

19TH DECEMBER 2025

ISSUE 14

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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## Headteacher's News

### A Wonderful Autumn Term at Priory

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a full, vibrant and purposeful term for our children.

From the very start of September, Priory has been alive with learning, celebration and opportunity. Classrooms quickly settled into calm routines, and children threw themselves into the many experiences on offer with enthusiasm, curiosity and pride.

This term, pupils have taken part in a wide range of events and opportunities, including:

- Diwali celebrations, bringing our community together in the story of light.
- Kindness Challenge Week and Anti-Bullying Week, reinforcing empathy, respect and inclusion
- Trips, workshops and enrichment activities across year groups
- Orchard performances, nativities and Christmas concerts
- Choir performances
- The Christmas Fayre, which was a wonderful community event. We managed to raise a brilliant £2,847.85. Thank you all for coming!
- Learning Together sessions and opportunities to share learning with families

These experiences have enriched the curriculum and helped children build confidence, resilience and a sense of belonging.

A key focus this term has been Kindness and Opportunity. Through assemblies, classroom discussions and everyday interactions, children have been encouraged to notice acts of kindness, support one another, and take opportunities – even when something feels new or challenging. Our values have not just been talked about; they have been lived.

It has been a joy to see pupils:

- supporting their peers
- performing with courage
- trying new things
- showing pride in their learning
- and demonstrating care for others

As always, none of this happens without the dedication and commitment of our staff, and the support of our families. Thank you

for working in partnership with us and for being part of the Priory community.

We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved this term and hope they leave for the holidays feeling confident, valued and excited for what lies ahead.

We wish all our families a peaceful and happy Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Foster

### Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2025-2026

### Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

### Signs of the week:

Merry Christmas

<https://youtu.be/zwpkheESbqM>

Son, daughter, nephew, niece

<https://youtu.be/RqS03N4jcck>

Uncle, Auntie, Cousin

<https://youtu.be/2sh-Q3-C-M8>

Grandmother, Grandfather

<https://youtu.be/prisatskViv>

# Peek at the Week

## Nursery – 19th December 2025

### Learning

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week we have been talking about friendships and what it means to be a good friend. We spoke about the different ways we could ask someone if they wanted to play.



#### Communication & Language Development

We have been listening to the Christmas story: the birth of baby Jesus. We have been retelling the story with our nativity characters.

We had fun singing and signing our festive songs with our families last Friday. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and family members to our Christmas singalong. Thank you to Mrs Shaw for accompanying us on the keyboard, it made it really special.



#### Physical Development

Lifting, shaking and moving the parachute strengthens arms, shoulders and core muscles.



We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to welcoming nursery back on **Thursday 8th January 2026**



We have had a busy and exciting 'Christmassy week' in Nursery.



Autumn Term Significant Achievement Awards: **Sanvika and Aariz**

Nursery rhyme of the week:

We wish you a Merry Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qewOvtXo1A>



Word of the Week: Sparkly

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# Peek at the Week

## Reception - 19th December 2025



Our Learning - This week:

### Communication and Language Development:

This week, we continued with our Little Wandle Phonics Program! The children have been revisiting all of the sounds and are learning how to blend the sounds together to confidently read words. We have been focusing on blending the words. After the Christmas holidays, we will be moving on to the sounds **ff**, **ll**, **ss**, and **j**. You can practice these sounds with your child over Christmas. This will help prepare and support their learning when we return.

In drawing club this week we have been reading, 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. The children have enjoyed looking at all the different characters such as: **1<sup>st</sup> Elf**, **2<sup>nd</sup> Elf**, **the shoemaker** and **the shoemaker's wife**. We also explored where the story was set and discussed how we can retell the story in our own words.



### Maths:

The children in Reception have continued to learn about four-sided shapes in maths. They have been exploring where these shapes appear in their environment and have been identifying the similarities between different four-sided shapes.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Children in Reception have been learning about being responsible in PSHE. They are beginning to understand what being responsible means and how they can be responsible. **The focus vocabulary words are: responsible/ responsibilities and choice.**



### Important Dates / Reminders

End of term 2- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at **1:30pm**

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

We will be sending reading books home every Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings back the previously read book and reading journal every Wednesday.

Please note that the 'orange' lunch option is not available for the children in reception.

### Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: **Comparing and combining 4 sided shapes** – we will be using the vocabulary: **4 sides, 4 corners, 4 equal sides, long side, short side, compare.**

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!

