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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a lovely half term with your families. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back as we begin what is always a busy and exciting few weeks at Priory.

Well done to our girls' football team!

A big congratulations to our girls' football team on their first match! We are proud of you for representing Priory and taking on this exciting new challenge.

Happy Diwali

We wish all our families celebrating Diwali on Sunday and Monday a wonderful celebration filled with light, joy and time with loved ones. We look forward to our whole-school Diwali celebration on Monday 16 November.

Christmas Fayre donations

Thank you for the generous donations we have already received for our Christmas Fayre. We would still be very grateful for further donations for our children's and adults' tombolas. Please refer to the suggestions shared with your child's year group and remember that all food donations must be nut-free. Any alcohol must be handed directly to the school office by an adult.

Your support helps make the fayre such a special event for our school community.

Ready for colder weather

The weather is becoming colder, but we are still seeing a number of children arriving without a jumper or coat. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm school jumper or cardigan and a suitable coat each day so they can comfortably enjoy outdoor play and learning. Please label everything clearly so we can return misplaced items.
Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Fundraising News

Welcome to Our New Fundraising Section!
We are excited to introduce our new Fundraising News section in the school newsletter! Here, we will share upcoming fundraising opportunities, celebrate how much we have raised and keep you updated on how the money is being spent or what we are saving towards to benefit our children.

We have already introduced the Priory Parent Partnership, which we hope many of our parents and carers have signed up to. Alongside this, we are exploring new ways for everyone to get involved in supporting our school. We understand that family life is busy, so we want to offer simple fundraising opportunities that require very little time or effort but can make a big difference when we all work together.

Introducing easyfundraising – Support Priory School for FREE!
We are delighted to announce that Priory School is now registered with easyfundraising!

This is a simple way to raise money for our school just by shopping online, at no extra cost to you! Over 8,000 retailers, including Amazon, M&S, Argos, Tesco, John Lewis, Sports Direct, Tui and Booking.com, will make a donation to Priory School when you shop through easyfundraising.

How does it work?

1. Sign up for FREE using our link below.
2. Shop online as normal, remembering to visit easyfundraising first.
3. Raise money for Priory School! The retailer makes a donation at no extra cost to you.

Whether you're buying everyday essentials, gifts or booking a holiday, your shopping could help us provide additional resources and experiences for our children.

Sign up here:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/priory-school-e5b39f06b8934455a1c63303/

Please encourage family and friends to sign up too!
Every little bit adds up, and together we can make a real difference. Thank you for your support.

🎄 WE NEED YOUR HELP! 🎄

A special appeal to all parents and carers

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Non-Uniform Day on Friday 23rd October!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £170, along with donations for our Children's and Adults' Tombolas. We really appreciate your support!

However, we do need to be honest – we are still desperately short of donations!

Our Children's and Adults' Tombolas have consistently been two of our biggest and most popular stalls, helping us raise much-needed funds for our school. Unfortunately, at present, we simply do not have enough prizes to run these stalls successfully.

We are incredibly grateful for everything already donated but we really need one final push from our school community to make these stalls possible!

🎁 CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for donations of:

Children's Tombola

- New toys, games or books
- Children's toiletries
- Craft supplies
- Small gift items

🎁 CAN YOU HELP?

Adults' Tombola

- Luxury Christmas food and drink
- Chocolate and biscuit selections
- Toiletries and fragrances
- Wine and spirits (must be delivered directly to the school office)
- Gift sets and other suitable prizes
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🏢 DO YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT COULD HELP?

If you work for a company or know a local business, please consider asking your employer whether they would be willing to donate a prize.

Even one donated item or gift voucher could make a real difference! We would be extremely grateful for any support, big or small.

❤️ A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS!

We would also like to recognise and thank the businesses and individuals who have already kindly donated:
John Murphy · David John Papers · School Days Direct · Heathrow Bowls · In2Care · Daniels in Windsor · JW Coaching
Your generosity and support mean so much to us!

🙏 PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

We really don't want to lose two of our most successful fundraising stalls simply because we don't have enough prizes. If every family could donate just one item, it would make an enormous difference!

