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ISSUE 33

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Choir Performance at the Hexagon

I am thrilled to share the fantastic performance of our choir at the Hexagon on Monday evening. The choir members were incredibly professional, well-behaved, and absolutely brilliant. Their performance was a true reflection of the hope and curiosity we instil in our pupils. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Shaw for her exceptional preparation and for continually finding wonderful opportunities for the choir. A big thank you to our helpers, Mrs. Bhanot and Mrs. Packham, without whom these trips would not be possible. Well done to everyone involved!

Aladdin Production

Tuesday saw the first production of Aladdin, and our children performed with remarkable passion, enthusiasm, and professionalism. They even impressed the Mayor, who attended the performance. Thursday's performance was equally outstanding, with the second cast showcasing their skill and bravery. This time, they performed for the Director of Children's Services, who was deeply moved and impressed by their performance.

I am incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils for their individual roles in the play. Seeing their journey from the first reveal of the show to their final performances has been a joy. They have overcome their fears and put on a show that rivals any professional performance. This process has truly embodied our values of hope and opportunity. Congratulations to all the performers!

Of course, this could not happen without the guidance and support from Mrs. Reith, Mr. Philpott, Miss Wilson, Miss Larkins, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Clements, Mr. Perry, and Mrs. Larkins. The band, too, were brilliant, and a thank you goes to Mr. Lazenbury on the violin and clarinet, Mr. Roberts on drums, Mrs. Shaw on piano, and Mr. Keen on the keyboard. Thank you so much for being here tonight. I would also like to thank all the staff who stayed behind to help with make-up, dress, and supervision, and to Mr. Cooper for all the IT support and filming the show. Also, thank you to Lewis Rodda for making the props. Your support and dedication highlight the trust and teamwork that make our school community so special.

Learning Together Sessions

We hope parents have enjoyed the learning together sessions with their children. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to engage with your child's learning and see their progress first-hand, fostering the curiosity and love for learning that we value so highly.

Upcoming Events

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be busy planning and organizing the summer fayre, which will take place next Friday afternoon. All children and parents are invited to join us after school. KS2 children can bring some money to spend at the fayre during the afternoon.

It's going to be a fun-filled event for everyone! We also have our transition session next week, where your child will meet their new teacher and classmates. We also wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they go off to visit their new schools. These transitions embody our commitment to providing opportunity and ensuring trust in the process.

We cannot believe it is July already!

Parent Survey

As we approach the end of the school year, it's time for us to gather valuable feedback to review and enhance our School Development Plan. Your insights are crucial in helping us understand what has been successful and identifying areas for improvement. This survey is part of our ongoing effort to build trust and provide opportunities for our pupils.

We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to complete a brief survey by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cnZT6m67i9>

Your participation will significantly influence our priorities and goals for the coming year. Thank you for your time and support in helping us create the best possible environment for our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend!

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Nursery Stay and Play - 1st July
- Year 6 Transition Day- 2nd July
- Year 6 Transition Workshops - 2nd July
- 3Rashford Ure Museum - 3rd July
- MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
- Plastic free July - 3rd July
- Year 6 visit to BGS - 4th July
- SALT parent drop in for Orchard -4th July
- Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
- Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 5th July
- 3Wickes 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
- Year 3 - Year 6 Sports Day - 17th July, 9:30am
- Reception - Year 2 Sports Day - 17th July, 1pm
- Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception and Badgers 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 24th June

Whole School - 92%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 89%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 92%

Year 6 - 92%

Congratulations to Woodland Badgers with 100% 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

Sign of the week:

Writing

<https://youtu.be/dOjXDRHKOXg>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