The Reception team would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



**R Paddington: Whole class R Rupert: Whole class**

Reception song of the week: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

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## Peek at the Week 19/12/25 - Year 1

### Important Dates / Reminders

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Inset day
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Phonics workshop for parents



### Our Learning

What a fun filled week we've had in Year 1! We kicked off the last week of school with our Nativity on Monday. The children worked so hard learning their songs and lines for the performance, and loved showing it to all the parents! They made all the adults in Year 1 very proud.

On Wednesday we had our Christmas lunch and on Thursday we partied in the afternoon! The children really enjoyed dancing, games and even a snowball fight.

Year 1 have made fantastic progress this term in their Phonics and reading, learning lots of new alternate sounds and digraphs. We have introduced split digraphs (eg make) and we encourage you to continue to read with your child over the break to ensure they are practicing these new sounds. More information on **Little Wandle** can be found [here](#)

We hope you all have a wonderful break, and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2026!

*Merry  
Christmas*

All of the children have been stars this week!



Words of the Week: **fabric material properties**

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 2 – 19th December 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

**19.12.25** Last day of term – finish at 1:30pm.

**05.01.26** INSET Day

**06.01.26** Spring term starts

**16.01.26** Multi-cultural day

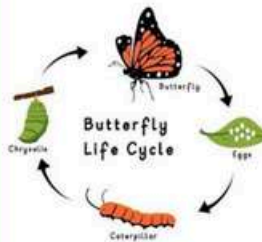
Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.

**No spellings or reading books being sent home this week!**

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**. Please also send your child in with a coat daily as we spend lots of time outside.



### Our Learning



**This week**, we have been looking at the human life cycle in science and what we can or can't do at the different stages. Also, we have looked at the life cycle of other animals such as: frogs, butterflies and

chickens and seen how some animals undergo big changes through their life cycle whilst others have offspring that look similar to them but smaller.

We have also all enjoyed taking part in lots of Christmas-linked activities in continuous provision, as well as the Christmas lunch on Wednesday and our class parties on Thursday!



We wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing the children in the New Year for lots of fun and learning!



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# Peek at the Week

## Year 3– 19th December 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

22.12.25- 02.01.26 Christmas Holidays

05.01.26 INSET Day

16.01.26 Multicultural Day–non uniform 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**.

**Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.**



Year 3 have been learning how to use their sewing skills to create a seasonal decoration.

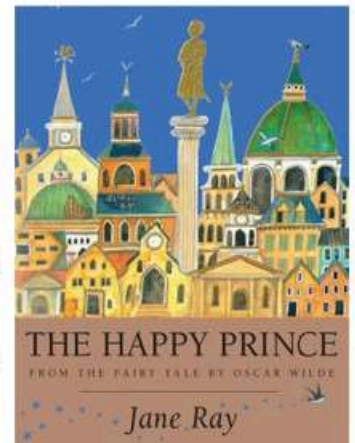
### Our Learning

**This week**, we have enjoyed taking part in Christmas activities including a special Christmas lunch and class Christmas parties.



**After the holidays**, we will be starting rehearsals for the Year 3 and 4 Phase Performance! Year 4 will be taking part in some auditions and the cast will be announced soon after. More details to follow soon!

In English, we will be reading this lovely version of Oscar Wilde's 'The Happy Prince' retld by Jane Ray and then writing our own stories inspired by the text.



In geography, we will be starting a unit exploring how rivers are formed and learning about some of the world's great rivers.

French lessons will focus on how to read and write dates.

Word of the Week: straight

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 4– 19th December 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

22.12.25- 02.01.26 Christmas Holidays

05.01.26 INSET Day

16.01.26 Multicultural Day–non uniform 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/>



Word of the Week: strange

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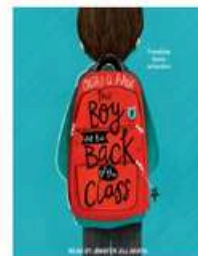
### Our Learning

This week, we have enjoyed taking part in Christmas activities including a special Christmas lunch and class Christmas parties.



After the holidays, we will be starting rehearsals for the Year 3 and 4 Phase Performance! Year 4 will be taking part in some auditions and the cast will be announced soon after. More details to follow soon!

In English, we will begin a unit of work inspired by the story, 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.



In Maths, we will continue to work on learning all of our times tables up to 12 x 12 in preparation for the Multiplication Check. A great link for extra practise below:

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

In Science, we will be learning about classification of living things using scientific keys.



Our French learning will focus on learning how to read and say the months of the year.

In PSHRE lessons our focus will be on 'Hopes and Dreams.' In Computing lessons, we will be learning how to edit photos.





# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 19th December 2025

### Important Dates / Reminders

Back to school - Tuesday 6th January 2026

Science Museum - Thursday 26th February 2026

In DT we challenged ourselves, by using our sewing skills to create our own Christmas stockings.



