16TH OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE 06

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings this week. We value the opportunity to talk with you about your child's learning, celebrate their progress and discuss how we can work together to support them.

It was also lovely to see Year 5 sharing their learning about the Second World War in their assembly. Thank you to the children and staff for their preparation, and to families who joined us.

Coming up next week

Next week is our final week before half term, with plenty to look forward to! Year 5 will visit the Buddhist Centre at Taplow Court, and we also have the This Boy Can Dance workshop.

Year 6 will enjoy Hogwarts Day on Friday 23 October, bringing some magic to the end of the half term.

Christmas Fayre donations and non-uniform day

Our Christmas Fayre donation day is Friday 23 October, when children may wear non-uniform and bring a donation for our tombolas. As Year 6 have Hogwarts Day on Friday, their non-uniform donation day will be Wednesday 21 October.

Letters have been sent to each year group with suggested donations:
Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Children's Tombola
·New toys, games or books
·Children's toiletries

·Craft supplies
·Small gifts
·Sweets or chocolates
Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Adult Tombola
·Luxury Christmas food and drink
·Chocolate or biscuit selections
·Toiletries or fragrances
·Wine and spirits
·Soft drinks
·Gift items

Any wine or spirits must be handed directly to the School Office by an adult.

Please remember that Priory is a nut-free school. All donations must be free from nuts; please check food labels carefully. Thank you for any donations you are able to give. Your support helps make the Christmas Fayre a special event for our school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Attendance

WC 12/10/26

Whole School - 92.50%
Nursery - 89.51%
Reception - 93.26%
Year 1 - 88.07%
Year 2 - 96.29%
Year 3 -89.87%
Year 4 - 94.23%
Year 5 - 93.37%
Year 6 - 95.64%

Winner - 2Franklin 98.06%

Sign of the Week

Good morning, Good afternoon

https://youtu.be/PfCSvZJcIME



Peek at the Week
Nursery– 16th October 2026



Friday 23rd October is non-uniform day for Christmas Fayre donations. Please refer to letter dated 5th October for list of suggested items that would be good for the Children's Tombola. Children can come to Nursery in a Halloween costume (No masks or face paints) or their own clothes and bring in an item for the Christmas Fayre. (alternatively, a £1 monetary donation will also be gratefully accepted)



Spending time in our sensory area is like a cosy reset button for our nursery children. It gives them a safe space to play with gentle lights, sounds, and textures. The specialised lights and textures spark their curiosity, boost brain development and ultimately helps them to feel secure and focused.





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 again on **'caring for our friends by using our kind hands, kind feet and kind hands'**

Communication & Language Development

As part of our Jigsaw program we have been reading the book 'Hands are not for hitting' by Elizabeth Verdick. We have been talking in full sentences about all the positive things our hands can do and how we use them in nursery to help us learn in so many ways.



Physical Development

We have been developing our fine motor skills by using the tweezers to pick up the pompoms. Mrs Barker set us a challenge to see if we could move all the pompoms into the jar before the 2 minute sand timer finished.







Child of the week: **Lana** for confidently coming into nursery each day with a big smile , following the classroom charter and speaking confidently in class.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'This is the way we brush our teeth' Please encourage your child to watch and sing along. https://www.youtube.com/watch?



Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Peek at the Week
Reception – 16th 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.

Star of the Week Class Bear

We have introduced our class bear. The star of the week every week will bring this bear home for the weekend with a book. Please fill out a page with pictures or drawings with any adventures you take the bear on and return them to us on Monday!

Homework

- 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.







We built our own baby clinic!

Our Learning - This week:

It has been another lovely week and the children have had so much fun! We have carried on with our phonics and maths but have introduced some reading and drawing club into our busy days!







Look at our amazing houses from the 3 little pigs!

Communication and Language Development:

This week we have carried on learning our phonics sounds. This week we have learnt h, b,f and l. We have been superstars at our 3-letter CVC blending and we have been introduced to our first tricky words which have been 'I' and 'is' and 'the'.

Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about subitising. We have looked at recognising numbers and how we can show them differently.

Key words: different way, how many, side, across

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This week in literacy we have been looking at the book 'Five Little Pigs.' We worked together as a team to build a straw, brick and stick house using our cutting skills and painting. We also have been looking at the things we do different now compared to when we were little! We even created are own baby clinic and looked after out babies in class!

