

12TH JULY 2024

ISSUE 35

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a bustling and productive one at our school, filled with enriching experiences.

Literacy Excellence

We had the pleasure of hosting a Literacy Specialist who was thoroughly impressed with the quality of our phonics teaching. Our Year 1 phonics screening results have been exceptional, meeting national averages. This accomplishment reflects the dedication and hard work of our teachers, support staff, and of course, our curious and hardworking pupils. Thank you to everyone involved!

Exciting Excursions

Class 3 Wickes had a fantastic trip to the University of Reading Museum, where their curiosity was sparked by the exhibits and activities.

Year 6 Transition Workshop

Our Year 6 pupils participated in a transition workshop this week, preparing them for the next exciting phase of their educational journey. We have high hopes for their future, and the secondary schools they will be joining are incredibly fortunate to welcome such a wonderful group of children.

Year 6 Trip to Little Canada

Today, we bid farewell to our Year 6 students as they embarked on their trip to Little Canada. We trust they will have an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Football is coming home!

We are very excited about the upcoming match on Sunday, I don't want to jinx it but if we win on Sunday, we will celebrate this massive achievement by allowing all children to come to school in football kits or non-uniform on Monday.

If they don't win we will still be incredibly proud of our team and we will still celebrate their efforts, and pupils should come in their regular uniforms.

Upcoming Events

- School Reports: School reports will be distributed on the 19th of July, highlighting the opportunities our pupils have seized and their achievements throughout the year.
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly: Join us at 2pm on the 23rd of July as we celebrate the end of a significant chapter for our Year 6 students.
- Reception Graduation: Our youngest learners will graduate on the 24th of July at 2pm, marking their first major educational milestone.
- End of Term: The term ends on the 25th of July. Year 6 will finish at 11:30am to allow us to carry out the Guard of Honour, celebrating their journey and trust in their bright futures.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the 150 people who have contributed to the survey already!

We are still striving to reach at least 300 responses to ensure we have comprehensive insights from our community. Your feedback is crucial in helping us review and enhance our School Development Plan, creating even more opportunities for our students.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

[Survey Link](#)

Your participation will significantly influence our priorities and goals for the coming year.

We trust in your support to help us create the best possible environment for our pupils.

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Have a lovely weekend!

Upcoming events in the summer term

- 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 PM
- 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 8th July

Whole School - 91%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 92%

Congratulations to class 2Newton with 98% 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:

Sorry no sign of the week this week

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/)

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

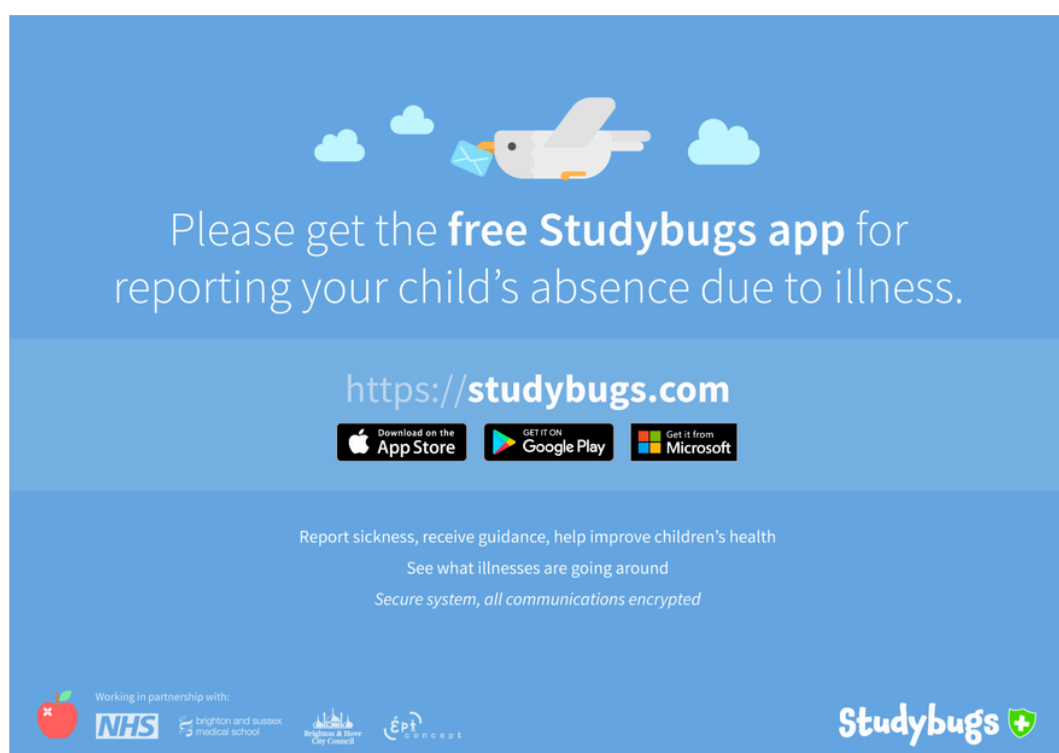
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

