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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

A Joyful Diwali Celebration

It was wonderful to see our school come together for the Diwali assembly last week. A huge thank you to Mrs Soroay, Mrs Lodhia and Mrs Mishra for creating such a joyful and meaningful celebration. The message of light over darkness and good over evil was a perfect reminder of the power of kindness – something we'll be continuing to focus on this half term as we encourage pupils to be Kindness Secret Agents!

World Kindness Day

Next week we'll be marking World Kindness Day. In assembly, children will be reminded that even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference. We'll be looking out for examples of kindness around school and celebrating them throughout the week.

Harvest 2025 – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our pupils, families, and staff for your generous donations to the Slough Foodbank this Harvest. Together, we collected an incredible 87kg of food to help support local families in need. Your kindness and community spirit continue to make us proud to be part of Priory.

Lockdown Practice – Keeping Everyone Safe

Next week, we will be carrying out a whole-school lockdown practice from start to finish. You may find your child comes home talking about it, as teachers have been explaining why we practise lockdowns and what they involve. Our intention is not to alarm children but to reassure them that, in an emergency, we know exactly what to do to keep everyone safe. There are many reasons we might need to use a lockdown – for example, a loose dog on site, a chemical incident nearby, or in the very rare situation that there is a threat close to the school. Practising ensures that, just like fire drills, we can respond calmly and confidently if needed.

A Polite Reminder to Parents

We have recently had a few instances of parents approaching children (not their own) at the end of the school day to discuss incidents they have seen or heard about. Please remember that parents must not approach another child. Even if done calmly or with good intentions, it can be intimidating and frightening for the child involved.

If you have a concern, please come directly to a member of staff and we will ensure it is followed up appropriately. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all pupils.

⚽ ESFA National Primary Cup Champions!

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team, who have been crowned winners of the ESFA National Primary Cup! 🏆 The match was an incredible display of teamwork, determination and courage – and after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out, our amazing goalkeeper pulled off two brilliant saves to secure the victory! We are so proud of the whole team for representing Priory School with such skill, sportsmanship and spirit. What a fantastic achievement – well done, girls! 🙌🎉

Upcoming Events

- Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November, 11am: A one-minute silence will be observed across the school.
- Tea with SLT – Tuesday 11th November, 2pm: KS2 parents are invited to join us for tea and informal discussion.
- World Kindness Day – Thursday 13th November
- Anti-Bullying Week – w/c 17th November:

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:

History, Geography

https://youtu.be/Cg1MJ_TGD9o

Family, Friends

https://youtu.be/yni_UlcPlxo



Peek at the Week

Nursery– 7th November 2025

**World Nursery
Rhyme Week is
next week.**

Please join your child for
rhyme time on:

Friday 14th Nov 11am

(15 hr AM parents)

Friday 14th Nov 2:45pm

(15hr PM parents and all day parents)



We have been building our core strength
using the pumpkins
in the garden:
pushing, pulling
and rolling them.



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 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: **Merai** for being a kind and caring friend and always following the classroom charter.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrlH3RvgZo>



Word of the Week: **'hammering'**

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Peek at the Week

Reception – 7th November 2025



Important Dates / Reminders

End of term 2- 19th December 2025 (we will confirm whether this will be a full day or half day).

16th December 2025- Christmas performance

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

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

In reception 'orange' lunch is not available for the children.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Focus core math skill: **Subitising and Composition**- we will be using the vocabulary: **1 more, how many, altogether.**

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:

Communication and Language Development:

This week, we continued with our Little Wandle Phonics Program! The children have been revisiting the sounds **s, a, t, p**, practicing and consolidating their understanding. We are focusing on these previously learned sounds to strengthen their phonetic knowledge.



Please use the link below to support your child with the letter formation **s, a, t**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=G8LhKovROts&list=PLByInf4b6gQvOqk-04YH3PcNxHqhonVAV>

Please support your children in blending three-letter words using the **s, a, t, p, i, n** sounds

Maths:

In Reception, we have been exploring **subitising** (recognising numbers without counting) and **composition of number**. Our main focus has been on making the number 4 using different combinations of smaller numbers. For example, understanding that 3 and 1 more make 4 or 2 and 2 make 4. We have continued to look the numbers in Ten Town, we have now met Freddie Four. See if your child can tell you the stories behind these numbers.

