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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, there is so much to look back on and celebrate. From Year 4's Roman Day and Year 5's Second World War assembly to wonderful live music for Years 4 and 5, our children have enjoyed some lovely opportunities to bring their learning to life. We have also marked Hello Yellow, raised £329 through our Macmillan Coffee Morning and launched our Priory Parent Partnership. Thank you for being part of it all and for joining us at parents' evenings to celebrate your children's progress.

This week has provided an exciting finish, with visits to the Buddhist Centre at Taplow Court and Hogwarts Day filling the school with witches, wizards, Muggles and magic–and, of course, some wonderfully scary Halloween figures!

Thank you for your amazing donations for our Christmas Fayre. Your generosity helps make it such a special event for our school community.

We wish all our families a wonderful half term and hope you enjoy some lovely time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November for what is always a busy and exciting half term as we head towards Christmas!

Mrs Foster

Attendance

WC 19/10/26

Whole School - 91.88%
Nursery - 78.22%
Reception - 88.94%
Year 1 - 89.38%
Year 2 - 96.93%
Year 3 -91.59%
Year 4 - 94.04%
Year 5 - 90.44%
Year 6 - 94.64%

Winner - Berries 100%

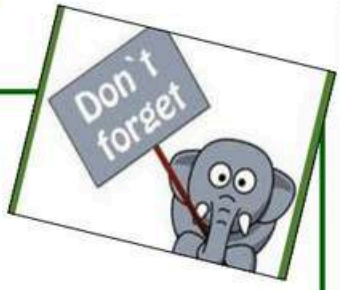
Sign of the Week

Good morning, Good afternoon

https://youtu.be/PfCSvZJcIME



Peek at the Week
Nursery– 23rd October 2026



Half Term holiday is next week. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 2nd 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

Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Fair. We have had fun dressing up today and doing some Halloween themed activities.





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 using the carts to transport all the Harvest donations from Nursery to the hall. Thank you to all those who donated.









Child of the week: for being a fantastic role model for our younger children, always following the behaviour class charter and being more confident with her speaking on the carpet.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3pOvLj22Uo

Please share this Pumpkin song with your child.

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Peek at the Week
Reception – 23rd October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please make sure you send in a named water bottle and uniform is named.
- PE on Tuesday's: Please send your child into school in PE kit.
- Please make sure you don't order your child an orange lunch as they are for KS2 children.
- Bring book bags in on Wednesday's.
- Book bags will be returned after half term with new books.

We will be sending a phonics sheet home with your child for the half term. Highlighted sounds on their sheets are the sounds they are confident with and the others are the ones they can practice over half term!
Don't forget to encourage your child to practice their tricky works: 'I',' the', and 'is'!

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day. Please return your child's reading book and record on a Wednesday and they will bring new books home on



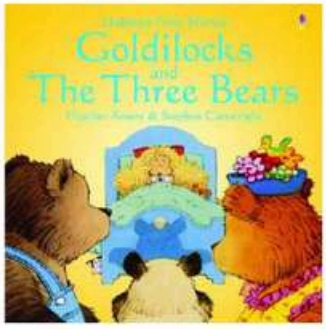




Our Learning - This week:

What a wonderful first term we have had settling into Reception, here at Priory! We have learnt many sounds, new maths skills and have been using our creative imagination in drawing club. We can't wait to see what the next term brings...







Communication and Language Development:

This week we have been recapping all the sounds that we learnt in the first term, these are: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b, and l. We looked at out first diagraph 'ck' and out tricky words 'I', 'is', and 'the'. We have also been superstars at blending our CVC words. Have a go at these at home: sat pin got ten top sun hot

Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about prepositions and more or less. We have looked at where different objects are placed and who has more or less.
Key words: next to, under, above, behind, more, fewer

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week, we have been looking at the people who help us! We discussed how different people help us in our everyday lives and the emergency services!

Reception Stars of the Week

R Rupert: Jaani R Paddington: Child S



Reception song of the week: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed | Children Nursery Rhyme | Flickbox Kids Songs