### Our Learning

**This week**, we completed our DT unit and learnt a range of stitches to join and decorate fabric in order to make a Christmas stocking.

**In maths**, continued to focus on fractions. Here, we consolidated learning this half term.

**In English**, we edited our work based on the picture book Azzi to ensure that our speeches were as powerful and emotive as possible.

**Next term, in PSHRE**, we will be looking at Dreams and Goals. Here we will focus on the values of hope and trust.

**Next term**, we will also start our new topic- Exploration, Environments & Empires, by exploring the planets in our solar system and create our very own celestial body to write about.

**In maths**, we will start our new top of multiplication, where we will be exploring new strategies to multiply 4 digits by 1 digit and 2 digits by 2 digits.

**In English**, after Christmas, we will be focusing on space-themed non-chronological reports in which the children will create their own planets and write about them. We will also be watching One Small Step - a story about a girl called Luna- and will retell this narrative in our own words.

### Significant Achievement Award

5Dawe: **Aisha** 5Maple: **Zainab** Ofili: **Johnny**

Word of the Week: **introduced in January**

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

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# Year 6 Peek at the Week

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Important Dates /Reminders

**05.01.26: Start of term**

**24.03.26: Natural History Museum**

**Thursdays:** Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

**Thursdays:** Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1
- Times tables practice on TTRS

Times Tables Rock Stars: Play ([trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com))

### Our Learning

**This week, in history,** we saw the trial of King Charles I, acted out by the Year 6 staff! We then wrote a recount of the trial, using the notes we took during the workshop. We learnt about the commonwealth and how this changed life in Britain at the time.

**In English,** we wrapped up our unit on Macbeth and had the chance to compose and publish our own poems, inspired by the famous *Double, Double Toil and Trouble*.

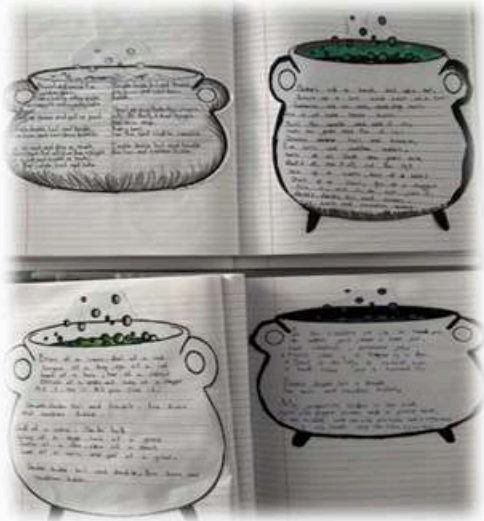
**In maths,** we have nearly completed our topic on conversion and completed our autumn 2 maths assessments.

**After half term, in history,** we will complete our unit by learning about Queen Victoria and the impact of the British Empire.

**In English,** we will be starting our new topic on evolution, that links well with our science topic. Our English unit, *Moth*, is a beautiful poetry unit, helping pupils to understand how living things evolve and adapt to their environment.

**In maths,** we will complete our topic on converting units by learning how to calculate with imperial measures. We will then move onto fraction and decimal equivalents.

### Y6 Macbeth Poems:



**PSHRE Focus: Celebrating Difference.** In PSHRE this term, we will learn to accept that everyone is different and understand that there are different perceptions of 'normal'. By the end of the unit, we will know how to help someone who is being bullied and explain ways in which one person or a group can have power over others. We will learn the importance of using kind words by appreciating people for who they are.



### Child of the week:

**6 Attenborough:** Ethan **6 Anning:** Sukaina **6 Darwin:** Kadhir

**Word of the Week:** guarantee

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## Music News

On the evening of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Priory School Choir took part in the wonderful Rotary Community Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Burnham. This has become a tradition for the choir, and is always such a lovely festive occasion to be involved in.

In amongst the traditional Christmas Carols and other items, our choir sang two songs: "Somewhere in my memory" from the movie Home Alone, and "Winter Fantasy", an uplifting song featuring Jingle Bells! Congratulations to all of our choir members, who looked wonderful and performed brilliantly; to Isaac, who did an awesome job taking on the role of conductor whilst Mrs Shaw was accompanying on piano; and to the brave singers who opened our programme singing in pairs to set the scene beautifully for our song about the magic and love of Christmas.

Thanks and appreciation to all the staff members who supported the choir for this occasion, to choir members for their hard work preparing and wonderful singing on the evening itself, and to our choir families for their support and for enabling their children to come out and join us at this festive event.

Merry Christmas!