Please have a look at home, pick up an extra item while shopping, or ask your workplace if they can help.
We cannot do this without your support. Every single donation counts!

Thank you, as always, for supporting our school and helping us make our fundraising events a success. ❤️🎄

Attendance

WC 02/10/26

Whole School - 92.45%
Nursery - 84.22%
Reception - 92.70%
Year 1 - 92.82%
Year 2 - 88.87%
Year 3 -95.19%
Year 4 - 97.33%
Year 5 - 90.93%
Year 6 - 92.90%

Winner - 4Lovelace 98.52%

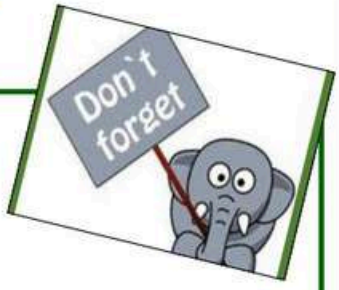
Sign of the Week

Good morning, Good afternoon

https://youtu.be/PfCSvZJcIME



Peek at the Week
Nursery– 6th November 2026



World Nursery Rhyme Week is next week.

Please join your child for rhyme time on:

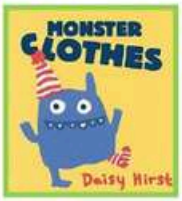
Thursday or Friday
(please refer to individual letter with allocated day and time)

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 **'talking to a teacher if we are upset or hurt'**

Communication & Language Development



We have been reading the story of Monster Clothes and naming all the clothing items that the monsters wear. One of the monsters called Lester wears leaves on his head!! We collected leaves and pretended we were Lester.



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.



We have been developing our fine motor skills by hammering golf tees into our pumpkins. We have needed to carefully use our hand-eye co-ordination skills to safely hammer. We have also been spooning out the pumpkin seeds.









Child of the week: **Ishaanka** for growing in confidence and always being a kind friend.

Song of the week: **This is the Way we brush our teeth.....**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrjIH3RvgZo



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Peek at the Week
Reception – 6th November 2026

Our Learning - This week:

What an amazing first week back we have had in Reception. We have recapped some of our sounds, we have been introduced to the number 5! We have also carried on using our creative imagination in drawing club.







Communication and Language Development:

This week we have been recapping some sounds that we learnt in the first term, these are: i,n,f and t. We have practiced our blending of CVC words and all the tricky words we had previously learnt!

Maths:

In maths, we have been looking at the number 5 and the ways you can make 5. We have looked at objects like dice, hands, cubes and many others.

Key Words: subitise, count, number, amount

Physical, Social and Emotional Development:

This week, we have been developing our physical skills by using our fine motor skills through sticking, cutting and finger painting. We used our fingers to paint poppies. Make sure to look out for our poppies!

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 on Friday with new books.

Reception trip to Burnham Beeches – Tuesday 10th November

Your child will be visiting Burnham Beeches on Tuesday for an hour to have a look at the woodlands and complete some activities. Please ensure they bring a **waterproof coat** and **wellies** for this trip!

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 Thursday.







Reception Stars of the Week

R Rupert: Thea R Paddington: Miah



Reception song of the week: Five Little Peas

Five Little Peas with Lyrics - Nursery Rhyme

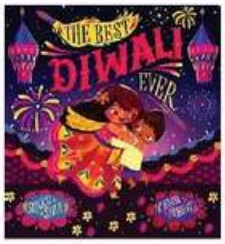
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Peek at the Week
Year 1- 6th November 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send book bags in every **Wednesday**
- Please only send water in drinking bottles, not juice.
- Please ensure your child brings a warm coat or jacket to school each day, as the weather is getting colder.







Our Learning

This week, in maths, we have been learning about addition fact families. We explored how numbers can be added in any order and still give the same total. For example 3 + 2 = 5 and 2 + 3 = 5. We can also write these as 5 = 3 + 2 and 5 = 2 + 3

In English, we started our new book, *The Best Diwali Ever*, exploring the characters' feelings and how these change throughout the story. We put each feeling in our feelings grid and discussed why the characters might feel that way.

