

14TH JUNE 2024

ISSUE 31

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

### This week at Priory

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue our journey together, we are reminded of our core values – Hope, Curiosity, Opportunity, and Trust. These values are reflected in the many activities and achievements of our pupils this week.

### Year 5 Trip to the Tate Modern

Our Year 5 pupils had a thought provoking visit to the Tate Modern. They were not only well-behaved but also engaged in mature discussions about modern and abstract art. Their curiosity and insightful observations truly exemplified our school's spirit of learning and exploration.

### Year 2 Adventure to Beale Park

Year 2 had an exciting trip to Beale Park, where their excellent behaviour was noted throughout the day. They enjoyed a fascinating bug workshop, delighted in seeing various animals, and had fun splashing around in the paddling pool. This trip provided a wonderful opportunity for them to learn and play in an outdoor setting.

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

Throughout the week, our Year 1 pupils have been diligently working on their phonics screening. We are very proud of their hard work and progress. Their determination and success are a testament to the hopeful and supportive environment we strive to create.

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Assessment

In the coming week, Year 4 will undertake their statutory assessments in multiplication tables. They have been showing great promise and dedication in their preparations. We trust that their efforts will be rewarded with excellent results.

## Upcoming Lunchtime Concerts

We are excited to invite parents to our termly lunchtime concerts next week, showcasing the musical talents of our pupils. These concerts provide a wonderful opportunity to see how your children are progressing in their musical endeavours. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, 17th June at 12pm in the Music Room: Mr. Lazenbury's violin, piano, and clarinet pupils
- Wednesday, 19th June at 12pm in the Music Room: All of Mr. Keen's piano, keyboard, and flute pupils (including those with Tuesday lessons)
- Thursday, 20th June at 11:30am in the Music Room: Mr. Clements' drum pupils

- Thursday, 27th June at 12pm in the Music Room: Mrs. Sumner's guitar pupils (Please note delayed a week)

## Learning Together Sessions

The final group of parents have been invited into school for this term's "Learning Together" sessions, an excellent opportunity for you to come into the classroom and witness your child's learning first-hand. The timetable is as follows:

- Orchard: Thursday, 2:15 – 3pm
- Reception: Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th, 8:30 – 9:30 (max 15 per class)
- Year 1: Thursday 27th, 8:45 – 9:30
- Year 2: Tuesday 25th, 8:45 – 9:30
- Year 3: Thursday 27th, 8:45 – 9:30
- Year 4: Wednesday 26th, 8:45 – 9:30
- Year 5: Wednesday 26th, 8:45 – 9:30
- Year 6: Extra sessions completed in Spring Term
- Nursery: parents will have been given a day to attend throughout the week.

We hope these sessions will provide you with valuable insights into your child's educational journey and foster a deeper connection between home and school.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we create a community where hope, curiosity, opportunity, and trust flourish.

### Nursery and Reception Parent Forum

We would like to remind parents about the upcoming Early Years Parent Forum on Monday, 24th June at 2pm. Currently, only 10 parents have signed up to attend. We strongly encourage more parents to join us for this important forum. It is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, share feedback, and collaborate with other parents and staff to enhance our early years provision. Your participation is crucial in helping us create the best possible learning environment for your children.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iw2CKhTzCD>

Finally, we would like to wish all our fathers a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday. We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating with your families.

We're looking forward to a busy and enjoyable half term, filled with hope, trust, opportunity, and curiosity. Thank you for your continued support!

## Upcoming events in the summer term

- Father's Day - 16th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 17th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 19th June
- Young Carers Trip to Chessington - 19th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 20th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 21st June
- Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 21st June
- Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
- EY Parent forum - 24th June
- Learning Together Mornings - W/C 24th June
- 3Moore Ure Museum - 25th June
- Performance to parents - 25th June, 7pm
- Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
- Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm
- Year 6 Transition Workshops - 2nd July
- 3Rashford Ure Museum - 3rd July
- MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
- Plastic free July - 3rd July
- Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
- Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 5th July

- 3 Wickes Ure Museum - 9th July
- Literacy Specialist Day - 9th July
- Year 6 Transition Workshops- 9th July
- Year 5 BGS - 10th July
- Year 5 parent meeting - applying for secondary - 11th July
- Little Canada - 12th July
- Arts week - W/C 15th July
- Sports day - 17th July
- Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception Graduation - 24th July AM
- Nursery final day - 24th July
- Final celebration assembly - 25th July -  
End of term. Whole school to attend  
Guard of Honour. Year 6 finish at  
11:30am. Once they have gone, rest of  
school go back into class to be dismissed  
by 12pm.

# Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 10.6.24

Year 1 - 93.55%

Year 2 - 94.11%

Year 3 - 89.28%

Year 4 - 91.78%

Year 5 - 90.59%

Year 6 - 92.67%

Congratulations to 2Franklin with  
97.93% the highest attendance this  
week!

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

Signs of the week:

Proud

<https://youtu.be/ahsliesOBs4>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

[ps://www.priorschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/](https://www.priorschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)



# Year 6 Proudly Present...

## Disney *Aladdin JR.*

Tuesday 25th June @ Thursday 27th June 2024

Doors open at 6.15pm

Show starts at 7.00pm

Tickets: £5 per ticket

Available to purchase on Parent  
Pay



Music by

Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by

Jim Luigs

Music Adapted and Arranged by

Bryan Louiselle

Based on the Screenplay by

Ron Clements and John Musker

Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with

Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

# Year 6 Production

Tickets for the Year 6 Production of Disney Junior's 'Aladdin' will be on sale for one week only. This will be from Friday 14th June to Friday 21st June 2024.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 and can be purchased online [www.ParentPay.com](http://www.ParentPay.com)

There will be a limited number of tickets available for each performance on a first come basis. There is also a limit of 4 tickets per family per night. Siblings will be given the opportunity to watch the performance during school time. (Please note that this performance is not suitable for children under 5 years old.)

There are two evening performances – Tuesday, 25th June at 7.00pm  
OR  
Thursday, 27th June at 7.00pm

All children are involved in both performances but some children perform a different role on each night. Please make sure that you book for the appropriate performance.

Tickets will be sent home with the children on Monday 24th June.

Please could you ensure that your child is in school by 6pm on both evenings in order to perform at 7pm (the performance should finish by 8pm).

Doors will open at 6:15pm and will be closed at 6.50pm. Reception will not be manned so please ensure you arrive promptly.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

# Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

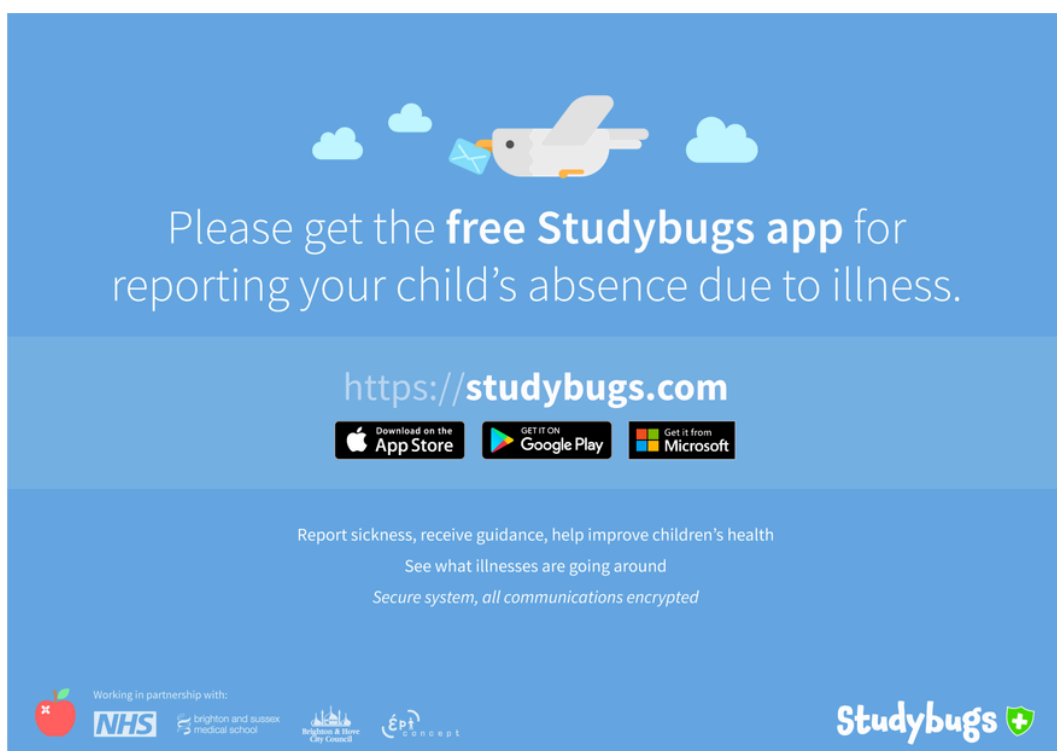
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

With the app, you no longer need to call or email the front office, instead you can report your child's illness directly onto the app.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



A promotional graphic for the Studybugs app. It features a blue background with a white bird icon holding a blue envelope, flying between two white clouds. The text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' Below this is the URL 'https://studybugs.com'. Under the URL are three logos: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. Further down, it lists three benefits: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. At the bottom, it says 'Working in partnership with:' followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Brighton & Hove City Council, and E.P.I. Concept. The Studybugs logo with a green shield icon is in the bottom right corner.