Reception Stars of the Week

R Rupert: Gurfateh R Paddington: Child S



Reception song of the week: Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Five little men in a flying saucer | Early Years - Nursery Rhymes

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Peek at the Week
Year 1- 16th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please send book bags in every **Wednesday**
- Please only send water in drinking bottles, not juice.
- **Half term -26th October to 30th October**





Our Learning

This week, in maths, we have finished our unit on place value within 10. We will be starting a new unit on addition and subtraction within 10, where we will learn how to add and take away numbers using practical resources and different strategies.

In English, we wrote some amazing sentences to describe winter. We also learnt about hibernation and how some animals, such as hedgehogs, sleep for long periods during the cold winter months.

In science, we explored different ways of measuring the weather. We became meteorologists (weather scientists) and had lots of fun making our own rain gauge to measure how much rain falls.

Star of the week

1 Jeffers - Jan **1 Donaldson** - Keyaan



Words of the Week: **today all out they**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2– 16th October, 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Non uniform day – Friday 23rd October, 2026
End of Term 1 – Friday 23rd October, 2026 (3:15pm)
Start of Term 2 – Monday 2nd November, 2026

Homework

Please read with and to your child every day and also discuss what you are reading. School reading books will be sent home each Thursday.

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

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, we have learnt how to stay safe online. We now know what personal information is and why we must not share it online.

In English, we have begun to write up our diary entries using our plan and our draft entries. We have learnt it is ok to make mistakes because we can learn from them.



Spellings for next week:
cities
sorry
please
action
spy

In math's we have been looking at 3D shapes and their properties. We have learnt that the best way to count the edges is to mark them as we count!



In the garden the children have been building castles using 3D shapes and then drawing them. We have also been doing some lovely writing, describing the boy loves the stars.

Next week, we will be continuing with the properties of 3D shapes, especially their vertices (corners)We will also be finishing our RE topic about Rama and Sita.

Year 2 Stars of the Week:

2 Newton: **2 Franklin:**



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Peek at the Week
Year 3 – 16th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

23.10.26 Non Uniform day – please send in donations for the adult Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.



w/c 26.10.26 HALF TERM

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.

Word of the Week: though

Our Learning

This week, Year 3 began a unit of RE focussing on Islam and how beliefs link to values and daily life. In art lessons, we have been exploring prehistoric art and developing our drawing skills.

In Maths lessons , the children have been developing strategies to add and subtract without exchange and methods to help them add across a 10 or 100.

Next week, we will continue to study Islam in RE lessons. In Maths, our learning will focus on strategies for subtraction.

On Friday, the children are able to wear non uniform/Halloween costume in exchange for bringing in a donation for the adult Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. The fair will take place on Friday 4th December.



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Peek at the Week
Year 4 – 16th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

23.10.26 Non Uniform day – please send in donations for the adult Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.



w/c 26.10.26 HALF TERM

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.

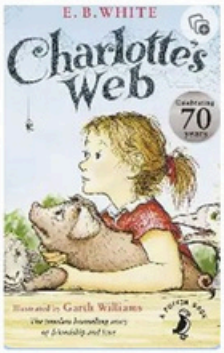
We are a nut-free school.

Word of the Week: though

Spelling: Y4 are working on words which end **'sion'** this week. For example: vision, occasion, explosion, decision, revision



Our Learning



This week, we completed our story independently during English lessons. We also made predictions about our next class reader based on the book's cover.

In Maths, we explored column subtraction with exchange and completed some problem solving challenges.

In geography, we learnt more about the way climate affects the crops that can be grown in the UK and Italy.

In computing, we discussed issues relating to online safety.

Next week, we will be learning about the religion of Sikhi in RE lessons .

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

On Friday, the children are able to wear non uniform/Halloween costume in exchange for bringing in a donation for the adult Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.

The fair will take place on **Friday 4th December.**

In French lessons, we have been learning vocabulary associated with places in the school.

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Year 5 Peek at the Week
16th October 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

Taplow Court Trip–19th October

Non- uniform day– 23th October

Half term–26th October to 30th October



Year 5 were very excited to perform our Sharing Assembly this week. They sung beautifully and were very brave went speaking on stage. This was such an important step along our journey to our Year 6 production next year.