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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AWARDED 'GOLD' IN INVESTORS IN PEOPLE – APRIL 2019



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Is your child 3 years old before August 31st 2024?
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September 2024 start

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website www.prioryschool.com to download a September
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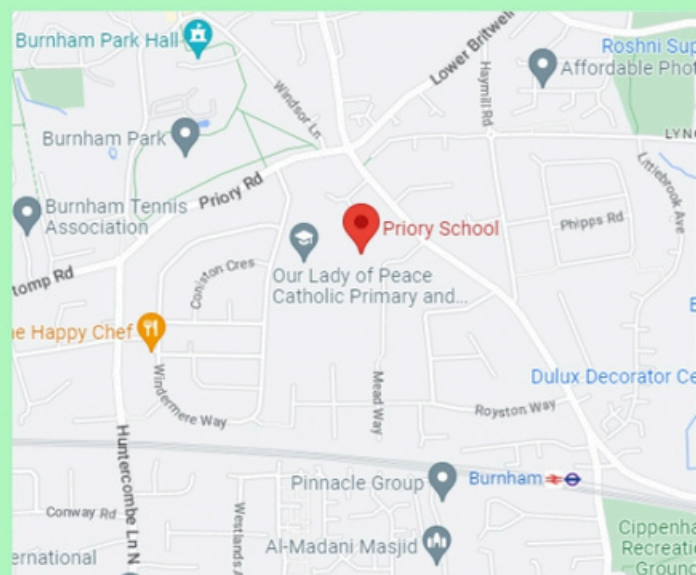
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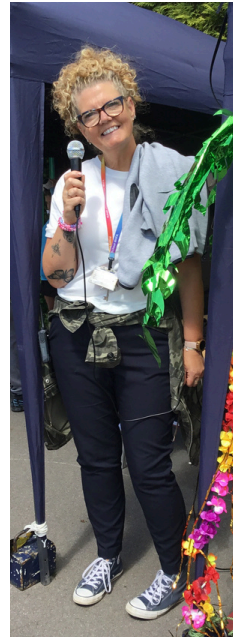
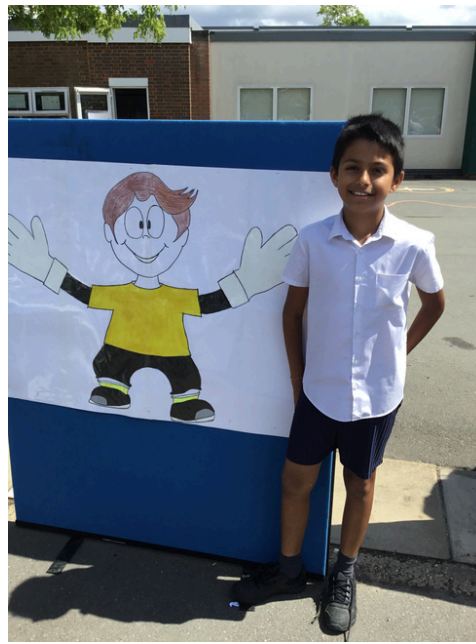
Superb Summer Fair!

Thank you to everyone who came to the summer fair on Wednesday afternoon. After two reschedules due to weather, we finally got the go ahead and it was definitely worth the wait!

Well done to the Year 6 children who did an amazing job at planning and running the stalls at the fair. It's such a great opportunity for the Year 6 pupils to practice their enterprise skills and raise money for a leaving gift for the school. They did such an amazing job and we are so proud!

Thank you to Priory Friends for the ice pop stall and special guests Salt Hill VR for volunteering to run an exciting VR stall.

We raised an incredible £1,4079.74! Stay tuned for the announcement of what the gift will be!