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Studybugs

## Year 2 Beale Park Trip

Year 2 recently went on a fantastic trip to Beale Park, where they had an unforgettable experience. The highlight of their visit was attending a minibeast workshop, where they had the opportunity to hold a variety of fascinating insects. Among the creatures they encountered were a cockroach and a Giant African Land Snail, which left the children both amazed and intrigued.

Apart from the minibeast workshop, the children also had the chance to explore the park and observe a wide range of animals. Zebras, meerkats, and flamingos were just some of the many creatures that captured their attention. The children were thrilled to learn about these animals and see them up close in their natural habitat.

However, the most enjoyable part of the trip for the children was splashing around in the paddling pool. Even though the water was a bit cold, they couldn't resist the fun of playing and cooling off in the pool.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and were a credit to our school. They followed instructions, showed respect towards the animals and staff, and most importantly, they had an incredible time. The trip to Beale Park was a fantastic learning experience that the children will remember for years to come.





# Orchard News

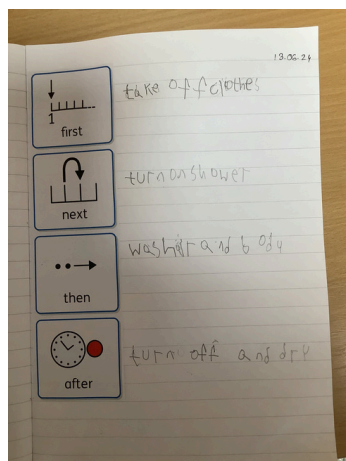
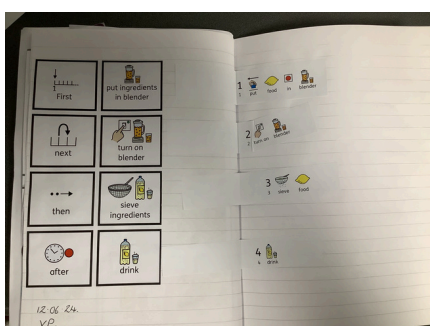
This week the children have started this terms English topic 'instructions'; the children followed two different routines of making lemonade and the routine of taking a shower. They completed these instructions by carrying them out in practical tasks.

In Maths, we have started patterns, time and number; the children have been copying different patterns using a variety of resources and ordering events in a timeline and continuing to develop our addition skills.

CHERRY class will start their turn for swimming on Thursdays, starting on the 20th June. Please remember to bring in your towels, swimming clothes, arm bands/vest (if needed) and swimming caps (if needed).

A quick reminder, can the children have extra clothing for your children for wet play for the upcoming warmer days (fingers crossed!).

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!





## Summer Lunchtime Concert Dates

Our summer instrumental lunchtime concerts are scheduled to take place as follows, for those children who have small group and individual music lessons at school. Please put them in your diary if your child is involved, noting that the drum concert has an earlier start time of 11:30am. A further reminder will be sent to those involved nearer the time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

12pm on Monday 17th June : Mr Lazenbury's violin / piano / clarinet students

12pm on Wednesday 19th June : Mr Keen's piano / keyboard / flute students

11:30am on Thursday 20th June : Mr Clements' drum students

12pm on Thursday 27th June: Mrs Sumner's guitar students

## Music through the Ages

Music through the Ages

The stage is set!! The musicians and singers (including Priory School Choir) are preparing to present an amazing show. Come and explore 'Music through the ages' which will take you on a musical journey, highlighting popular songs and orchestral pieces that shaped our world.

We are so happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for our summer singing showcase at Reading Hexagon on Monday 24th June 2024, doors open 6pm and the show starts at 6.30pm.

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/music-through-ages>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up FREE at your local library!

## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It is completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident in their reading.

