



## Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

I hope everyone has had a lovely week.

### This week at Priory



It has been another busy and rewarding week. Year 2 had their school trip to Beale Park. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to come and help. We would not be able to offer such **opportunities** without your help.

Priory friends coffee morning was well attended on Wednesday. I find these coffee mornings great for building **relationships and a sense of community. (Trust)**

It was good to see some parents at the PSHE talk on Thursday.

Our phonics screening has been completed this week. Despite the heat, the children have done so well on the tests and our MTC checks have also finished. The children have done very well and I wish to extend a big well done to all the children and the staff for their hard work over the last couple of weeks.

### Next week

Next week we have a very busy week.

Year 3 are going on a trip to the museum, we have our learning together mornings, year 5 are off to the Tate Modern, there is an online parent workshop and of course our highlight of the year – the Year 6 production. I cannot wait, it is going to be awesome.

Next week is also the start of our sports days with Orchard and Nursery being held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We are aware of the issue with our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Reception sports days being held over Eid. We are looking into the possibility of moving them to the following week. This time of year is so busy and it has been a nightmare getting everything in as it is, however, we appreciate the fact that we want all our school community to **be able to celebrate** both Eid and the sports event of the year! **(Trust and hope)**

I would just like to wish all our fathers, uncles, brothers, grandads, carers or guardians a very lovely Father's Day on Sunday. We know that dads come in many different forms and anyone who becomes a father planned or unexpectedly deserves recognition for the huge part they play in the development and growth of young people.

So, a big thank you from us and hope you get to put your feet up even if it is just for 5 minutes.



At the beginning of the week I delivered an assembly on healthy eating week. I asked the children to tell me if they had had at least 5 fruits or vegetables on Sunday. Only a few hands went up. When I asked about drinking water, again only a few hands went up. I asked them how many of them ate wholemeal breads and pastas. Again only a few hands went up. More promising was the amount of exercise that children were doing and I had a lot more hands up for that!

For more information and some lovely recipe ideas please follow:

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthy-eating-week/>

Please help your children by providing them with at least 5 fruits and vegetables a day and talk to them about the food that they are eating. Thank you. Maybe next year I will get a few more hands up.

## Upcoming events

Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> June

Performance to parents - 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Dress rehearsal cast 2 - 21<sup>st</sup> June

Performance to parents- 22nd June at 7pm

Sports week - 26<sup>th</sup> June

Musical Lunchtime Concerts–week 26th June

Yr 6 Transition - 4-6<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 summer fayre - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Early Years Farm Workshop – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Little Canada - 14-17<sup>th</sup> July

Orchard TVAP Trip – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Rehearsals for Y6 Graduation - 18/19<sup>th</sup> July

Reception graduation - 19<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 graduation - 20<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 Street party – 20<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 guard of honor – 21<sup>st</sup> July

End of term- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Priory School Jubilee – we are going to celebrate the school's opening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The school will have been open for 70 Years!



## Important Notices

Please can we remind everyone that Bikes and Scooter are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere on the school site. We had an incident this week where a child was knocked over.



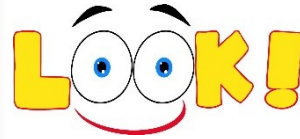
### Year 4 P.E.

Next week Year 4 PE will be held on Monday not Wednesday.



### Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar  
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



### Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.



Sign of the Week  
Healthy Eating Week  
<https://youtu.be/CjDEbyzHG1g>



### Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's  
[://www.prioryschool.co.uk/  
peek-at-the-week-1/](://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)



## New 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](#)

## Weekly Attendance Percentages: 22nd–25th May 2023

Weekly attendance percentages: 5th- 9th June 2023

**Whole school - 95%**

Year 1 - 96%  
Year 2 - 96%  
Year 3 - 93%  
Year 4 - 95%  
Year 5 - 96%  
Year 6 - 94%

Congratulations to **5Maple** with **99%** the highest attendance this week!

