6TH JUNE 2025

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term break. As we head into the final stretch of the academic year, there's a lot to look forward to-and plenty happening across the school!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported, performed in, or attended our school Soirée just before the break. It was a truly uplifting evening, filled with music, talent, and community spirit. We're so proud of all the pupils who performed and incredibly grateful to the staff who made the event possible.

We'd also like to thank everyone for their patience and calm during the recent gas leak. This was identified as part of our routine site checks and the evacuation was precautionary but necessary. We were proud of how quickly and safely the whole school responded.

Learning Together Mornings – Week Commencing 30th June We are pleased to be hosting the final Learning Together Mornings across the school during the week beginning Monday 30th June. These sessions are a chance for you to spend time in your child's classroom, see how they learn, and celebrate their progress. Parents who have not attended the Autumn and Spring sessions will be invited in for the final session.

A full schedule will be shared shortly-please save the date!

Year 6 Production - Peter Pan

Our Year 6 pupils are busy preparing for this year's end-of-year production, and we are so excited for you to see it! Performances will take place on the following dates:

- Dress Rehearsal (Cast 1): Friday 20th June
- Performance to Parents: Tuesday 24th June at 7:00pm
- Dress Rehearsal (Cast 2): Wednesday 25th June
- Performance to Parents: Thursday 26th June at 7:00pm

Further details about ticketing and logistics will be shared with Year 6 parents very soon.

MTC & Phonics Screening

We're in the middle of the Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 and will begin the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils from Monday 9th June to Friday 14th June. These assessments help us identify where children may need extra support and are carried out calmly and supportively by our fantastic team.

Father's Day – Sunday 15th June

Wishing a very happy Father's Day in advance to all the fathers, father figures, and special grown-ups in our school community.

Thank a Teacher Day – 18th June

Wednesday 18th June is National Thank a Teacher Day—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the care, dedication, and hard work of all our staff.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in school life. There's much to celebrate as we approach the end of term-and we look forward to doing just that together!

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 2nd June

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Whole School - 86.62%

Year 1 - 81.96% Year 2 - 87.81% Year 3 - 85.16% Year 4 - 87.45% Year 5 - 85.45% Year 6 - 89.09%

Congratulations to 6Annin with 93.6% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

<u>Click here</u>to link to the school calendar <u>Click here</u>to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please <u>click here</u> to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

<u>Sign of the week:</u>

Child Safety

https://youtu.be/2xQSBJgr-c8

Peek at the Week Nursery– 6th June 2025

Race for Life

Tuesday 17th June 2025

Children to please wear blue or pink t shirts with their uniform jogging bottoms/ shorts /leggings. Please remember to wear black trainers.

Please remember to get your friends and family to donate to such an important charity.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/p age/sandys-giving-page-606



We have been very busy settling back into Nursery after our half term break.



Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been reminding ourselves of the class behaviour charter especially remembering to all join in with tidying away our toys and games. 'Choose it, use it and put it away!'

Communication & Language Development

We have had lots to talk about on our return to the nursery garden after the half term break. We have seen that the seeds and plants that we planted have really grown. We have been asking lots of questions and





commenting on all the changes.

Physical Development

We have been tracing over patterns to help with our writing skills. It is



harder to push down

when using a pencil rather than a felt tip pen. This is helping our mark making become stronger.

Child of the week: Balraj and Anabia for now using the big nursery toilet independently in class.

Please share this video and encourage your child to sing along. Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENBITpySo8q



Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com



Peek at the Week-Reception 06/06/25

The highlight this week was our trip to the Sea Life Centre! We had an absolutely fantastic day out at Chessington on Wednesday. The children were very excited to travel by coach with some even spotting Windsor Castle on our journey.

When we arrived at Chessington, we had to wait a little before entering the Sea Life Centre. This meant we had some time to visit other areas of the park. At the zoo, we saw a baby chimpanzee swinging on the ropes and the sea lions being fed. The penguins were a big hit, and there was even a sleepy lion.

We also went into the brilliant Room on a Broom experience! We journeyed through the story, meeting characters such as the Witch, the dog and even the dragon. For lunch, we had a picnic in the sunshine. The children really enjoyed eating their packed lunches on the grass with their friends.

We then visited the Sea Life Centre and were thrilled to see so many different sea creatures up close! The children loved spotting sharks, stingrays and eels in the tanks. We even saw Dory and Nemo swimming together.



Reception song of the week:

Under the Sea





Summer is always a busy term, and we have lots of exciting things coming up:

Tuesday 17th June-Race for Life, wear pink or blue.

Wednesday 9th July-Sports Day

Monday 21st July-Reception Graduation

All of Reception have been superstars this week!

Contact us: reception@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Our Learning

This week:

In maths this week, we finished our unit on fractions. The children have spent time a half and a quarter of a given quantity. They shared a range of different classroom resources into equal groups to demonstrate their understanding.



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In English this week, we spent time recapping our class text: Mr Gumpy's motor car. We had a go at retelling the story, adding in our own actions to help us remember it.



In our afternoon lessons this week, we learned all about plants. The children spent time drawing and labelling their own plants using key vocabulary. They then investigated how daisies open and close their petals depending on whether it is day or night.







