the children have been exploring a poem all about windy weather. They have enjoyed looking at the illustrations in the book and discussing how the wind has made different characters feel. On Thursday, the children had a go at making their own wind spinners to use outside in the windy weather!

Busy Learning:

This week, the children have completed a range of learning opportunities (set tasks) in the busy learning area. They have been representing numbers using cubes, drawing and labeling pictures of their families, and spotting digraphs in familiar words. They have also really enjoyed playing with the new water equipment and have demonstrated fantastic teamwork when filling up the buckets! Great team work was also demonstrated when the children built a tower so tall it was nearly double the size of Miss Moore and Miss Rowe!

We are nearly finished setting up Seesaw, so keep an eye out for our first post!

Next Week's Learning:

Math: We will be comparing numbers using language such as "fewer," "more," "bigger," and "smaller."

English: We will be starting our new class text, *Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go*. The children will be retelling the story.

Science: We will begin our new science topic on the seasons, which will align with our class text.

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Durva Dev

1Jeffers: Faika



Words of the Week: push pull full put

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Peek at the Week

Year 2– 27th September 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

10.10.24 Hello Yellow Day

14.10.24/15.10.24 Parents' Consultation evenings.

wc 28.10.24 Half term



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

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

The children now have logins to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars stuck on the inside front cover of their reading record. Please login to these websites so they can complete activities at their own pace.

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.

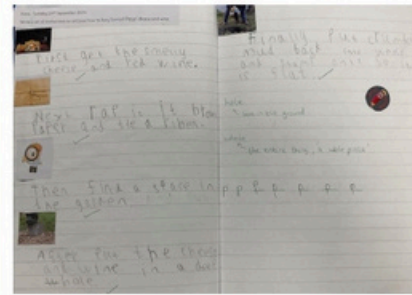
Please send your child in with a coat or waterproof jacket as they will be outside in the garden for part of each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Learning



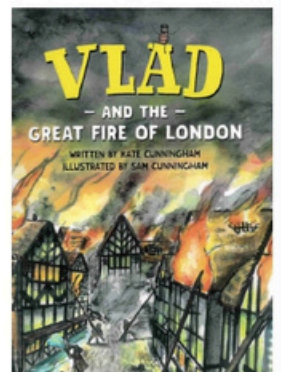
This week, the children have been learning about the features of instructions, such as time conjunctions and bossy verbs! They followed a set of instructions to create hedgehog artwork and then



wrote their own set of instructions to Samuel Pepys' maid in English.

The children are becoming more confident in the place value of two-digit numbers and also enjoyed starting our new science topic this week by observing and sorting different objects, identifying what material they were made from and describing their properties.

Next week, we will be testing the softness of different materials and recording our results in table. In maths, we will be looking at filling in missing numbers on a number line, both when counting in tens and ones. In English, we will create and describe our own character ready for our own innovated stories based on the book 'Vlad and The Great Fire of London.'



Child of the Week

2Newton: Olivia

2Franklin: Maheer

And from last week:

2Newton: Jessica

2Franklin: Sally



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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 27th September 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

03.10.24 3 Seacole–Swimming lessons

14.10.24 /15.10.24–Parents' Evening

w/c 28.10.23 - Half Term



HOMEWORK

Please read with your child for **at least 15 minutes** every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars:
<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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

Please only send fruit in for the children to have as a break time snack.

Our Learning

This week, we continued to use the book 'Stone Age Boy' to inspire our writing. We focussed on writing sentences using time adverbials, similes and onomatopoeia. In Maths, we continued to explore numbers to 1000. In our afternoon lessons, we began a Science topic with a focus of rocks. We looked at different types of rocks and how they are formed.

Next week, we will be taking part in an online lesson, led by the author of 'How To Train Your Dragon'–Cressida Cowell– as part of the Henley Literary Festival. We will also be planning a piece of independent writing inspired by the work we have been doing in English lessons so far. In Maths, we will be working on addition and subtraction strategies. Our Science lessons will allow the children to further explore rocks and soil. This will include the opportunity to dig for 'fossils' in the Y3 outdoor area–as long as the weather allows!

Year 3 Star of the Week Winners for September

3 Nightingale: Zaheer, Maya

3 Seacole: Burhanuddin, Sophia K.

3 Jenner: Anisia, Daniel



Word of the Week: although

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 27th September 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. No earrings or jewellery.

Fridays: Please remember to practise your times tables and read as much as you can in the week.



Roman Day

We will be having a Roman day on Thursday 24th October and the children can dress up. Here are some examples of what the children could wear:



Our Learning

This week, we completed our history unit on the Roman invasion and settlement of Britain. We researched the influence the Romans had and created an information page.

In maths, we compared and ordered numbers up to 10,000 and we thought about how we know a number has a bigger or smaller value.