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into their next year group**.
- They will become more independent in their reading.
- It boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

## How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## Which local libraries are involved?

Children can join at:

- The Curve, Slough <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/96/library-the-curve>
- Langley Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/95/langley-library>
- Cippenham Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/94/cippenham-library>
- And on selected dates at Britwell Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/93/britwell-library>



### When?

The Summer Reading Challenge starts in Slough on **16<sup>th</sup> July** and finishes **14<sup>th</sup> September**.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Philpott

### Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).



# Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

Does your child feel anxious about moving onto  
Secondary School?

Would you like to understand how you could  
support your child more with this?

Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support  
Team for a coffee morning at school to think  
about how we can help you support your child  
with anxious thoughts around general school  
transitions. This coffee morning session's focus  
will be based on the transition from Primary  
School to Secondary School.



# **SOUTHLANDS**

## **Creative Writing Competition**

**Under 18 categories**

Short Story/Fiction  
Life Writing/Autobiography

**Over £500  
total prize fund**

All submissions by midnight  
**31-Jul-2024**



***Full details and T&Cs***

[www.southlandsarts.co.uk/competition/](http://www.southlandsarts.co.uk/competition/)  
[www.southlandsarts.co.uk](http://www.southlandsarts.co.uk)

**/// Southlands Arts Centre ///**  
**75, The Green, West Drayton UB7 7PW**



# Learn More...



## Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **[gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- **What Is Autism?**
- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
- **Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills**
- **What is ADHD?**
- **Managing ADHD**
- **ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management**





# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

# Bear cubs



 **Ages 5 to 10**

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



**Friday 5th July - Picnic in The Park - Windsor**

**Friday 6th September - All about me -  
creative Drawing - Online**

**Friday 20th September - Bingo Fun -  
Bracknell**

*\*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.co.uk](http://www.Gems4Health.co.uk)





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# Priory School

Is your child 3 years old before August 31st 2024?  
We have places in our school nursery for  
September 2024 start

For more information and to apply for a place, please go to our  
website [www.prioryschool.com](http://www.prioryschool.com) to download a September  
2024 /2025 application form or email [office@prioryschool.com](mailto:office@prioryschool.com)

- Qualified, experienced teacher and staff; dedicated to value and support your child in achieving their full potential.
- A safe and secure environment where children can explore and discover in all weathers.
- Spacious outdoor area to support your child in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum.
- 15 hrs morning or afternoon sessions available
- 30 hour funding (eligibility required)

**Orchard Avenue (Off Burnham Lane)**

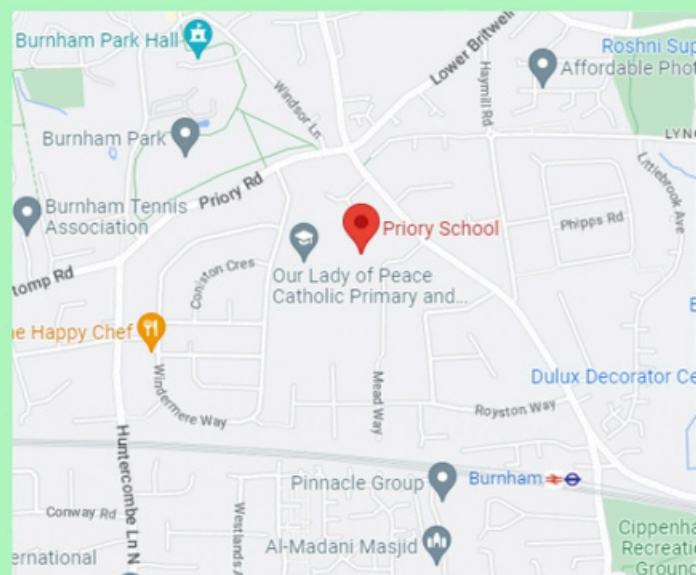
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**NEW FOR 2024**

**HOME  
START**

Berkshire East

# CONNECT WORKSHOP

**5 weeks**

**19th Sept  
to  
17th Oct**

## INTERACTIVE SUPPORT

**Does your child have:**

Meltdowns  
Special interests  
Anxiety  
Sensory issues  
Need of daily routine

## MEET OTHER PARENTS FACING THE SAME ISSUE

### FACE TO FACE COURSE

- Learn strategies to encourage the behaviour you like, routines, and manage challenges.
- Meet other parents going through the same issue. Make friends and support each other.

*For parents with children who have a diagnosis of autism or are waiting*

### TIME & PLACE

Penn Road Children's Centre  
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG  
9.30am to 11.30am



**RSVP & INFO:**

**01753 572958**

**office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk**

**FREE**