In History, we learnt about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated every year on the 5th November. We also built our own bonfire–without giving the fire fighters a reason to visit!

Star of the week

1 Jeffers - David

1 Donaldson - Connie



Words of the Week: **happy excited upset angry**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2– 6th November, 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

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!

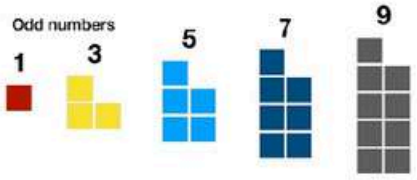
Our Learning - This week:

This week, the children have begun learning about castles, in particular Windsor Castle! They have learnt that castles had many uses such as a home, place of work and for special occasions.

In English, we have begun the story of the Queens hat. We are beginning to write letters to the Queen in our story to help her with her hat. We cannot wait to see where our story takes us!



In math's we have been have been looking at the properties of an odd number. We know an Odd number is made from an even number plus one. We have also learnt you double a number and then plus one to obtain an odd number!



In the garden the children have been busy using our house as an information point for castles. They have been making tickets for castle tours and stays at the wonderful Windsor Castle!

Year 2 Stars of the Week:

2 Newton: 2 Franklin:



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Peek at the Week
Year 3 – 6th November 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

13.11.26 Year 3 Zoo Trip

16.11.26 Diwali Celebration

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**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

We are a nut-free school.

Word of the Week: surprise

Our Learning

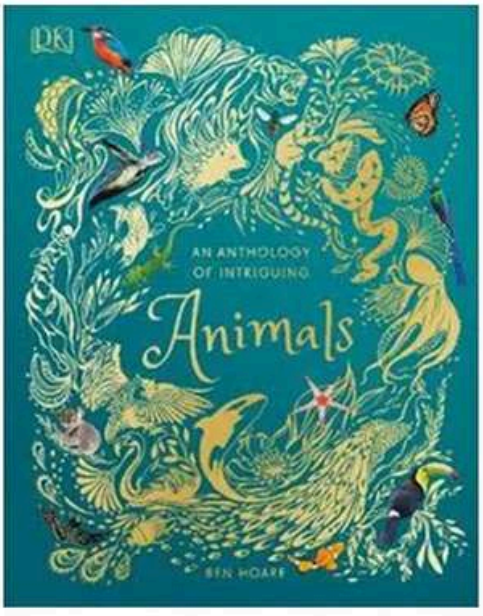
This week, we have been looking at the features of non chronological reports.

In science, we have started to learn about skeletons of humans and animals as well as how to classify animals as vertebrates and invertebrates.

Next week, we will be learning more about the pangolin to help us understand how to write an informative report about an animal. This will link to our work in science.

In Maths, we will be focussing on the 3x multiplication table. The children will build arrays to represent the different multiplication facts and be counting in 3s.

In French lessons this half term, the children will be learning how to read, say and write the days of the week and moths of the year.



WHIPSNADE ZOO

a ZSL conservation zoo

Please ensure that you child has a coat and is wearing warm bottoms and appropriate footwear for the Year 3 trip to the zoo next Friday.

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Peek at the Week
Year 4 – 6th November 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

16.11.26 Priory's Diwali Celebration

17.11.26 Learning Together for invited parents

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.**

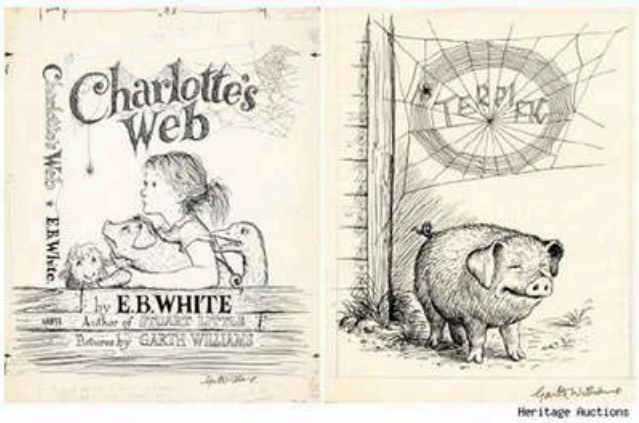
Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

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Word of the Week: surprise

Spelling: We normally just add the suffix -ment to the end of a root word. f the root word ends in y,we swap the y for an i.
For example: merriment, enjoyment

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Our Learning

This week, we had the opportunity to design recipes pizzas and make our own pizzas in DT lessons. In science, we are learning about the digestive system.