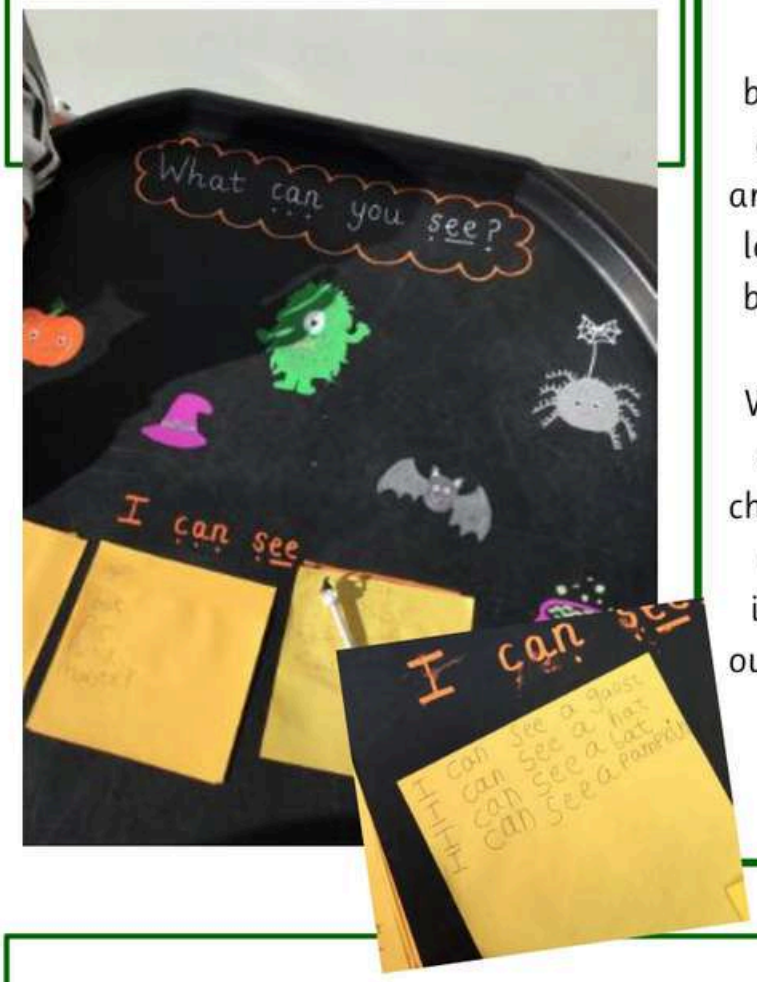
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Peek at the Week
Year 1 – 23/10/26

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send bookbags in every **Wednesday.**
- Please only send water in drinking bottles, not juice.
- **2nd November –** back to school



Our Learning

This week we finished our unit based on "The Tree: Seasons Come Seasons Go". We ended our writing by creating a postcard, sent to Owl describing what we could see at our own tree. We drew beautiful illustrations on the front of the postcard, and added a message, address and a stamp on the back!

In RE, we looked at individuality and belonging. We had some lovely discussions about what makes us unique and special, and how important it is to celebrate this. We looked at Christianity, and how Christian's believe their God created everyone equally.

We had lots of exciting spooky activities in our outdoor learning area this week! The children enjoyed using their phonics to write down the names of creepy creatures and items. On Friday, we celebrated the end of our first term with a Halloween dance party!

Star of the Week

1 Donaldson: George 1 Jeffers: Hallie



Words of the Week: **pumpkin** **witch** **Halloween** **ghost**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2– 23rd October, 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

End of Term 1 – Friday 23rd October, 2026 (3:15pm)
Start of Term 2 – Monday 2nd November, 2026
Diwali event – Monday 16th November, 2026
Learning together – Thursday 19th November, 2026
The Kings Hat Performance – 26th November, 2026
Windsor Castle Trip – Friday 27th November, 2026

Homework

The children have worked extremely hard this term and we are very proud of each and every child! We will not be sending reading books or spellings home, however, please do read other books from home with your child. Maybe even write a diary of your half term activities.

Fruit is provided for snack time but the children can also choose to bring in a healthy snack from home.

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

Please put your child's reading record and reading book in their bag each day.

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!

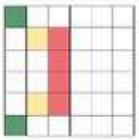
Our Learning - This week:

This week, the children have continued to learn about the festival of light. They really enjoyed working with clay and have made some lovely divas! I am sure you would agree.

In English, we have been creating checklist of things we may see during our trip to Windsor castle! We plan to take these with us and see if we can find all of the fantastic things we have predicted.



In math's we have been have continued to look at 3D shapes and their properties. In particular, the vertices of a 3D shape (corners). The children also completed a symmetry challenge! Ensuring all both sides of the pattern were symmetrical.



In the garden the children have been making magic potions. They have been using pipettes and tweezers, helping us to work on our fine motor skills. This will help our writing skills and letter and number formation.

After Half-Term: We will be starting our new topic Castles! We have lots of exciting things planned, including a trip to Windsor castle, a special performance from our children and many other fantastic learning oppertunaties!