Freddie Four



Stacey, L. (2015). See 10: The number 4.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

In PSHE, we have been learning about what it means to **belong** and how we are both **similar** and **different**. Children are developing their understanding of key words such as **rights, learn, share, kind, belong, similar, and different**.

R Paddington: Yusuf

R Rupert: Balraj



Reception song of the week: Five little snowman fat

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 07/11/25

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Our Learning

Welcome back! We started out week with a wonderful whole school assembly to celebrate Diwali.

In English we have been reading *The Best Diwali Ever*, a story about a girl and her mischievous little brother. We have been discussing emotions and feelings, imagining how our characters feel in the story.

We have started to learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot in our History unit. The children have been very excited to learn about why we celebrate Bonfire Night, and Guy's plan! We have had lots of fireworks themed learning in our outdoor provision this week.

On Friday, we voted for our new School Council. We can't wait to see who wins!



Star of the Week

1 Jeffers: Asrith

1 Donaldson: Archie



Words of the Week: oh people their your

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 7th November 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

5.12.25 Christmas Market

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



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

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

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

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

Thank you for all your support and we hope you had a good break!

Our Learning

This week, we have started looking at **addition** in maths, using counters to represent two 1-digit numbers and then looking at how many there are **altogether** or **in total** and writing the corresponding addition number sentence.

In English, we have been exploring animal fact files to learn about the features of this type of non-fiction text (for example, headings, sub-headings, pictures, fun facts). We have also started researching facts for our own fact file.

In Geography, we started our new unit by looking at the definition of rural and urban and what we would expect to see (or not see) in these different areas.

In the garden we have done some fun activities around bonfire night. The children had great fun making their own sparklers.

Next week, we will be counting on in maths to solve addition number sentences, continuing research in English for our African animal fact files and comparing the features of a Kenyan village with our local area, in Geography.



Peek at the Week

Year 3– 7th November 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

13.11.25 3 Nightingale–Swimming lessons

21.11.25 Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair/
Christmas Jumper Day



HOMEWORK

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

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

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

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

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

Year 3 Trip to WHIPSNADE ZOO

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

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

Our Learning

This week, we began a science unit to learn about animal skeletons and muscles. This will link to our trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

In English, we began to explore how to write a non chronological report based on the writing in this lovely book.



In Maths, we used our knowledge of addition and subtraction to tackle problems using the inverse.

In Computing, we began to learn how to create a stop frame animation.

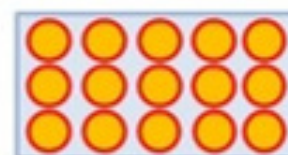
Next week, our Science lessons will focus on the diets of animals and humans. We will learn why it is important to eat a balanced diet and the different groups that particular foods belong to.

In French, we are going to learn how to say different colours.

In Maths, we are going to revise the 2x, 5x and 10x tables using a range of strategies including arrays.



What is 5 x 3?



Word of the Week: surprise

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Peek at the Week

Year 4– 7th November 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

21.11.25 Bikeability

05.12.25 Priory's Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day



HOMEWORK

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

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

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

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

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

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.

Word of the Week: surprise

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Our Learning

This week, we began to read the book 'Charlotte's Web' as we will be using this wonderful story to inspire our writing this half term.



In Maths, we have been exploring measure by looking at how cm squares can be used to calculate area and perimeter. Our times tables focus for the next three weeks is the 6x tables.



$$4 \times 6 = 24$$



$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

In DT, we tasted pizza toppings and designed our ideal pizza which we will be making next week.

Next week, we will continue to work on saying, reading and writing numbers to 10 in French.