A message from Priory Friends

Priory Friends ran a very successful ice pops stall at the Summer Fair and raised £215 towards our next project (to be announced). Many thanks to the volunteers who ran the stall and to Tesco's for donating the ice pops.

We are still hoping to serve tea and coffee at Sports Day but could do with some more help - can anyone help for an hour or so? Could you let Reception know and they can get a message to us.

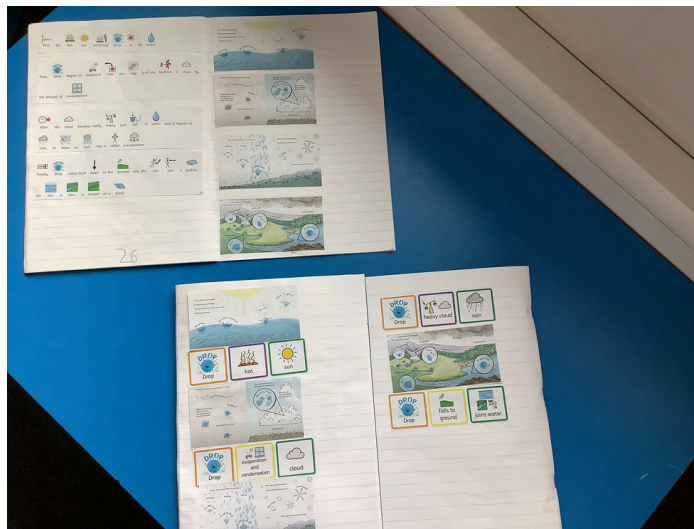


Notice for Choir

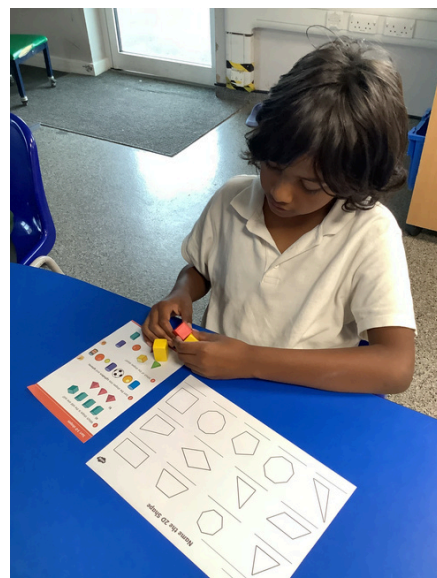
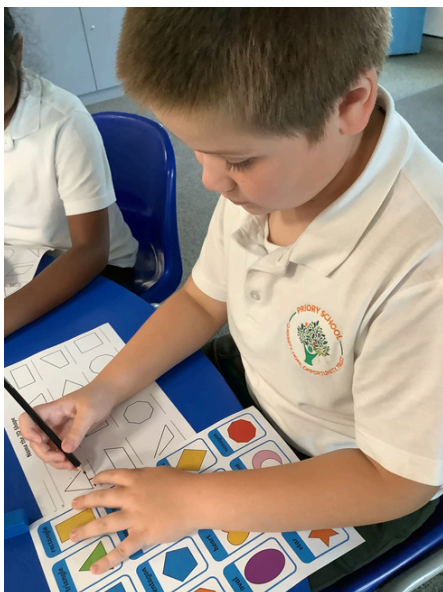
We have just been allocated a performance date for members of our choir to sing at "Young Voices 2025"! This is an amazing experience, singing with thousands of other children and a professional live band at the O2 Arena, London on Wednesday 5th February 2025. Please could choir members put this in their diaries. Further details to follow!

Orchard News

In English, the children have been reading their story 'Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle' (Story can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TB-34sIKdc>), they have been recapping the sequence of the water cycle. The children have been sequencing the water cycle using sentences and visuals; to support the learning of the key vocabulary of the water cycle.



In Maths, the children have been exploring time, the use of practical clocks to help support their learning of telling the time to the hour and half hour. They have also been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and finding these shapes around the school environment.



In Science, the children have started to look at what a plant depends on to grow from a seed. As well as, looking at common plants we would find walking around; such as daisies, daffodils, roses and dandelions. We have been trying to spot them around the school field when we walk the Priory Mile.



In Art, the children have been continuing their exploration of mixing colours to create a range of dark and light colours. They have then used these colours to paint a mountainous scene. On the subject of art, Cherry class want to share an amazing piece of artwork drawn by Ethan; the piece is of Peppa Pig and her family



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!

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](#).



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- 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.

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