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us.



Our Learning

This week, we enjoyed performing our sharing assembly for parents!

In maths, we continued to practise using column method addition and subtraction in a range of contexts.

In History, we enjoyed learning about kindertransport and evacuees.

After half term, will be starting our next science unit on Properties of Materials. Here, we will be doing lots of exciting experiments!

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 also be looking at character descriptions and features of a diary to help us write our own diary entries in role.

Star of the week

Maple: Ritaj Ofili: Zaheer Dawe: Rifqah

Word of the Week: conscience

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 16th October 2026

Hogwarts Day: Hogwarts Day will take place on Friday 23rd October. Pupils should attend in their usual school uniform. Harry Potter robes and/or accessories are welcome; however, these are brought in at the pupil's own risk and remain their responsibility to look after.

11+ Selection Reviews: We have received a high number of 11+ selection review requests this year. Year 6 teachers will be completing these over the next two weeks. Please note that all appeals must go through the selection review process.

Christmas Market Collection: Wednesday 21st October will be a non-school uniform day for Y6 to collect donations for our Christmas market. Further information has been shared with parents in a letter.

Important Dates /Reminders

21.10.26: Non-school uniform day Y6

23.10.26: Hogwarts Day/ end of term

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 Science: Periscopes!



Our Learning

This week, in science, we finished learning about light and how the eye works. We looked at how shadows are formed and made periscopes to show that we can use mirrors to look around corners!

In English, we finished our Harry Potter unit by writing our own narrative part of the story, incorporating all of the incredible vocabulary we have collected over the last several weeks.

In maths, we consolidated the strategies of long division and started learning about BODMAS. We sat our arithmetic paper as part of our first set of assessments for the year.

Next week, in RE, we will learn how Muslim beliefs influence how people respond to local/ global issues of social justice.

In English, we will sit our Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation reading assessment. We will also have the chance to finally watch Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone!

In maths, we will sit our maths reasoning tests .In the final lesson of the week, we will explore multi-step problems and look at how we can apply our reading skills to help solve tricky problems.



Child of the week:

6 Attenborough: Maryam 6 Anning: Ronan 6 Darwin: Mia

Word of the Week: conscience

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Woodlands Peek at the week
Friday 16th October 2026

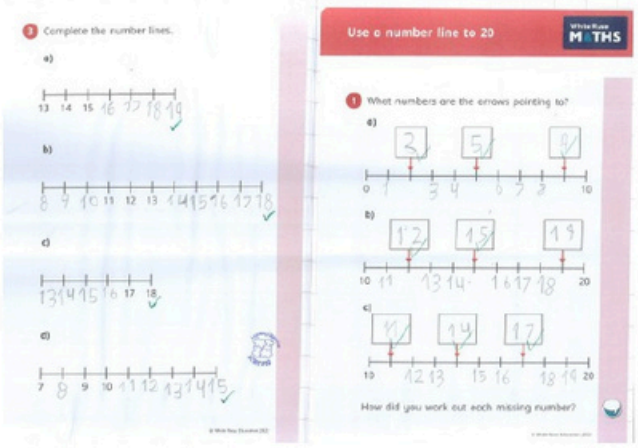
This week our article focusses on Woodland Badgers session. This session is for our Year 3 and 4 learners who access woodlands in the morning.

Important Dates / Reminders

23.10.26–End of this half term and non-school uniform day

In maths this week, we have been using number lines to count forwards and backwards within 20. The children have become so confident in their counting skills this term, and it was lovely to see them showing off their knowledge this week!

Next week, we will move on to ordering and comparing numbers up to 20, followed by some fun, Halloween-themed maths activities to get us ready for the half-term break!



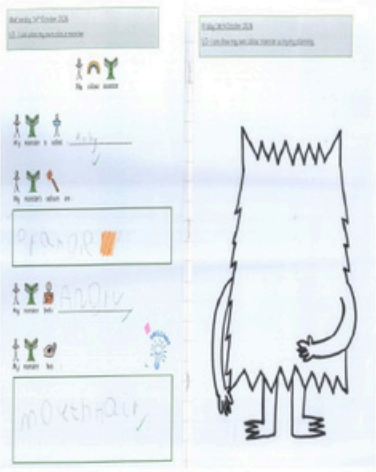
Our Learning

This week in Woodland Badgers, we have been finishing our unit on the story *The Colour Monster.*

On Tuesday, we spent time exploring how colours can link to different emotions. We discussed what colours we associated with different emotions and recorded them in a table.