<https://www.priorschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

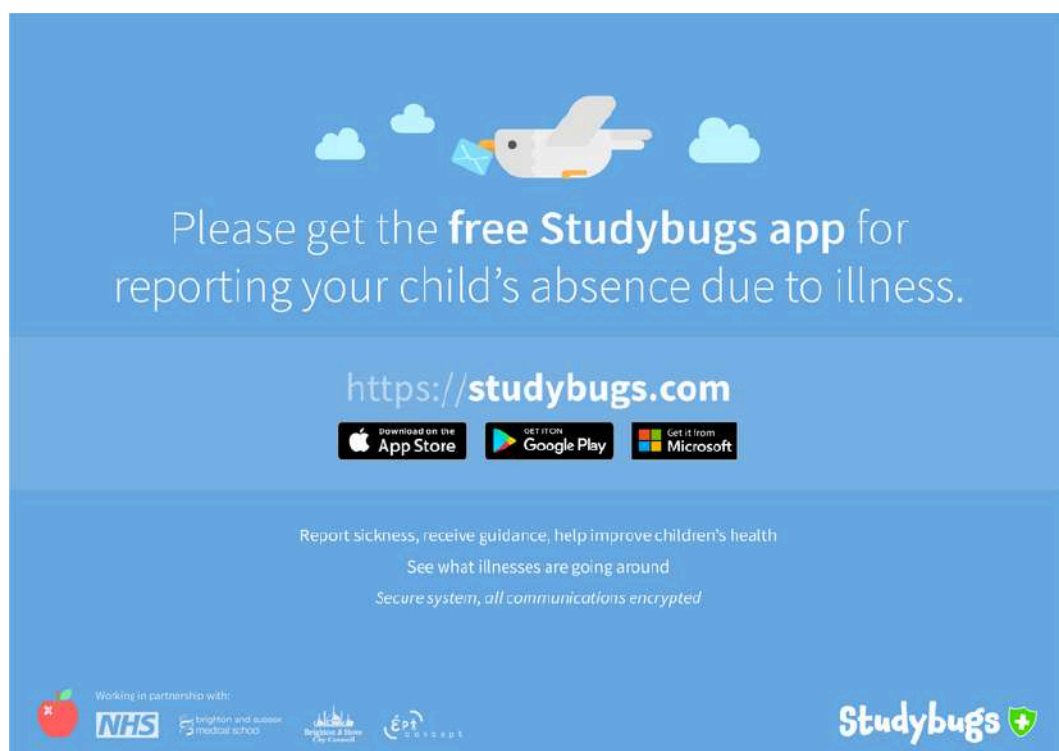
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

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>



The graphic features a blue background with a white bird flying and holding a blue envelope. Below the bird, the text reads: "Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness." The website URL "https://studybugs.com" is displayed in white. Below the URL are three logos: "Download on the App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "Get it from Microsoft". At the bottom, there are three lines of text: "Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health", "See what illnesses are going around", and "Secure system, all communications encrypted". The bottom left corner includes the text "Working in partnership with:" followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and the University of Brighton. The bottom right corner features the "Studybugs" logo with a green shield icon.

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Studybugs

AWARDED 'GOOD' IN OFSTED INSPECTION - MARCH 2019

AWARDED 'GOLD' IN INVESTORS IN PEOPLE - APRIL 2019



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 to download a September
2024 /2025 application form or email 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)

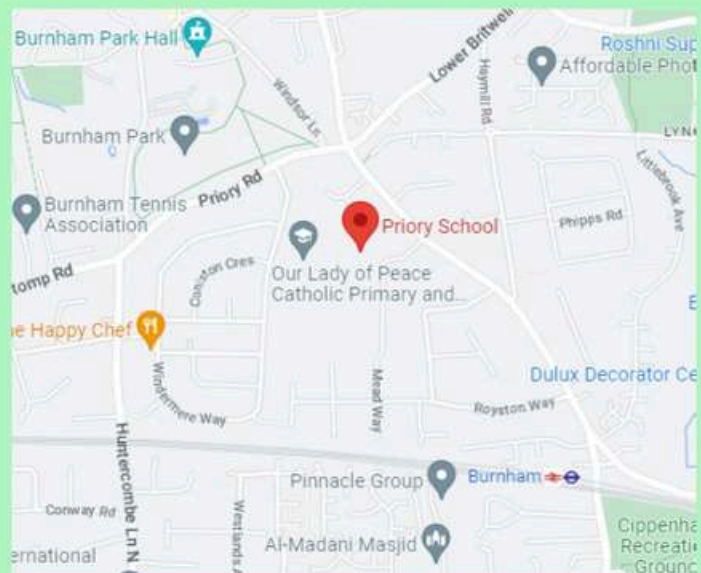
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Nursery Open Afternoon