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

In English, we wrote a farm setting description and learnt more about the character of Wilbur.

In French, we wrote a firework poem.

Next week, in English, we will be learning about spiders as Charlotte is a key character in our class story, We will write spider fact files to demonstrate our learning.

In Maths, we will be using the inverse to solve missing number problems.

In science, we will explore how food chains and webs can be used to show the relationship between living things in an ecosystem.

In PSHRE this half term, our focus will be on celebrating differences. Next week, we will think about how we may be influenced by others.

This term, we are reading the story Charlotte's Web.

This week, the children wrote a farm setting description after reading the chapter where Wilbur goes to live on Zuckerman's farm.



Year 5 Peek at the Week
6th November 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Diwali Art Exhibition– Monday 16th November 3:15pm–4:15pm

Christmas Fayre - 4th December

We made a poster to remind us of the multiples.





Our Learning

This week, we enjoyed beginning our new science unit on Properties of Materials and have already conducted several experiments.

In maths, we started our Multiplication and Division unit focusing on multiples, common multiples, factors, common factors, and prime numbers.

In English, we continued to read the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom', exploring the characters and their emotions as the story unfolds.

Next week, we will continue our Science unit and we will also exploring vector drawings in ICT this half term.

In maths, we will continue to apply multiplication strategies to help support us within common factors, prime numbers and square numbers.

In English, we will write a newspaper article about how the evacuees settled into Little Weirwold and we will write a book and movie review about Goodnight Mister Tom.

Star of the week

5Dawe: Eesa 5Maple: Minahil 5Ofili: Robert

Word of the Week: conscious

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 6th November 2026

Important Dates /Reminders

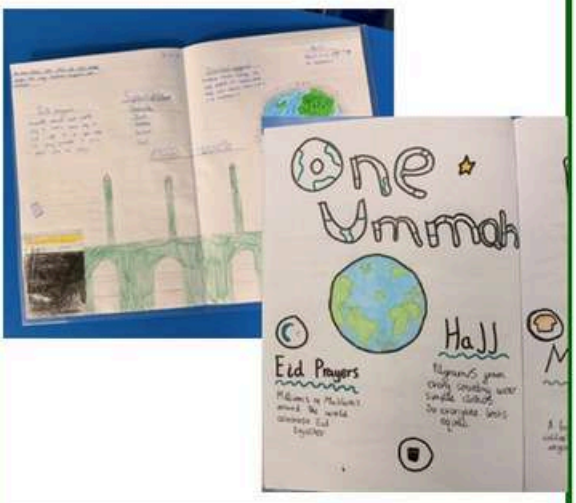
24.11.26: Cippenham Baptist Church Trip

Wednesdays: Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Times tables practice

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

Y6 RE



Our Learning

This week, in RE, we completed our unit on Islam by creating a storyboard piece of work that demonstrated our learning over the unit.

In English, we started our new learning on biographies. We looked at inspirational figures in Black history and have focussed on writing sentences about Malorie Blackman.

In maths, we started a new topic on fractions. We learned how to find equivalent fractions and simplify a fraction to its simplest form. We also looked at placing equivalent

Next week, in **history**, we will begin our topic on the history of the British monarchy and how it has changed and influenced life in Britain. Our upcoming **art** lessons are also linked to this unit of work.

In English, we will continue building on our grammar terminology, and we will continue writing high quality sentences that will help us with our own biographies later on in the unit.

In maths, we will continue to explore fractions. We will focus on how to order, compare, add and subtract fractions.