On Wednesday, we then spent time planning our own colour monster . The children named their own monsters and identified how they would like their monster to feel. The children chose a few features they would like their monster to have such as sharp teeth and horns.



On Friday, the children will spend time bringing their monster to life using their planning. We will then turn them into pieces of art work next week and display them in the classroom!

Stars of the week: Suleman and Halie

Suleman is starting to hold his pencil correctly and did some lovely writing this week!

Halie has worked really hard during Maths this week and has taken a lot of pride in her maths work.



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

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PE News

🤺 Year 2 Fencing Fun! 🤺
On Monday 12th October, some of our amazing Year 2 students headed off to Beechwood School to take part in the SSSN Fencing Festival!

The boys and girls had a fantastic afternoon learning new skills, trying their hand at fencing and taking part in some exciting activities led by Andy and the brilliant coaches from Little Musketeers Fencing.

It was wonderful to see our students showing such enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they experienced a new sport. A huge thank you to Andy, the Little Musketeers coaches and SSSN for organising such a brilliant afternoon!

👏 Well done to all our young fencers! 🤺
#GoTeamPriory #SSSN #LittleMusketeers #SchoolSport









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UNWANTED PRESENTS

TO PREPARE FOR OUR
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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


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CAMP!
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A fun, active and exciting holiday camp for boys and girls of all abilities!
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HALLOWEEN
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COMPETITION DAY EVERY FRIDAY!
PRIZES & AWARDS TO BE WON!
HALLOWEEN DISCO AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY!
DATES
26 OCTOBER – 30 OCTOBER
(HALF TERM WEEK)
TIME
10:00AM – 3:00PM
EARLY DROP OFF
9:00AM START
extra £5 per day
LOCATION
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PRICES
EARLY BIRD £18.50 PER DAY
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Kathakali