Year 2 Stars of the Week:



2 Newton: Hareem **2 Franklin: E**

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Peek at the Week
Year 3 – 23rd October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 26.10.26 HALF TERM

05.11.26 3 Nightingale swimming

16.11.26 **Priory's Diwali Celebration**



13.11.26 Year 3 Zoo Trip

Homework

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Please help your child to practise their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10x tables.

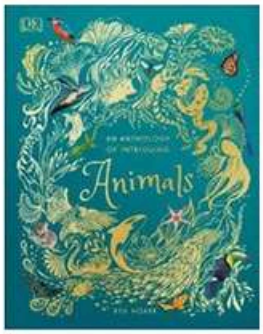
Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday.**

Word of the Week: therefore

Our Learning

This week, we have continued to study Islam in RE lessons. The children have learnt about how Islamic beliefs may influence the every day life of Muslims.

In Maths, we have focussed our learning on exploring strategies for subtraction.



After half term, we will be looking at the features of non chronological reports using this beautiful book as our inspiration.

In science, we will be learning about skeletons of humans and animals as well as classifying animals as vertebrates and invertebrates.

This work will prepare us for our workshop at Whipsnade Zoo on Friday 13th November.



In our music lesson this week, the children explored rhythm using a range of instruments.

WHIPSNADE ZOO
a ZSL conservation zoo

Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend the Year 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo on Friday 13th November.

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Peek at the Week
Year 4 – 23rd October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

w/c 26.10.26 HALF TERM

16.11.26 **Priory's Diwali Celebration**

Homework



Please read with your child or encourage them to read independently for at least 20 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Children should practice their times tables every day. Times Tables Rock Stars Logins are stuck in the children's reading records.

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

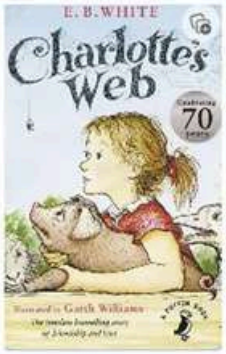
Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

We are a nut-free school.

Word of the Week: therefore

Spelling: We normally just add the suffix -ness to the end of a root word. If the root word ends in y, we swap the y for **an i.** For example: happiness, weakness, loneliness

Our Learning



This week, we started to read our new class story, 'Charlotte's Web'. We will be completing tasks in our English lessons inspired by the characters and events.

In RE lessons , we have been exploring the Sikh religion. This week, we learnt about key Sikh beliefs, and how they guide Sikhs in how they live their lives.

In Maths, we have been learning how to use the inverse to check our answers in worded problems.

After half term, we will be designing pizzas and making our own in DT lessons. In science, we will be learning about the digestive system and how food chains and webs can be used to show the relationship between living things in an ecosystem.

In Maths, we will be focussing on learning our 6x tables up to 12 x 6. We will also be learning how to calculate the area of 2d shapes.

In English, we will be writing a farm setting description and learning more about the character of Wilbur.



In English lessons, we have started to read the book 'Charlotte's Web'. This week we completed a role on the wall before writing a diary from the point of view of Fern.

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Year 5 Peek at the Week
23rd October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Half term–26th October to 30th October

First day back to school 2nd November



On Monday, year 5 had a lovely time visiting the Buddhist Centre at Taplow Court. We learnt about the 10 worlds in Buddhism and enjoyed exploring the grounds there.





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: Noah Ofili: Zaynab Dawe: Anisia

Word of the Week: conscience

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

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Planet Earth

Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week of 19.10.26

Important Dates

Berries Class Community visits

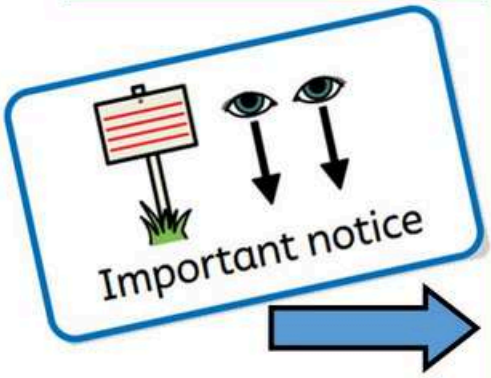
Every Monday morning–please remember £2 for the café!

Plums Class TVAP:

Every Wednesday

Apples class Swimming:

Every Friday–please remember swimming clothes and towels!



Another exciting week of hands-on, sensory learning in the Orchard!

In English, during drawing club we have been using our creativity and imagination to draw the characters and setting from our topic book *'Whatever Next!'*. We have also been sharing our ideas, making thoughtful comments and developing our sentence writing using descriptive vocabulary and colourful semantics.

We have enjoyed a spooktacular week in Maths, exploring numbers and practising our counting skills through sensory play and a range of fun Halloween themed activities.