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: Finley **6 Anning**: Ellis **6 Darwin**: Lukash

Word of the Week: controversy

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

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week of 02/11/2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. It has been wonderful to see the children again and we are looking forward to another exciting term full of learning, fun and new adventures!



This week, we have been exploring the topic of **Castles and Knights**, focusing on the lovely story *Zog* by Julia Donaldson. We have been learning about Zog, a little dragon who wants to become the best dragon in dragon school. We have enjoyed bringing the story to life by going on an exciting **Knight Quest** and using our imaginations!

In Maths, we have been practising our **number bonds and subtraction facts within 10 and 20**. We have been learning how numbers work together and building our confidence through fun activities and challenges.

In Science, we will be learning all about **weather and seasonal changes**. We will explore different types of weather, such as sunshine, rain, wind and snow, and discuss how to keep ourselves safe in hot and cold weather.



We will be learning about **Diwali and Bonfire Night** and exploring how different families and communities celebrate special occasions. We will discover some of the traditions, stories, lights and celebrations linked to these events. The children will have opportunities to share their own experiences and learn about different customs and celebrations

Important reminders

- Learning Together Event on Thursday 19th November 2026.
  Wishing all our Orchard families a lovely weekend!

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!





Stars of the week

Plum class: star of the week is Noah for managing all the transitions so brilliantly during our TVAP trip.

Apple class: Haneef for actively participating in P.E

Pear class: Rohaansh for settling back into school nicely and doing good listening.

Berry class: Well done, Sami, for showing great independence and confidence when paying for your own cake at Greggs!

Cherries class: Jackson for participating in P.E and actively getting involved.

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Woodlands Peek at the week
Friday 6th September 2026



This week our article focuses on, Woodland Hedgehogs session. This session is for our KS1 and KS2 learners who access woodlands in the afternoon.

Important Dates / Reminders

6/11/2026–School/ Eco council elections.

Year 3–13/11/2026– Trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

Stay safe if you are watching the fireworks this weekend–stay with your grown ups and enjoy the sparkles!





KS2





What a fantastic first week for our **Key stage 2** superstars!

In **Social Skills,** the children have learnt about personal space and what we consider, 'Good personal space,' and 'Too close.' The children have worked together to share what their own personal space looks like.

In **Turn Taking** the children have been playing a variety of games , whilst practising different play and communication skills, such as waiting, listening and asking for a turn.

Sensory circuits have been a huge hit! They are really helping the children to feel calm, and ready to learn, especially after their busy mornings!





KS1



The children have settled back into their Woodlands routines. **Well Done!**

They have enjoyed sharing their half term fun with us and the other children!

Our **Key stage 1** group have been reviewing the, **HAPPY** emotion in Zones of Regulation this week. We know that when we feel happy we are in the GREEN zone. The children have enjoyed acting out what, happy looks like and what we can do when we feel happy. They have created some amazing book work, using our stem sentence,





Our story of the term is....**The Gruffalo.**

We are combining our sensory story and SALT to explore the Deep Dark Woods. We have been using our senses, our vocabulary and our imagination to meet the Mouse! The children have definitely enjoyed bringing the story to life.



Why not have a look at our, **Good Afternoon Song.** https://youtu.be/c_BX2paXOTo?si=D_wtPE2jwgx05_WX

Stars of the week

Hedgehogs– Antony– for modelling the Woodlands routine and for always helping his friends to make the right choice.

Badgers– Child P – for demonstrating fantastic typing skills in English this week

Owls-Freddie - for attending all his Woodlands sessions this week and taking an active part in every aspect of the lessons. Well done, Freddie!



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


DIWALI
ART EXHIBITION
Festival of Light and Togetherness
Join us on Monday 16th November in the main hall from 3.15pm - 4.15pm
for our Diwali Exhibition where your child's artwork will be on display and available to buy for £3.00
We will also have Somosa's & Chai for sale & other crafts, games and Henna stall
Cash Only

PRIORY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

3.00PM - 4.30PM

MRS SHAW & PRIORY CHOIR TO OPEN THE FAYRE AT 3.15PM

STALLS FROM 50P

RAFFLE TICKETS

£1.00 PER TICKET



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