Suitable for all ages

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Friday 23 October 7.30pm

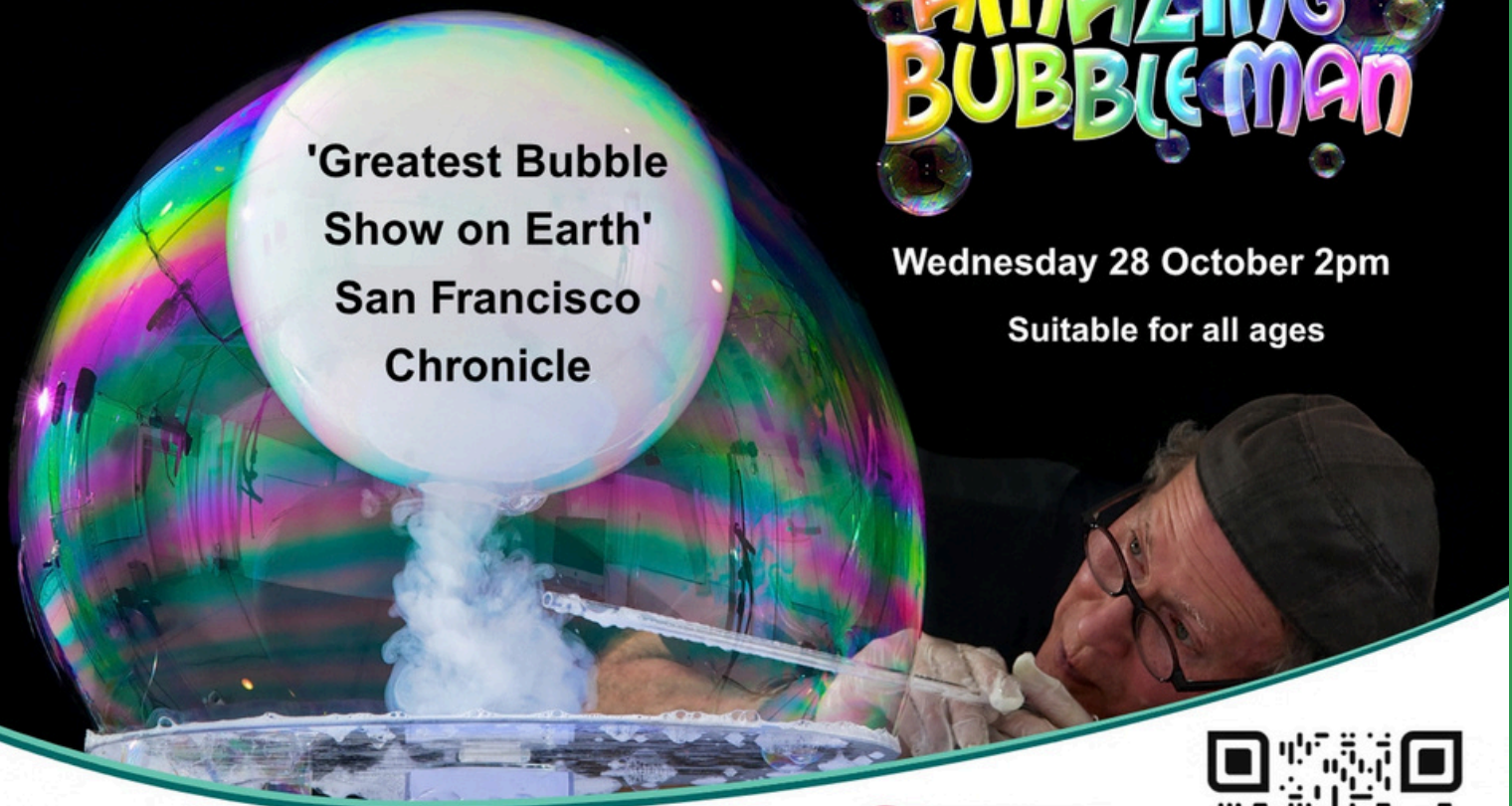
Louis Pearl

The AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

'Greatest Bubble Show on Earth' San Francisco Chronicle

Wednesday 28 October 2pm

Suitable for all ages



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The Shivers

This high-octane action-comedy opens the door for grown-ups and children to talk about misinformation, fake news and keeping safe online.

Ages 6-11 years

Thursday 29 October 11.30am

The Elves and The Shoemaker

Age guidance: 3+ years



A beautifully crafted set and puppets, sublime music and a comic mouse make this show a magical must-see.

Friday 30 October 11.30am

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Free, family fun and learning this half-term at Slough Libraries. No booking required.

Celebrate Green Libraries Week with us and discover how climate change is affecting the planet's wildlife, or pop in to enjoy a short and snappy story.

Green Libraries Week

Live green, love green

Children can combine fact-finding with creative fun as they are guided to research endangered animals. Increase your knowledge, then get hands-on to make your own animal for our display, and inspire others to protect our planet. Choose to explore the creatures of the sea, or life on earth. All Slough Libraries - dates and times below.

Langley Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Monday 26 October, 2-3pm

The Curve

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Tuesday 27 October, 2-3pm

LEGO®
Build a Greener Future. Be inspired to create a green and clean world from our thousands of bricks. Age 5+
Tuesday 27 October, 4-5pm

Book of the day
Join us as we read a different Bookstart Storytime book each day. Pick up your sticker booklet, collect your sticker and vote for your favourite story on Friday. Recommended age 3-7.
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October, 11am

Elves and the Shoemaker
Listen to this enchanting fairy tale. Suitable for ages 4+
Wednesday 28 October, 12-12.20pm
Join Museums Partnership Reading for a fun fairytale activity, based on this well-loved story.
Friday 30 October, 12.30-2.30pm

Chess for all ages
Challenge someone to a match. Please note: this activity is also attended by adults.
Every Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm

Cippenham Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the sea. Age 3+
Wednesday 28 October, 2-3pm

Britwell Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Thursday 29 October, 11am-12noon

Borrow a bundle of books to keep the fun and learning going. Access all hours to our online collection of ebooks and digital audiobooks. Ask staff for details.

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www.slough.gov.uk/events

Please note the age guidance for activities. Parents and carers should stay at the library during the activity. Our regular story times are paused during the school holidays.

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