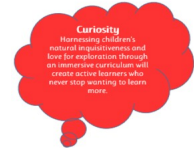
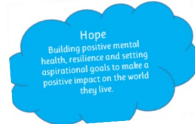




Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,



We have all had a lovely week in school, with of course our Christmas Lunch being the highlight of the term! I would like to thank Jo and her amazing team for putting on the most wonderful day. The staff in the kitchen don't just provide a wonderful meal but they did all the table decorations and created a magical atmosphere.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work this term and I wish them a very peaceful Christmas break!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



To all our Jewish families celebrating Hanukkah 'chag urim sameach' wishing you a happy festival of lights.

Please remember the children are due back on Thursday 4th January 2024!





Weekly attendance percentages: 4th–8th December 2023

Whole school - 90%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 89%

Year 3 - 86%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 89%

Congratulations to 4Simmonds with 99% the highest attendance this week!



Congratulations!

Suffocation, overheating and death – dangerous baby products in UK

We have been asked by Slough Borough Council to share this important information:

[Suffocation, overheating and death – dangerous baby products in UK homes \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk)



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. We have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

Children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes - no boots, heels, or sandals.
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.



- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewellery
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.

- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/ hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with your ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024



Leaflets and Letters

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

- In2Care Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp
- Foster with Slough
- Kids Circus Christmas Camp
- Free Meal Plans
- Airport Bowl



Sign of the Week

Merry Christmas

<https://youtu.be/H9vCob1AEts>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED
[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](https://www.occupationaltherapy.org.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)
([berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk))

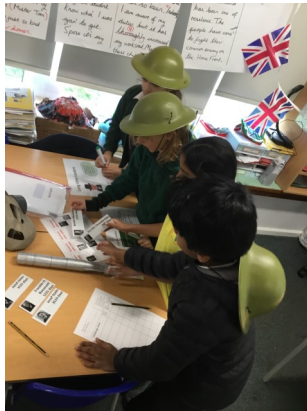
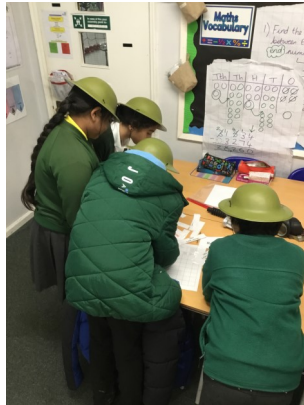
ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS
[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](https://www.healthanddevelopment.org.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)
([berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk))



Year 5 Escape Room

Year 5 took part in a Round Escape Room this week.

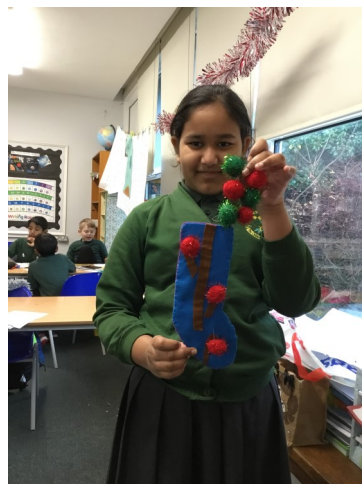
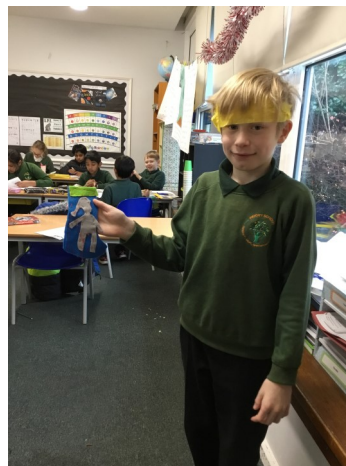
They were challenged to escape the WW2 Museum Basement by applying their problem solving and collaboration skills.





Year 5 Christmas Activities

Year 5 created their own Christmas Stockings this week.





Orchard News

In Plum class this week, the children have been engaging with a range of Christmas activities which has included practising our fine motor skills during craft sessions.



In Maths the children have been finding and counting baubles, matching and forming numbers in sensory snow.



In English the children have been using communication boards to request Christmas songs, comment on our Christmas story and make different shapes in playdough.



Topic - The children made baubles and houses for the door display and have had fun making Snowman cookies during lifeskills sessions.



Our Topic after Christmas in Orchard and Woodlands Badgers is Transport. Please can you send any pictures of your child on a mode of transport like a car, train, bike etc to sen@prioryschool.com



Dear Parents / Carers

I just wanted to write to you all to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We have had another fantastic term in the Orchard and Woodlands Owls and Badgers. The new assessment system is well and truly up and running and we hope that you are happy with the communication of what your child is working on each half term. Their targets will be reviewed next half term, end of Spring 1, and new targets will be set and shared with you at the start of Spring 2.

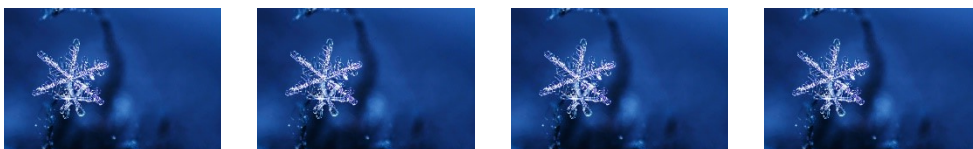
All of the children have worked incredibly hard this term we are very proud of the work that they have achieved relating to our current topic of Light Fantastic. We hope you have enjoyed seeing some of their activities in the newsletter and in the Peek at the Week section on the website.

Next term our topic is Tremendous Transport! Please could you email or send in a photo of your child on a type of transport; a bike, in a car, on a train / bus etc! We will then run some communication sessions around these photos in January. Please email these to sen@theprioryschool.com

Thank you for all of your hard work and support this term too, we value your help with consistency and communication and please always get in touch with us with any queries or concerns.

We hope you have a joyful Christmas holidays.

From Rebecca Morris and Renice Miller and The Orchard and Woodlands Team





Music News

Instrumental Lesson booking is open!

Booking is now open for Spring Term instrumental lessons for KS2. These are available on a fee-paying basis, and take place during the school day, taught by visiting specialist music teachers. Lessons are available as follows:

Individual (20 min or 30 min) and Group Lessons: Keyboard, Violin, Guitar, Ukulele, Flute, Clarinet

Individual Lessons Only (20 min or 30 min): Drum Kit, Piano

Please secure your child's place on ParentPay by Wednesday 3rd January at the latest. Lessons are due to begin w/c 8th January. Mrs Shaw is happy to answer any queries.

Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)