In English, we planned and wrote our own diary entry, from the perspective of a Roman slave or gladiator. We had the chance to share them with our peers.

Next week, we will understand what happens to different states of matter when they are heated and learn the different processes when matters change their state.

In maths, we will learn the skills to round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In English, we will begin our new book Charlotte's Web by E.B White. We will make predictions using the front cover and explore settings

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:

4 Turing: Aarav **4 Chamberlain:** David **4 Lovelace:** Hamza



Year 5 Peek at the Week

27th September 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Black History Month: October

Remember to read at least three times a week! Practise your times tables as much as possible.



Our Learning

This week, we created our own Priory Propaganda Posters in art!

In maths, we continued place value focusing on comparing and ordering numbers.

In English, we finished off our Rose Blanche unit by writing our own versions of this story!

Next week, we will begin our RE unit on Judaism. Here, we will explore the traditions of Judaism whilst making connections to other monotheistic religions. We will also look at the importance of community and the impact of WW2 on the Jewish people.

In maths, we will move on to rounding increasingly large amounts. At the end of the week, we will take part in an escape room to consolidate our learning.

In English, we will celebrate Black History Month by looking at Maya Angelou's famous poem "I Rise".



We used screen printing to make Propaganda posters.

Star of the week

Maple: **Eva** Ofili: **Eesha** Dawe: **Evelyn**

Word of the Week: **amateur**

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 27th September 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

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



Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (trockstars.com)

Our Learning

This week, in geography, we learnt how to read maps using 4 and 6 grid references. We had the opportunity to apply our skills to an orienteering activity around the school grounds.

In English, we had the chance to write our own character description of a magical teacher and a magical beast, using our knowledge of the story..

In maths, we started a new topic on addition and subtraction focusing on common factors and common multiples . Furthermore, we explored the Divisibility Rules.

Next week, in DT, we will begin planning and designing our own magic wands inspired by Harry Potter, choosing which magical materials we will make them out of. Then we can use our creations on Hogwarts Day!

In English, we will continue on Harry's journey and will have the chance to learn more about Quidditch and other fantastic beasts by writing an explanation text.

In maths, we will continue to explore the current topic by improving our knowledge of prime, square and cube numbers followed by multiplication by a 2-digit number.

Y6 Geography



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: Aiden **6 Anning:** Oscar & Arjun **6 Darwin:** Navraj

Word of the Week: amateur

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard
Week commencing- 23.09.24

Important Dates/ in-formation

Tuesday–Cherries swimming

Please remember to bring :

- Towels
- Swim wear
- Swim nappies

Wednesday– Apples trip to TVAP

P.E- Please send children to school wearing their uniform and pack their P.E in their bags . This is to support the children in learning to independently dress themselves. Thank you!

Makaton sign of the week:



Rain

What the Orchard Apple class have been up to

This week:

Apples have been so lucky as we have been to Thames Valley Adventure Playground (TVAP). Our favourite parts were the big soft play room, the music room and playing outside.

In English we continued working on our term topic 'Planet Earth' by exploring and writing sentences about 2 different textures we find on our planet– sand and water.

We have been working hard on our Maths skills in Apples class with the use of lots of songs and sensory play! We have sung '1,2, Buckle My Shoe' song to learn up to the number 10, and have been searching through sand, soap flakes and salt to find and sort different shapes.

Friday 27th was Support Staff appreciate day! Every single support staff makes such a big difference to the life of every child, and we are so lucky to have you all. Thank you!



**100% Attendance
for Apple class!!**



Stars of the week

Plums: Izaan for doing great phonics

Cherries: Talha – for working hard in making sentences and his handwriting

Apples : Avraaj for some fantastic Maths work

Pears: Irha for good communication skills and independently doing Teacch



Priory Eco Counsellors

Priory School are proud to announce our Eco Counsellors for 2024-2025.

Year 3:

3Nightingale- Yousef

3Jenner- Ivy-Rae

3Seacole- Emiliano

Year 4:

4Turing- Yusuf

4Lovelace- Jay-Jay

4Chamberlain- Rosie

Year 5:

5Maple- Amelia

5ofili- Kadhira

5Dawe- Ethan

Year 6:

6Attenborough- Zaigham

6Darwin- Abdul Raffay

6Anning- David

Priory Friends

Priory Friends are working hard on plans for Christmas. On Friday 6th of December there will be a Christmas market to coincide with Santa visiting the children. Pupils will be able to visit the market from 2-3pm and then the market will be open to families, friends and siblings from 3.15 - 4.30. There will be a carol performance at 3.15 to entertain you all and create that wonderful Christmas excitement for the children. The Christmas market will include some of our old favourites like Pin the Tail on Olaf and the ever-popular Tombola but we're looking at new ideas to thrill and delight!