## Eco Council News!



Head over to the school website to access updates from Priory's Eco Council Team.



You will find the Eco Council page under the pupils tab. Scroll down for any updates and read all about what we are working on!



**FREE  
SESSIONS**

# The season to shine with Slough Libraries

Follow the trail of the magical comet to a sparkling line-up of free family activities in libraries this December.

## The Curve

### The Comet story time

**Saturday 6 December, 11-11.30am.** A special edition story time, featuring the magical story of The Comet.

### Caroline's comets

**Saturday 13 December, 2-4pm.** Join Museums Partnership Reading to explore Slough's comet-connected history. Celebrate the achievements of Caroline Herschel, discoverer of 8 comets, who looked to the skies over Slough through a giant telescope. Create your own comet to zoom around your room, along with other space related activities. Drop in. Age 5+

### LEGO® Build to Give

**Tuesday 16 December, 4-5pm.** Children can give the gift of kindness by building a LEGO® heart and for each one made, LEGO® will donate a gift to a child in need. Drop-in. Age 5+

### Papercraft

**Saturday 20 December, 3-4pm.** Transform your paper into dragon claws or a Christmas wreath. Drop in. Age 4+

### Do you want to make a snowman?

**Monday 22 December, 2-3pm.** Turn paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+

### Regular drop in events

**LEGO® (for age 5+)**

Tuesdays, 4-5pm

**Chess (all ages)**

Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm



Borrow up to 30 books with your library membership and take the magic of stories home. Access thousands of books, magazines and newspapers digitally, through our e-reading services, so you can always have something to read without venturing out in the cold.

Ask staff for details or visit

[www.slough.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries)

Parents/carers should stay on site. Please note the age guidance for each activity.

## Cippenham Library

### Pop-up play featuring The Comet story time

**Saturday 6 December, 11am-12noon.** Enjoy a magical tale, then stay to play. Board games and puzzles available after your story.

### Caroline's comets

**Saturday 6 December, 1.30-3.30pm.** Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

### Pop-up play

**Saturday 13 December, 11am-12noon.** A room full of puzzles and board games for an hour of family fun.

### Do you want to make a snowman?

**Tuesday 23 December, 2-3pm.** Turn plain paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+

## Britwell Library

### Lynch Hill School choir

**Friday 19 December, 4pm.** Enjoy a selection of seasonal songs from the young singers of Lynch Hill School.

## Langley Library

### Caroline's comets

**Monday 15 December, 3.15-4.30pm.** Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

### Jingle bell pots

**Tuesday 16 December, 3.30-4.30pm.** Turn old pots into festive bells that really jingle all the way! Add your own colourful touches to create a delightful decoration for your home. Drop in. Age 3+

More comet adventures await at The Curve Venue seasonal show The Comet. See [curvevenue.uk](http://curvevenue.uk) for details. **Please note: ticket charges apply for this production.**



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**BURNHAM PARK HALL PRESENTS**

# The Santa Show



It's Christmas Eve in the North Pole and the Elves are making final preparations to Santa's sleigh before a crisis strikes! Santa's needs your help to resolve the problem before it is too late and Christmas is cancelled.

Will the children be able to help Santa save the day?

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 2025**  
**2:30PM & 4PM**

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**

WINDSOR LANE, BURNHAM, SL1 7HR

Tickets £5 adults / £10 under 16s (includes gift)

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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



## DRINK, EAT & BOWL

**ADULTS £12** **KIDS £9**  
per person per person

### EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

VALID FROM 22ND DECEMBER 2025 - 6TH JANUARY 2026. OFFER INCLUDES ONE GAME OF BOWLING PER PERSON AND A CHOICE OF COMBO MEAL FOR ONE AND SOFT DRINK FOR ADULTS AND A CHOICE OF KIDS MEALS AND SOFT DRINK/WATER FOR CHILDREN. T&C'S APPLY.

## 2 GAME SAVER

**ADULTS £12** per person  
**KIDS £10** per person

### EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

VALID FROM 22ND DECEMBER 2025 - 6TH JANUARY 2026. AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM. ONLY RECEIVABLE WHEN TWO GAMES OF BOWLING PER PERSON ARE PURCHASED. OFFER INCLUDES SHOE HIRE. T&C'S APPLY.

## POWER HOUR

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FOR £32**

### EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

22ND DECEMBER 2025 - 6TH JANUARY 2026. MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM TO 5PM ONLY. UP TO SIX PEOPLE PER VOUCHER. MINIMUM OF ONE CHILD PER GROUP OF SIX. OFFER INCLUDES SHOE HIRE. T&C'S APPLY.

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