In science, we have continued investigating our core questions. The children particularly focused on the stars and planets, sparking curiosity and excitement about space.

We have two important questions:

How do you get to space?

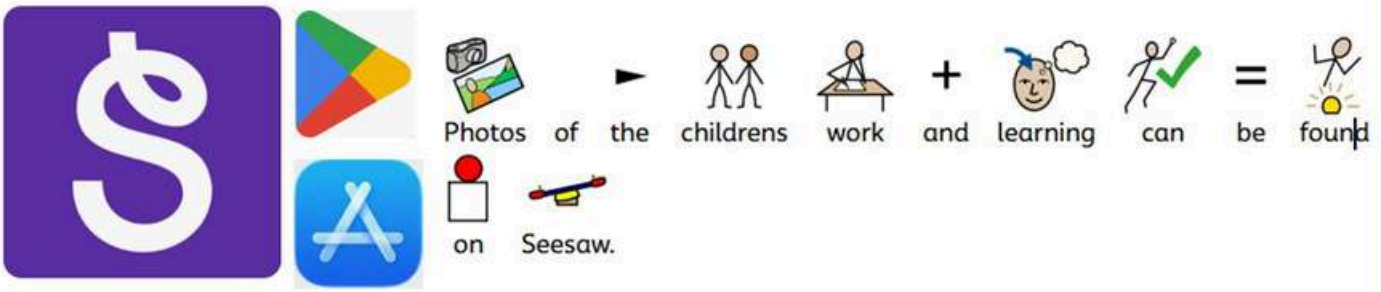
What can you see in space?

It has been another wonderful week of exploring, discovering and learning together!

Important Reminders

As the weather becomes wetter, please ensure your child brings wellies, a waterproof coat and plenty of spare clothing to school. The children love exploring outdoors and jumping in muddy puddles, so having suitable clothing helps them make most of their outdoor learning experiences.

Thank you for your continued support!



Stars of the week

Plum class: Oscar for kindness

Cherry class: Bhavin for amazing art work

Apple class: Roy for settling into his new class

Pear class: Remell for using the toilet and working hard in PE

Berry class: Manraj for keeping the classroom tidy

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Woodlands Peek at the week
Friday 23th October 2026

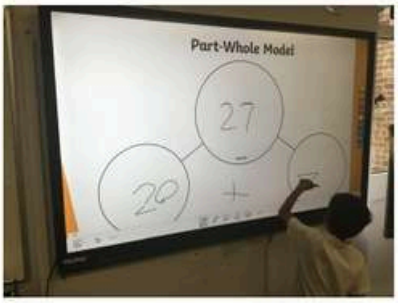
This week our article focusses on Woodland Owls session. This session is for our Year 5 and 6 learners who access woodlands in the morning.

Important Dates / Reminders

Wishing you all a lovely half-term! We look forward to seeing you on Monday the 2nd of November 2026.

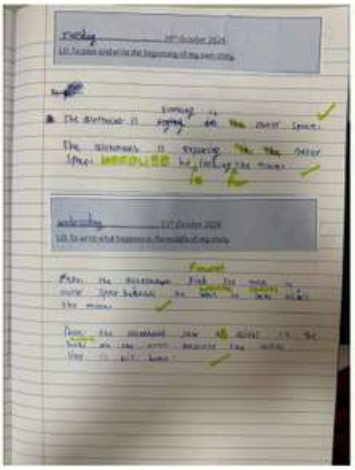
In maths this week, we revisited our place value learning through a range of practical games and activities. We identified the value of digits in 2-, 3- and 4-digit numbers, found 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less, and practised exchanging when finding one less across a place-value boundary. It was a fun and informal way for us to show what we had remembered and identify what we would like to practise next.





Our Learning

This week in **Woodland Owls**, we have been busy creating our own stories inspired by The Storm Whale. We used colourful semantics and visual word cards to help us plan and write a clear beginning, middle and ending. We also included time words, describing words, a problem and a solution before sharing our finished stories aloud. We are very proud of our fantastic storytellers!



Sensory circuit highlight: We have really enjoyed taking part in our sensory circuits this week, especially bubble breathing during the calming stage! We have been practising taking a gentle breath in and breathing out slowly, as though blowing a big bubble, to help us settle before learning.



Star of the week: Mia

For writing an out-of-this-world story about an astronaut in English!



Contact us through your child's year group email inbox.

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UNWANTED PRESENTS

TO PREPARE FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
WE ARE STARTING EARLY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS FROM ANY OCCASION AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR PLEASE POP THEM IN TO THE MAIN RECEPTION