So please put the date in your diary and watch out for emails with requests for donations. If anyone knows of any local businesses who would jump at the opportunity to support us- let us know!

Meanwhile discussions are underway to find out what the kids want us to raise money for - as soon as their ideas have been approved by the school, we'll let you know what we can all aim for.

Don't forget to register for the ASDA cash pot - it costs you nothing and we get £1 for every person who just signs up for Priory! If you get your weekly shop from ASDA a small percentage of that will then also be donated by ASDA. The scheme only operates till half term so don't delay!

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- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £1+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability UK 18+. App & Opt in required.
0.8% of the value of customers eligible shops donated. Publicly funded primary schools must register with Parentkind charity 1071833.
Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

Music News

Y5&Y6 Choir event – Young Voices

Choir members from Y5 and Y6 are invited to take part in the amazing “Young Voices” event on Wed 5th February 2025, which will require lots of preparation during Autumn Term especially. Young Voices is a very exciting event, where our children will join thousands of others to make a huge choir with a live professional band, singing a great variety of songs at the O2 Arena in London.

Young Voices have created a very helpful website known as the YV Music Room, where you can find out further info. Once you’ve created an account, you can access your dashboard and shop to place and pay for your audience tickets and t-shirt order if you wish. Please note that participating children will NOT need their own ticket – these are for family and friends coming to watch, and the logo’d t-shirt is not compulsory - many children wear a plain white t-shirt instead.

Young Voices: Author in Me Literary Festival

On Saturday 19th October, The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre will be hosting the 5th annual Author in Me Literary Festival for children.

Enjoy a magical day at the Museum packed with inspirational author sessions, fun-filled activities, interactive storytelling sessions and creative workshops – all tailored just for kids.

With appearances from beloved children's authors and illustrators such as Alan Durant, this event aims to ignite the imagination and nurture a love for reading and writing in children of all ages. Bring your little ones for a day of joy, creativity, and literary adventure.

This would be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils. For more information, visit: <https://www.roadddahlmuseum.org/event/young-voices-aim-literary-festival/>


Beechwood School

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YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 24th September 2024 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Headteacher's address at 6.00pm followed by tours of the school

You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Open Evening.

Visiting our school will provide you and your child with the opportunity to see the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in our vibrant, state of the art learning environment.

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to showing you why Beechwood School is a special place to learn.

OPEN MORNINGS are also planned for Wednesday 2nd October and Thursday 17th October 2024, starting at 09:15 and concluding at 10:45

Our mission: To provide an exceptional learning experience for all, where potential is nurtured and responsible citizens created.

Beechwood School

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Volunteer Training Course

25th & 26th September

"Volunteering with families isn't just about offering support; it's about empowering others to find strength within themselves and watching them grow. The impact we make may be small, but the hope we leave behind lasts a lifetime."

Venue

**Burnham Park Hall
Windsor Lane
Burnham
Slough SL1 7HR**

**10AM to
2.30PM**

Call or email to register.

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Berkshire East

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Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Eating and food (Autism and/or ADHD)

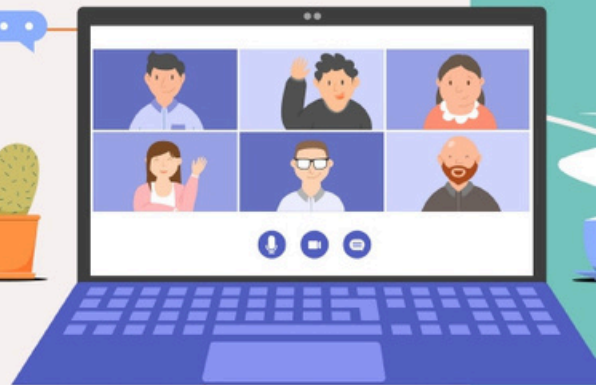
**Friday 20th September -
10am to 11.15am**

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the
following areas:

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

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/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



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Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

How to support your Child through Winter (Autism and/or ADHD)

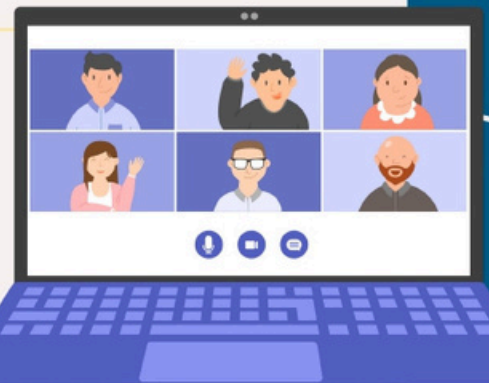
**Friday 25th October - 10am
to 11.15am**

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the
following areas:

- Holidays and being out of routine.
- Family events
- Crowds
- A change in their wardrobe - moving from summer to winter clothes.

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