*Congratulations!*



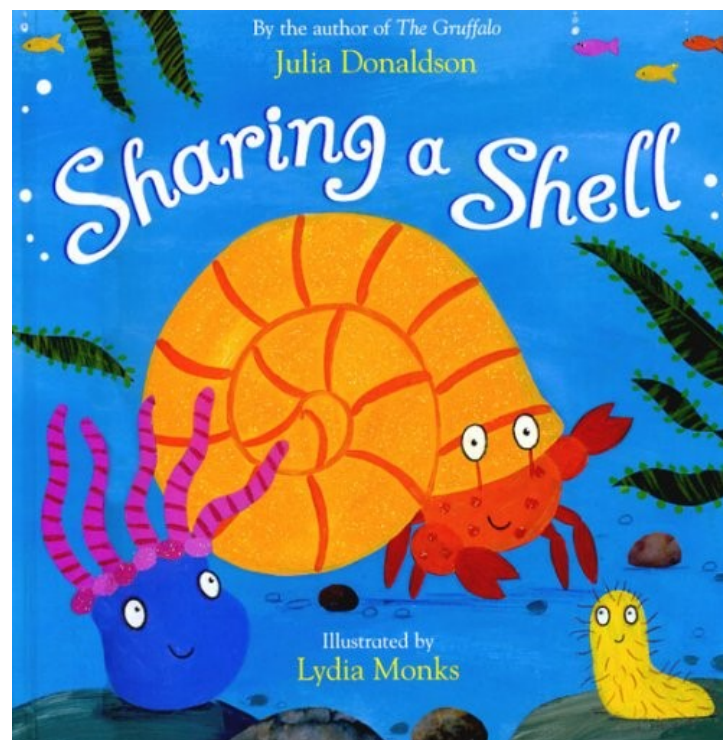
## Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have continued exploring their new topic for this term, Under the Sea!

This term our topic book is *Sharing a Shell* (story can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ6SvbrEhvl>). It is about a story a crab who has lost his shell, and nobody wants to share one with him. He goes through the story trying to find a shell and meets some friends along the way who support him in his quest. It is a story about friendship and sharing.

During **English** this week, the children have continued to learn key words linked to the topic and *Sharing a Shell* book supported by Makaton. Learning the characters names and applying describing words to them. They have been participating in sensory activities that support their engagement to develop their phonics, matching skills and letter formation.

In **Maths**, the children have been revisiting strategies they explored last term. They have been continuing their one-to-one correspondence skills and exploring the concept of addition and number formation.





## Year 2 Trip to Beale Park

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March all of Year 2 went on a marvellous school trip to incredible Beale Park because we have been learning about mini-beasts.

First we went to a wonderful workshop where I saw a scary, hair spider skin. I was so brave because I held a cockroach and didn't even scream!

Next, we went for an amazing ride on a small, red train. It was very enjoyable because we got to see lots of interesting animals such as peacocks, meerkats and wallabies.

After that, we decided to find a nice shady spot to eat our lunch. I really enjoyed the delicious crumbling cookie and juicy apple.

Finally, we all had great fun splashing around and playing in the paddling pool with our friends. The refreshing water kept us cool in the hot sun.

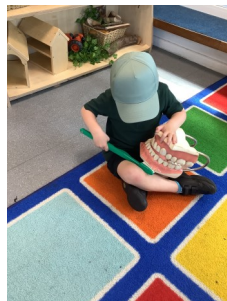
My favourite thing about the trip was jumping around on the bouncing pillow before getting back on the coach. What a great day we had!

Written by Eesa and Madison

## National Smile Week

As part of National Smile Month, the nursery class have been learning about how to have a healthy smile. We have been talking about healthy foods and drinks for our teeth and about how we should brush them correctly. Karen Gonzales from Oxford Health came to visit us and talked to us about keeping our teeth healthy. She also ran 2 workshops for parents and gave every child a pack of toothpaste and a toothbrush. Thank you to all the parents who attended on such a hot day!!

The Nursery Team.





**HWS** HEALTH & WELLBEING SLOUGH

**Slough Healthy Smiles**

**Public Health**  
Slough Borough Council

## AM I BRUSHING CORRECTLY?

**DO SMALL CIRCLES ON EACH TOOTH**

**BRUSH TWICE A DAY**

**BRUSH AGAINST YOUR GUMS**

**BRUSH 2 MINUTES EACH TIME**

**MEDIUM BRISTLED BRUSH**

**THEY SHOULD FEEL SHINY**

Produced by Oxfordshire Community Dental Service





## Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!



The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust for a challenge celebrating play and participation. This year's theme will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sport and keep their minds and bodies active over the summer.

Children aged 4 and over can complete the challenge by enjoying six books over the summer, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. Those that finish will be awarded a medal and certificate to mark their achievement. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. It helps prevent the trend for reading skills to dip over the summer holidays, and enhances and supports the school's reading initiatives. The fun rewards motivate the children to progress through the challenge and it is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to count towards the challenge.