Monday 1st July 2024

4.00pm–5.00pm

Email attendance to office@prioryschool.com

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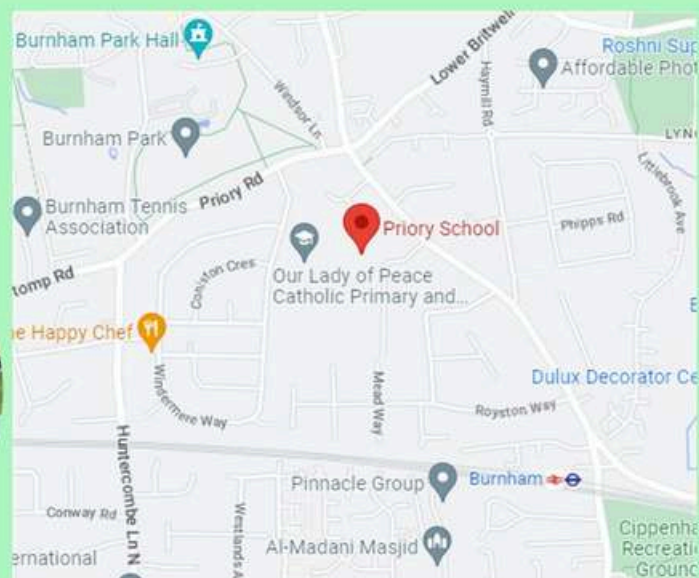
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A message from Priory Friends

Priory Friends will be running an ice pops stall at the summer fair on July 5th. It's always very popular with the children especially if it's a hot afternoon. We need some help running the stall - can anyone come to help for an hour or so that afternoon? We usually make a small profit for the Priory Friends so we can support the schools projects but it's also to give the kids a treat. Please contact Priory Friends by leaving a message with Sandy on reception.



Marvellous Musicians!

Over the past two weeks we have held our summer series of lunchtime concerts, in which all children who have instrumental lessons at school have an opportunity to perform to a friendly audience of friends, parents and staff. We are delighted that over 50 children took part in these events, using their courage to share their musical talents, supported by their amazing instrumental teachers. Congratulations to all of our performers and their teachers, and thank you to everyone who came along to listen and celebrate their musical achievements!

Hooray for the Hexagon!

Members of the choir had a fantastic afternoon and evening at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading on Monday, taking part in an amazing event run by Slough Music Service: "Music Through The Ages". 16 Slough schools were represented by over 450 children, coming together to sing and play a wonderful variety of music in this special venue. Many thanks to Miss Packham for supporting us alongside Mrs Bhanot, Mrs Foster and Mrs Shaw, and to all the parents who were able to join us for this special occasion. We are so proud of the children. Well done for all your hard work!





Orchard News

This week in Orchard parents were invited in for the learning together afternoon. The children had a Science lesson exploring changing states of matter. Parents joined in with the children in Bucket time and participated in 3 experiments. The children enjoyed melting chocolate in their hands, watching it change from a solid into liquid. The children loved watching the explosion when adding bicarbonate soda to vinegar watching the change from liquid to gas. They also had fun melting ice outside using salt and water.



Step 1 - Food colouring



Step 2 - Add vinegar



Step 3 - Add soda



Step 4 - Watch it fizz



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

- 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 **16th July** and finishes **14th 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](#).



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3rd 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.

New 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/
www.southlandsarts.co.uk

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



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:

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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

Is your child starting school in September?



Attend one of our health and wellbeing sessions throughout July and August to help your child be 'ready for school'

Romsey Grove Children's Centre 9am and 12 midday

- 23rd July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 30th July – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 6th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 20th August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 27th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Penn Road Children's Centre 9am

- 24th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 7th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 14th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 21st August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 28th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Chalvey Grove Children's Centre 9am

- 25th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 1st August – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 8th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 15th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 29th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Book your space now by calling 01753 373464