

6TH DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE 11

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

As we head into the weekend, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year's Christmas Market such a success. A big thank you to Priory Friends and all the staff who worked tirelessly to organise this festive event. Your efforts have been truly appreciated, and I hope everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere and activities.

We hope that all the KS1, EYFS, and Orchard children are enjoying their gift of Myra's Christmas Wish. One lucky child will even find a golden ticket inside their gift, meaning they have won their very own Myra to take home.

I'm also pleased to share that the efforts of our parents in raising concerns about the potholes on Orchard Avenue have been successful. The potholes were filled in last week, improving safety for everyone.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy weekend. Next week, we look forward to Year 1's Christmas performance - always a highlight of the festive season!

See you all next week!

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 18th November

Whole School - 91.2%

Year 1 - 95.0%

Year 2 - 91.0%

Year 3 - 92.0%

Year 4 - 90.8%

Year 5 - 93.1%

Year 6 - 94.7%

Congratulations to Plum 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:

Christmas Market

<https://youtu.be/pdvuryvM04I>

Peek at the Week

Nursery – 6th December 2024

Nursery Christmas Singalong

Please join your children for a 'Christmas singalong session'.

(Only 1 adult per child please)

Tues 10th December

10:45am for our am children.

2:45pm for 30 hr and pm children.



Each class in the school has made a Christmas themed hoop to hang in the hall. Nursery created a 2 sided hoop based on the songs '5 little reindeer' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas star'.



Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week we have been focusing on turn taking; 'my turn, your turn'. We have been playing lots of turn taking games such as 'Popping Pirate'.



When we have been outside, we have been using a sand timer to help us wait for our turn.

Communication & Language Development



We visited Santa this week and received a beautiful Priory Christmas story book. We are very proud that our own Miss Glister was the illustrator; her drawings are absolutely



amazing. We hope you enjoy sharing the story.

Physical Development

We have started to make Christmas decorations. We have been using our fine motor skills for cutting and sticking. We have had lots of fun pinching coloured glitter to then sprinkle onto our decorations.



Child of the week: Jan for coming into nursery with a smile each day, using more English words and making lots of friends.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'Christmas Pudding, Christmas Pudding'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkAgDv6PPdQ> Please share with your child.



Next Week's Word of the Week: 'singing'

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week–Reception

06.12.24

This week we have been full steam ahead practicing songs for our Christmas performance! Both classes will be singing a variety of festive songs, and we then invite you back to our Reception classrooms for refreshments. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher!

For both the rehearsal and the performance, please send a Christmas jumper in with your child.



Coming up:

Thursday 12th– Christmas performance dress rehearsal
 Monday 16th - Christmas performance, 2pm
 Tuesday 17th– "Scruff's Christmas Adventure" show
 Wednesday 18th–Christmas lunch
 Thursday 19th–Christmas class parties
 Friday 20th–Last day!

Communication & Language

This week in phonics we have looked at **y, qu and ch**. We have also seen how a 's' can be added to the end of words. We have continued to encourage the children to blend decodable words, such as "chip" 'buzz' and 'yet'. The phonics sheet inside your child's home learning journal has some familiar words which you can practice blending together at home.

We have also been learning lots of new **tricky words** this week in phonics. These are words which cannot be sounded using phonetical knowledge, as they do not make the taught sounds. We teach the children to recognise and read tricky words by sight. Please practice the tricky words: **as, has, and, put, pull, his and her**.

Phonic information for Parents [here](#)



Reception song of the week:

[Jingle Bells](#)



Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Mohammed

R Paddington: Kody

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 6th December 2024



Important Dates / Reminders

- Please can all book bags be brought in on a Thursday so library books and reading books can be changed.
- Please log in to Numbots.



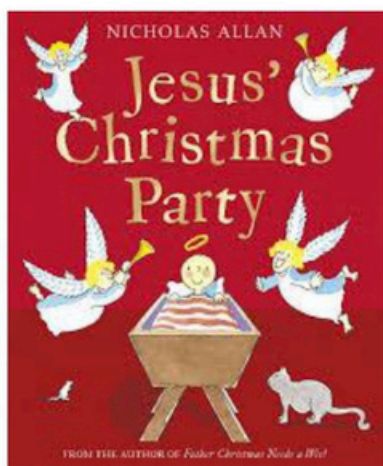
Key dates:

Friday 13th December – Year 1 performance

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December – Christmas parties

Friday 20th December – End of term



Our Learning

This week:

In math, we continued to practicing numbers within 10. The children have used number lines and part whole models to find missing numbers.

In English, we began reading our new class text: Jesus's Christmas party. The children used what they could see on the front cover to make a prediction about what they thought was going to happen in the text.

In afternoon sessions this week, we started our R.E unit on Christianity. Together, we looked at the creation story and the different things that were created on each day.

Next week:

We will be doing lots of rehearsals for the Christmas performance that will take place on Friday 13th December at 2pm. Please can we ask that all costumes are bought in by Monday so we can rehearse with them on Tuesday.

English: During English next week, we will be creating our own invitations to Jesus' Christmas party.

Math: We will be starting our new topic on Shape. The children will be learning about 2D and 3d shapes.