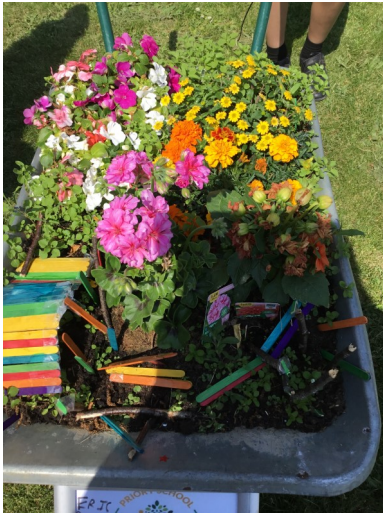
Slough Libraries will be launching the challenge on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. It's free to take part - children just need to be library members. It's quick and easy to join.

The challenge will end on 16<sup>th</sup> September, so children have plenty of time to complete.

The resource pack is on our website.

Schools can access a range of materials and activities to support you to encourage your pupils to participate, including posters, newsletter copy and assemblies.

## SUMMER



The children in the gardening club entered some fantastic wheelbarrows in the SBC Competition. We have not heard the results yet but will update you next week.

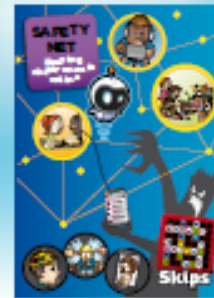


## Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

# School's out for summer!

### It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

#### Skips Educational

Web: [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)  
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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with



# Skips

Keeping children safe online

[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)



## Events May-August 2023

### 17th June

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Father's Day - Picture frame decorating

### 25th June

Slough High Street  
Eid al-Adha event - Decorate fabric bags

### 2nd July

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Summer Art Exhibition

### 24th July - 2nd September

Summer holiday / HAF programme

### 4th August

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Kite making workshop

### 11th August

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Decorate pictures with sand

### 18th August

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Sealife animal crafts

### 25th August

Observatory Shopping Centre  
Rainbow paper plate crafts

## REGISTER FOR YOUR ART CLASSES NOW!

[www.artclassesgroup.com](http://www.artclassesgroup.com)

[info@artclassesgroup.com](mailto:info@artclassesgroup.com)

07501644537  
07877 045885

### Why is it important to take an art class?

Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork.

"I paint flowers so they will not die."  
- Frida Kahlo.



## Visual arts centre in Slough for all ages

Painting, drawing, seasonal crafts, card making, mosaics, pottery so much more

*Our centre organises art classes every day for children and adults who want to develop or improve their drawing and painting skills.*



### Art classes for children

Art Classes Group is registered as an Arts Award Centre, inspiring young people to grow their arts and leadership talents. Arts Award qualifications are regulated by Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) in England. The awarding organisation is Trinity College London (TCL) in association with Arts Council England.

Age	Day	Time
4-6 yrs	Wednesdays Saturdays	4-6 pm 12-6 pm
6-7 yrs	Wednesdays Saturdays	4-6 pm 12-6pm
8-9 yrs	Fridays Saturdays	4-6pm 12-6pm
10-11+ yrs	Fridays Saturdays	4-6pm 12-6pm



### Art classes for homeschooled children

Age	Day	Time
7-10 yrs	Tuesdays	1-2.30pm
Fully booked	Fridays	11-12.30pm

### Art classes for SEND

Age	Day	Time
Any	Mondays	12-2.30pm
14+	Thursdays	10-2pm



### Art classes for adults

The art course is designed for beginners, intermediate level, advanced and for students interested in preparing a portfolio for foundation degrees, BAs and MAs applications as well as art scholarships.

We offer a personalised learning experience to meet the individual needs and pace of our students.

All materials are provided in the studio.

Programme	Day	Time
Art and wellbeing	Tuesdays	10-12pm
Sewing and embroidery	Wednesdays	11.30 - 1pm
Painting and drawing	Saturdays	10-12pm





## Priory Friends News



### Priory Friends on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/prioryfriends](http://www.facebook.com/prioryfriends)



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

## School Uniform

Please find attached a £5 off voucher when spending £35.00 or more online only on our website:

**SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT**  
The Uniform Specialist

**Gift Voucher**

**£5.00 OFF YOUR NEXT ONLINE ORDER**  
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £35.00

ONLINE CODE: 5SDD23

This voucher can only be used online at [www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk](http://www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk). Offer is valid until 31st July 2023 and may only be used once. Offer can only be used on a transaction of over £35.00.

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