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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Priory Mascots - Living Our Values Every Day
This half term, we have introduced the first of our four new Priory
Mascots, each representing one of our school values - Curiosity,
Opportunity, Trust and Hope.

All of our mascots also demonstrate our core behaviours of Kindness, Determination and Courage, which help us grow into kind, courageous, and determined individuals proud to be Priory children.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Julie Glister, who created our beautiful mascot designs. They will over the course of the academic year feature around our school and will help children connect with our values in a fun and meaningful way.

Nadine the Butterfly - Hope

Nadine reminds us that change can be beautiful. She teaches us to keep growing, even when things feel uncertain, and to believe that brighter days are always ahead.



Kaspian the Otter - Opportunity

Kaspian encourages us to say yes to new experiences and to be brave enough to try something different. He once lived a very quiet life by his brook until, with the kindness of his friends, he found the courage to explore. Now, Kaspian never lets fear hold him back – he seizes every opportunity that comes his way!





Imara the Hedgehog - Trust

Imara reminds us that trust takes time to build and needs care to keep. She represents honesty, reliability, and friendship — showing us that strong relationships help us all to grow.



Dara the Squirrel - Curiosity

Dara represents curiosity and a love for learning. She is inquisitive, full of questions, and reminds us that exploring the world around us helps us to discover our potential.



And flying high above the Priory garden is Myra the Owl, a familiar character in our Priory story. Myra represents all of our pupils — curious, kind, and determined to learn. Myra reminds us that, just like the children of Priory, our values help us to grow into the very best versions of ourselves.

We've started this half term by getting to know Kaspian the Otter of Opportunity, and the children have really enjoyed exploring his story in assemblies and class discussions.

When you have a moment at home, we'd love you to ask your child: "What did you learn from Kaspian's story?"
"When have you been brave enough to try something new?"

Your conversations at home help strengthen the messages we share in school and bring our Priory Values to life every day.

Finally we wish you all a wonderful half term. As we reach the end of a busy and successful first half term, we want to thank all of our families for your continued support and encouragement.

We wish you a restful and happy half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for more learning adventures, on Monday 3rd November.

Important dates:

Click here to link to the school calendar
Click here to see term dates for 2025-2026

Leaflets and letters:

Please <u>click here</u> to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Signs of the week:

No SOTW this week



Peek at the Week Nursery– 24th October 2025

Half Term holiday is next week. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November

Don't forget to **chat, read and play** with your child over the holiday break.

To support your child's speaking and listening why not look at the following website for some ideas of activities to do with your child.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people

Celebrating Diwali



Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We have been talking about how to make sure our Nursery is a happy place for everyone to learn in. This week we have been focusing on looking after our toys by remembering to 'choose it, use it and put it away'.

We remind ourselves of the expected behaviour in nursery by looking at our class charter.

Communication & Language Development

We have been reading our focus book 'Hello Friend' and talking about all the activities we like to do in nursery. Can your child tell you all about their favourite activities.

Physical Development



We have developing our physical strength and co-ordination by sweeping up the leaves that have blown into our

garden. We have then been working together to

fill our wheelbarrows full of leaves and pulling and pushing them around the garden.





Child of the week: Aariz for joining in beautifully in music each week and for always following the behaviour class charter.



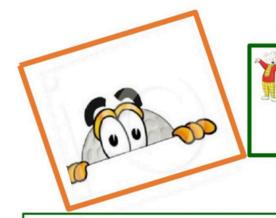
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l53N612meiY

Please share this Diwali song with your children



Word of the Week: 'playing'

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com



Peek at the Week Reception – 24th October 2025

Our Learning - This week:

Important Dates / Reminders

Start of Term 2 – Monday 3rd November, 2025

Please be mindful when ordering your child's lunch that we do not offer the sandwich (Orange) option to children in reception and KS1.

PE – Every Thursday – Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday, please ensure your child brings their book bag on this day.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: 2D shapes— we have been using the vocabulary: <u>Circle and Triangle</u>

As the weather is getting cooler and the rain has started to arrive, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a rain coat or jacket as we will be continuing our busy learning outside.

Please can we ask that your child brings in a named water bottle every day. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named. Thank you for your support!

Communication and Language Development:

During drawing club this week, we have been looking at the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt! The children use this opportunity to talk about their families and local area. They also produced some lovely character work!



This week we completed our first term phonics journey! The children have worked extremely hard this term and have begun to identify and blend phonemes to read 3 letter words. Due to this term being a settling period, we will re-cap all of the learnt phonics next term to help further embed the phonemes.

Reading books will not be going home over half term. However, please continue to enjoy the magic of stories with your child during the holiday.

Maths:

This week in maths we have continued our investigations of the numbers 1, 2, and 3. In addition, we have begun to look at shape and their properties. The children have been looking at what makes a circle a circle and what makes a triangle and triangle. They have also been looking around their environment to see if they spot these shapes.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

To support our Personal, Social and Emotional Development we are following the Jigsaw program. This week have continued to work on friendships and taking turns. The children have been playing lots of games to support taking turns.

Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Sage R Paddington: Hallie



Reception song of the week: Coming soon!

Contact us: <u>reception@prioryschool.com</u> 01628 600300



Peek at the Week Year 1 – 24/10/25

Important Dates / Reminders

- A reminder to ensure your child's bookbag comes to school every Wednesday.
- This week it has been very wet. We are outside daily, so please remember to send your child in with appropriate coats/shoes. We are happy for you to send in welly boots that your child can change into!



Our Learning

This term has flown by, and the Year One team would like to say a huge well done to all the children for all their hard work! We hope you all have a lovely, restful October break.

Inside your child's book bag this week, you will find a recap of the Year 1 Autumn 1 sounds. Please also ensure you read with your child over the break!

This week we have read The Best Diwali Ever.
We then created some beautiful hanging paper Diyas, which will be displayed during our whole school Diwali assembly.

We have had lots of fun outside with some spooky tuff trays this week – the children had to use tweezers to find the spiders lurking under a variety of different potions.

Star of the Week

1 Jeffers: Anum

1 Donaldson: Faatimah



Words of the Week: here they said little

Contact us: year1@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Peek at the Week Year 2 – 24th October 2025

<u>Important Dates / Reminders</u>

wc 27.10.25 Half term

Please read with and to your child every day and also discuss what you are reading.



Spellings are sent home each Friday and there will be a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

The children will not be given new spellings this week. Enjoy your October holidays!

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday**.

Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their bag every day.

Please send your child in with a coat or waterproof jacket as they will be outside in the garden for part of each day.

Thank you for all your support and we hope that you have a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3rd November.

Our Learning

This week, we have continued learning about 2D shapes in maths, We used mirrors and cut out and folded different shapes to help us find their vertical line of symmetry. We also loved revisiting our history topic of The Great Fire of

London! We were really excited to watch the re-enactment of the Great Fire. In English, we used time words and verbs in



the past tense to write a factual recount of this re-enactment. In PSHRE this week, we focused on firework safety with Diwali and Bonfire night coming up. We created eye-catching and informative posters advising people how to stay safe. After half term, we will move on to addition in maths, first counting how many objects there are altogether, then adding any 1-digit number to a 2-digit number by counting on (e.g. 35 + 4 = 39). In English, we will be looking at the features of fact files and then starting to research our chosen African animal for our own fact file.

We have also had lots of fun in the garden this week balancing the spooky bats and creating beautiful Rangoli patterns!



Child of the Week

2Newton: Antoine

2Franklin: Tarek



Contact us: year2@prioryschool.com



Peek at the Week Year 3– 24th October 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

06.11.25 3 Nightingale-Swimming lessons

w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term

21.11.25 Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo



05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair/Christmas Jumper Day

HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Monday**.

Year 3 Trip to WHIPSNADE

As part of their

learning in science and English, Year 3 have the opportunity to visit Whipsnade Zoo on 21.11.25. Please click the link below to secure your child's place:

https://forms.office.com/e/NFDrkOtSfJ

Our Learning

This week, we have been learning about Hinduism in our RE lessons with a focus on Diwali. In French, we learnt how to ask and answer the question, 'Who are you?' In Computing lessons, we explored how computers are connected

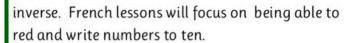
In Maths, we practised how to subtract numbers where an exchange is needed.

After half term, we will begin a science unit where we will learn about animal skeletons and muscles. This will link to our trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

In English, we will be learning how to write a non chronological report

based on the writing in this lovely book.

In Maths, we will use our knowledge or addition and subtraction to tackle problems using the



In Computing, we will be learning how to create a stop frame animation and PSHRE lessons will focus on celebrating differences.

Word of the Week: therefore

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year3@prioryschool.com



Peek at the Week Year 4– 24th October 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 27.10.25 - Half Term

21.11.25 Bikeability

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day



HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniformto school each **Wednesday**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Word of the Week: therefore

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year4@prioryschool.com

Tel: 01628 600300

Our Learning

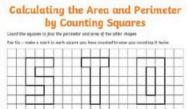
This week, we have been focussing on climate and how this can affect the crops grown in the UK and Italy. We also explored how crops grown in these regions can affect diet and what 'food miles' are. In English, we watched 'Matilda' and compared the film to the book which we have enjoyed reading in class.

In French, we learnt how to ask someone their name and how to respond to this question. To celebrate Diwali, we created lanterns which will be used to decorate the hall for our school Diwali celebration.

After half term, we will reading the book 'Charlotte's Web' and using this wonderful story to inspire our writing.



In Maths, we will be moving onto a unit exploring measure and will be starting with area and perimeter.



In French lessons, we will be learning how to read and say numbers from 1-10.



In DT, we are going taste pizza toppings and design our ideal pizza which we will be making the following week.