RE: We will continue to look at the creation story.

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Zahra

1Jefferers: Kelechi



Words of the Week: Mr Mrs Ms ask your their

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 6th December 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

18.12.24 Priory Christmas lunch

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



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 login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and timestables.

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

Please send your child in with a coat daily.

Any **counting back in ones** you can do with your children will help them a lot when we subtract by counting back on our fingers or using a blank number line. This can be done verbally whilst out walking, on a car journey or around the home. They love to add actions too!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Child of the Week

2Newton: Alesha

2Franklin: Aukse



Our Learning

This week, we have finished our maths unit on addition and have started looking at **subtraction**. We used counters to represent the big number then took some away (to represent the small number) and counted **how many were left**. In English, we wrote up our postcards from Anna Hibiscus and started thinking about descriptive phrases to



describe what Anna can see and hear in the city, ready for our poems next week. In the garden, we made pasta snakes, which helped us work on our fine motor skills and create

repeating patterns. We also enjoyed writing our own postcards and posting them to our friends!



Next week, we will be having a visitor from a local church, come and talk to us about the Christian Christmas story. This will complement our RE lessons where we will be learning about and reflecting on the Christmas story and why Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.

In maths, we will continue with subtraction, drawing dots for the big number and then crossing some out (to represent the smaller number) as well as counting back in 1s on our fingers and on a blank number line.

In English we will be using our descriptive phrases to write a poem about Anna's journey from the city to the rainforest.

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 6th December 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to read at least three times a week and record it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as much as possible.

Food tasting experience lesson



Our Learning

This week in Maths, the children have continued to work hard on their times tables and they are now more confident at the 7, 11 and 12 times table. Please continue to practise these at home.

In English, the children really enjoyed trying different food and thinking about what the dog would have felt when he was given food that he didn't like.

In the afternoons, we have been looking at the digestive system and how the organs in our body work to support digestion.

Next week, the children are going to be continuing to learn about the digestive system in science and we are going to be having a visitor come to talk to us about Christmas.

In maths, we will be continuing to learn our times tables and focusing on division facts.

In English, we will be with our new topic – Feast and writing sentences based on the film clip.

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.

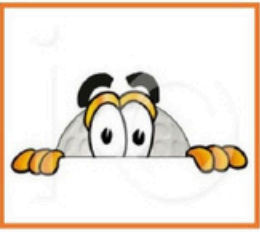


Child of the week:

4 Turing Aarya **4 Lovelace** Shannon **4 Chamberlain** Amber-Rose

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

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

6th December 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

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

6th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Santa's Grotto/ Christmas Market

18th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December - Class parties

This week we explored earthquakes!



Our Learning

This week, we continued exploring Vector Drawings in ICT and Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes in geography. We even used Lego, ryvetas and shaving foam to recreate earthquakes!

In maths, this week we continued our topic of fractions, but focused on mixed numbers and improper fractions. We compared, converted and ordered these to extend our learning.

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

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

Next week, we 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 be adding and subtracting fraction that are less than 1 and greater than 1.

In English, we will complete Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Assessments and a Reading Assessment. We will also write a blog in Geography where the children will talk about the impact of a tsunami.

Star of the week

5Dawe: **Lisan** 5Maple: **George** 5Ofili: **Kadhir**

Word of the Week: **correspond**

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 6th December 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

20.12.24: **Christmas Holidays**

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 \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)

Our Learning

This week, in history, we wrote a news report about the trial of King Charles I. We also learnt about William and Mary, focusing on the Bill of Rights. Finally, we explored the impact of the British Empire and discussed its pros and cons.

In English, we explored the story of Macbeth in more detail and put ourselves in the role of the characters.

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

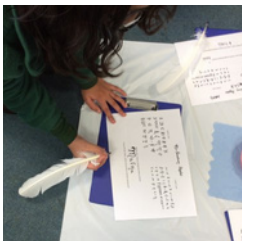
Next week, in art, we will finish our symbolism unit by creating a collage inspired by Elizabeth II.

We will then start a geography unit on the continents.

In English, we will explore more of Macbeth in detail, learning how to empathise with the characters. We will also begin to look at the poem Double, Double Toil and Trouble.

In maths, we will start a new topic on measurement. We will enjoy a practical lesson on measurement and focus on converting metric measures.

Y6 Macbeth



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:

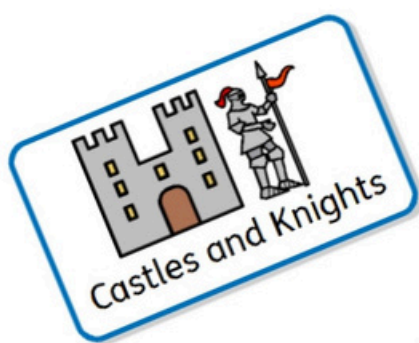


6 Attenborough: Umar 6 Anning: Joshua 6 Darwin: Abdul-Khan

Word of the Week: disastrous

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

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week commencing- 02/12/2024

Important Dates

Plum class swimming:

Every Tuesday this term- *please remember your swimming clothing each week!*

Human Rights Day

10th December

Christmas lunch

18th December

End of Term

20th December

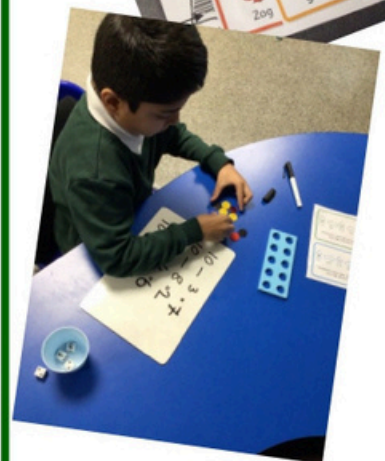
In English this week, we have finished our story of Zog the Dragon. The children have been recalling their knowledge of the story and sequencing the important events.

The children have moved on to subtraction in maths. The children have been singing 5 Speckled Frogs to support our learning of counting backwards and one less. Some have been completing subtraction sentences up to 10 or 20 and developing their subtraction skills.

In history, the children participated in a cultural food-tasting day. They had the opportunity to taste new foods from different cultures. There was a wide variety of different foods to choose from!

The children continued developing their knowledge of magnets by exploring different materials that are attracted to a magnet.

CELEBRATE!



Makaton sign:



Story

Star of the week

Cherry class: Aran for self-regulating his emotions to calm himself down/ Plum class: Zain for making good choices in school and at home.

Apple class: Avraaj for sequencing Zog the Dragon / Pear class: Chanel for good transitioning from TVAP to school.





Peek at the Week

The Woodlands
Week commencing- 02.12.24

What the Woodlands has been up to

This week:

In English,

We continued with our topic of diary entries. We have continued reading "Diary of a Christmas Elf". We have been exploring writing in first person, past tense and recognising emotions.

The children have started to plan their own diary entries using what they have learnt so far.

In maths,

We have been working on subtracting a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number and adding two digit numbers. The children have been using Base 10 to assist them with their understanding.

The children have also been counting in 5's, physically, written and verbally. The children have been recognising patterns, using hundred squares and practicing multiples of 5 with hand painting.

The afternoon,

The children have been practising our attention and listening skills through board games. We have worked on how to ask others to play with us on the playground and learn to handle rejection.

The children have also worked on their self care skills by continuing to independently use cutlery. We have also continued our Lego Therapy sessions.

Next week,

In English, we are going to start writing our diary entries.

In maths, we are going to continue with adding and subtraction.

In the afternoon, we are going to continue our work on social and emotional skills.



PE News

Sport in Mind Work shop

On Friday 29th November some year 4 students took part in a Sport in Mind workshop. The workshop's aim was to engage students in physical activity and to raise awareness of taking part in this and its benefits to mental health. Thank you to Chloe from Sport in Minds for spending time with our students

Brentford FC Joy of movement - year 5s

A select number of super year 5 students have been working with Brentford Football Club, developing their knowledge of a healthy lifestyle. They have done this through a range of games, fun activities and challenges.

Our students have loved working with Coach Callum and look forward to the rest of the course. Well done everyone involved.





Sport In Mind

Sport in Mind
Workshops

Did you know?

Fewer than 50% of children and young people are reaching the government's recommended 60 minutes of exercise per day and rates of probable mental disorders in children and young people have increased to 1 in 5.

Last week **Sport in Mind** had the pleasure of holding **workshops** at **Priory School** for their **Year 4's** to **raise students awareness about the links between physical activity and positive mental health.**

We talked about...

- How sport and exercise can help our body and mind.
- Raising our **HEART RATE** is easy and really good for us.
- **COMMUNICATION** is used in sports and helps us talk about how we think and feel.
- Sport gives us a positive **FOCUS** which gives our brain a break.
- Thinking about our **BREATHING** can help us calm down or feel energised.

Also, that we offer:

FREE community sessions to improve the lives of children, young people and adults experiencing mental health challenges through sport and physical activity.

What our participants say....

“a break from my thoughts”

“fun”

“lots of laughs”

“Highlight of my week”

“I would never have come to a sport centre without Sport in Mind”

For more info get in touch



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Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

First and third Monday of the
month - 4pm to 5pm

6th January 2025 - Make a bookmark and read a story! - Online

20th January - Talent Show- Bracknell

3rd February - Big on Bouncing - Slough- Small Fee Applicable

17th February - Disney Quiz - Online

3rd March - Sensory Bus - Windsor

17th March - Park Play - Maidenhead

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have
ADHD and/or autism and
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com

All you need to know: Primary School Admissions for September 2025

Online session

Comprehensive tips and timelines for parents.

Friday
13 December,
12.30-2pm

This session is aimed at parents and carers of children seeking reception places in primary schools for September 2025 entry. (Children born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021).

Delivered virtually by the Slough Borough Council School Admissions Team you will learn:

- what to do before making an application
- key dates in the admissions process
- how to maximise your chances
- myths about admissions
- how to select your preferred schools
- how to complete a good application
- how the application is processed
- when the national offer date is
- about delayed and deferred admissions
- about waiting lists and appeals.

**Scan for
meeting details**