In Maths, we will be completing an arithmetic and a reasoning assessment to check our progress so far,

In DT, we will make pizzas and reflect on how successful our recipes were. Our Computing lessons this half term will focus on recording sounds with the aim of recording a podcast.



Year 5 Peek at the Week

7th November 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Xmas Fair - 5th December

We made factor clouds and multiple chains in maths this week!



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.

In PSHRE, we looked at identity and we created our own artistic depiction of our identity by exploring the different parts of who we are.

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

SDawe: **Madison** SMaple: **Lillyanne** SOfli: **Esa**

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 7th November 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

02.12.25: Cippenham Baptist Church Trip

05.12.25: Christmas Fair

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school.

Thursdays: Spelling quiz.
Homework due:

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



Our Learning

This week, in geography, we looked at the features of developed and developing countries and held a debate on international aid.

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.

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.

Y6 geography work on the continents:



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: Prince **6 Anning:** Mohammed **6 Darwin:** Abu-Bakr

Word of the Week: conscious

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The Orchard–Peek of the Term

Week commencing: 03/11/2025

Important Date

TVAP- Pear class–Wednesday.
Please bring pack lunch.

Swimming- Apple class–
Friday. Please bring in
swimwear and a towel

Community trip- Plum class–
Monday - Please bring in £2

Please send in a baby photo
of your child and a picture of
your child celebrating a
special event with their
family.

Makaton sign:



Camping

Our Learning

We have started reading our new book '
The Moonlit Campout' in English.



The children followed instructions to
make a sandwich of their choice using
communication boards. The children used
their gross motor skills to make the
sandwich and really enjoyed this activity.

In Maths, the children have been
engaging with the 'Ten Green Bottles'
song and counting how many bottles are
left. They have also been sorting objects
into colours and shapes.

This week, Pear class went on their trip to
Thames Valley Adventure Playground.
They had great fun building sandcastles
in the sandpit and playing musical
instruments in the music room. All the
class loved going. We are looking forward
to going again on Wednesday.

Apple class went on their first swimming
trip of the year. They had great fun
splashing around.



Star of the week

Plum Class- Adam for following instructions Pear Class- All of Pear class for doing good listening and following instructions on their school trip Apple class- Jordan for following instructions Berry class- Mohammed for excellent handwriting skills Cherry Class- Varin for his hand work in Phonics and Maths Strawberry class- Zain for settling in really well



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PE News

ESFA Pokémon Cup Champions!

A huge congratulations to our Priory Girls Year 6 team – winners of the ESFA Pokémon Cup!

The girls showed incredible teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the tournament, representing Priory with pride and passion.

We're so proud of each and every player for their hard work and fantastic spirit – you've truly earned this victory!

And we're not stopping there... we've got lots of after-school netball and football games coming up for both boys and girls as we compete in the Slough Leagues.

Watch this space... exciting things ahead!

[#PrioryPride](#) [#ESFAPokemonCup](#) [#GirlsFootball](#) [#Champions](#)
[#ProudMoment](#) [#TeamPriory](#)



Slough School Sport – Physical Education Wrestling Festival

What an incredible achievement for our Year 4 students, who proudly represented our school at the Wrestling Festival! Their hard work, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship shone throughout the event. We are so proud of their dedication and teamwork—well done to all who took part! 🙌🏆🤝♂️💪



Tea with SLT



Tuesday 11th November 2025

2.00pm - 3.00pm

KS2 Parents

Join us for a cuppa & a chat with
the Senior Leadership Team



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Attendance

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Signed: *Gill Burgess*

Title: Relationship Manager Date: November 2025



FREE LUNCH

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

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Family Fun Day!

**Saturday
15 November 2025
10.30am-2.30pm**

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

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



Scan to sign up by 6 November,
you must sign up to attend.
www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-tickets-1784168208139

**You can choose 3 of
the activities below:**

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

Children must
be accompanied
by a parent/carer



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Language of the Month

We have continued to introduce a new language of the month.

Be sure to look out on the school website for the new slides at the start of each month. You will find the page under the parents section.

Have a look through the slides with your child/ren to learn new words and phrases.



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