Year 5 Peek at the Week 24th October 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

Half term—27th October to 31st October First day back to school 3rd November





Our Learning

This week, we finished our History unit, looking at the lasting impact of the war.

In maths, we continued with addition and subtraction and focused on multistep and inverse operations.

In English, we continued with the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom', exploring the characters and their emotions as the story unfolds. We also looked at character descriptions and features of a diary to help us write our own diary entries in role.

After half term, will be starting our next geography unit on mountain, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will also make Christmas stockings in DT.

In maths, we will start our new topic multiplication, by exploring multiples, common multiples and how these are linked to factors.

In English, we will continue with the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom', exploring the characters and their emotions as the story unfolds. We will write our own newspaper articles at the end of the unit.

Star of the week

Maple: Gurleen Ofili: Zayaan Dawe: Khadija

Word of the Week: conscience

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths and Doodle Maths.

Contact us: year5@prioryschool.com



The Orchard–Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 20/10/2025

Our Learning

Important Date

TVAP- Pear class-Wednesday 5th November. Please bring pack lunch.

Swimming- Apple class-Friday 7th November. Please bring in swimwear and a towel

Community trip- Plum class-Monday 3rd November. Please bring in £2 In English this week the children have been engaging in lots of Halloween activities relating to the 'Room on the Broom'. The children have been exploring the tuff tray and have been identifying the characters and the objects and sequencing the story.

The children have had fun making potions and exploring the spooky sensory trail.

In Maths, the children have been creating different shapes with a range of everyday materials and making and copying patterns with lego and blocks.

In Geography the children have been looking at similarities and differences between a town and a seaside town. They have been exploring town and beach tuff trays. They have explained what's in a town/beach using visuals.

























Star of the week Plum Class- Chanel for having a great week in class Pear Class- Kyree for good listening in class Apple class- Henderson for being able to self regulate and not wear his ear defenders Berry class- Aroosh for showing amazing lifeskills Cherry Class- Abdullah for being able to elf regulate Strawberry class- Lottie for behaving really well



Diwali Assembly

Diwali Song:

On Monday 3rd November, we will be having a wonderful Diwali celebration in the hall. It would be lovely if you could play the following Diwali song over the half term break for your child to sing along to, especially the chorus (below), as we will be singing it together as part of this special event. Thank you.

Bringing together our family and friends Young and old we're all near and dear Dancing and singing, we'll light the light again It's everyone, it's everywhere, it's here! Diwali!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l53N612meiY



Starting Secondary School in Slough 2026

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACE

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, and you live in Slough, you can now apply online for a transfer from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) for September 2026.

The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

You will also find the *Starting Secondary School booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

Current Year 6 pupils - children who will be transferring from primary (Year 6) school to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2026.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2025. To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 31 October 2025.

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You MUST submit an application with any required documents/ supplementary forms on time.
- Your child MUST meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- NO automatic transfer from a primary into a secondary school.
- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions Closing date to apply 31 October 2025

Changing your preferences or changing the order after submitting an application

You can make any changes to your application before the closing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences after



the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, all your preferences would be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications.

It is possible to change your preferences after your application has been downloaded by the Admissions team but you will need to complete an amendment form which you will find on the council's website.

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (31 October 2025) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you MUST apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting Secondary School' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions Email: _admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:

Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)
Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

Sabi Hothi

Head of Education Services Slough Borough Council Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL



Starting Infant, Junior & Primary School in Slough 2026/27

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a reception school place in an infant or primary school for September 2026. The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the *Starting Infant*, *Junior and Primary School booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for a school place for September 2026.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2025. To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2026.

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You MUST submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child MUST meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- NO automatic transfer from a nursery to into a school.
- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions Closing date to apply 15 January 2026

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January 2026) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

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FREE LUNCH

Children will be provided lunch after parents attend a brief session aimed at shaping better local services.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

Family Fun Day!

Saturday 15 November 2025 10.30am-2.30pm

Salt Hill Activity Centre Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3SS

For more information:
Event contact: Kulvinder Dhillon
Contact number: 07395 258266



Scan to sign up by 6 November, you must sign up to attend. www.eventbrite.com/e/familyfun-day-tickets-1784168208139 You can choose 3 of the activities below:

- Soft play
 For children aged 0-12
- Bowling
- Trampolining
 For children aged 5+ unless
 taking part in the toddler session
- Virtual Reality
 All users must be aged 8 and over.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer









The Dionysus Ensemble presents



A Musical Adventure

2pm, Monday 27th October 2025 St Mary's Church, Church St, Slough, SL1 1PJ

Interactive children's concert with bite sized music, listen, sing & dance!

FREE entry

Advised ages 0-8 Booking necessary, spaces are limited













Please visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com

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Managing Anxiety
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NEW - Emotional
Regulation
Autism and ADHD
support

7 PM TO 9 PM
Sensory Processing
Autism and ADHD
Support

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