Important Dates / Reminders

Please can all book bags be brought in on a Thursday so library books and reading books can be changed. Please log in to Numbots.

Homework

 \exists Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.

¹Focus core math skill: sharing objects into 2 groups

Please log on to numbots



This week's phonics QR code:



As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child comes to school with a sunhat and a water bottle each day. The children are also thoroughly enjoying the water play equipment, which means they may get a little wet during the day. If you would like your child to change into dry clothes afterwards, please send in a set of spare clothing.

Thank you for your support!

Star of the week



Peek at the Week Year 2 – 6th June 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17.06.25 Race for life

25.06.25 Y2 Beale Park trip



you are reading. Please make sure your child's reading book and diary are in their school bag <u>every</u> <u>day</u> as we are now changing different groups' books on different days.

Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible. Please also login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and times tables.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**.

Please also send your child in with **a cap and a water bottle**, especially now the weather is warmer, and apply sun tan lotion at home before the children come to school.

This week, we enjoyed discussing our special relationships with different family members during our PSHRE lesson. As well as discussing why they are special to us.



Child of the Week

2Newton: Billy

2Franklin: Halie



<u>Our Learning</u>

In English, we have started to explore poems and their different features. In maths, we are looking at fractions of an amount, using arrays as well as counters as our method of choice to work out the answer!

In RE, we have been looking at Islam and thinking about how going to the mosque gives Muslims a

sense of belonging.

In the garden, we've enjoyed using our fine motor skills to make herb potions. We have also enjoyed discovering different features of a frogs habitat in our small world tuff tray!





Next week, we will be looking at the poem 'Voices of water' and collecting some onomatopoeia ideas for

our own writing. In Maths we will be finding non- unit fractions of a quantity. We will also be looking at living things and their habitats in Science!



Contact us: year2@prioryschool.com



Peek at the Week Year 3– 6th June 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17.06.25 Race for Life-children may wear PE kit and a pink or blue t-shirt.

20.06.25 Year 3 Greek Day–children may come to school dressed in an Ancient Greek costume if they wish.

03.07.25 Year 3 Learning Together morning 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! Books can also be read online at https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/

Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars: https://ttrockstars.com/

<u>Our Learning</u>

This week, we have begun our ancient Greek history topic. We have learnt about how ancient Greece was made up of city-states and created a fact file about them. We have also learnt about ancient Greek beliefs and some of the gods and goddesses that they worshipped.

In maths, we have been learning about money-being able to recognise coins and notes and adding and subtracting different amounts. In English, we have been completing some independent writing.

Next week, in history lessons we will learn about how archaeologists know what life was like in ancient Greece and the legacy of this civilisation. In maths, we will begin a unit of work where we will explore statistics and will be gathering data and making graphs to share this information. In English, we are going to explore the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.

On Friday 20th June, we will have an immersive Ancient Greek Day. The children will be able to wear ancient Greek costume on that day if they wish.



Other important dates for the summer term:

04.07.25-Year 6 summer fair-the Year 3 children can bring some money in to spend at the fair as they will visit during the



school day. Parents are invited to visit the fair after school.

09.07.25–Year 3 Sports Day 9:45-11:45. 23.07.25–Last day of term

Word of the Week: early Follow this link to find more super daily activities:

www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year3@prioryschool.com



Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to

it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as

much as possible.

read at least three times a week and record

Times Table Check

Please spend time practising times

tables with your child whenever

possible.

Here are a few hints on how you can

support your child:

Use your child's heat map from

Times Table Rock Stars to see

which specific questions your

Practising on 'Garage' mode on

Times table songs on Youtube.

Make up rhymes or jokes for times table questions that they

child needs to work on.

Times Table Rock Stars.

are struggling with.

to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Year 4 Peek at the Week Friday 6th June 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

This week in English, the children have been working hard learning about their new book 'The Whale' and the children have been thinking about what thoughts are provoked from images. The children have also been researching about different types of whales.

Our Learning

In Maths, the children have been working hard to deepen their understanding of decimals and fractions particularly the concept of hundredths. They have also been working incredibly hard on their multiplication test which they will be continuing with next week.

Next week we are going to be continuing to look at 'The Whale' and they will be writing creative sentence stacks based on the story.

In Maths, we are going to be comparing the value of digits in decimals and rounding decimals.

In the afternoons, the children are going to be continuing in D.T to design and then create their own buzzer games. They will also be working in computing to understand simple coding.

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Child of the week:

4Turing: Finley 4Chamberlain: Rosie 4Lovelace: Aisha

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

Contact us: year4@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Year 5 Peek at the Week Friday 6th June 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

17th June: Arts Week

17th June: Race for Life https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sa ndys-giving-page-606

18th and 19th June: Festival of Sports

23rd June: Burnham Grammar School Trip

1st July: Transition Day

4th July: Summer Fayre

We had a visit from the Fire Service and learnt lots about keeping safe in our homes.



<u>Our Learning</u>

This week, we started our geography unit which focuses on the UK. In shared reading we were introduced to key vocabulary that we will use next week.

In maths, we started our new unit, negative numbers. We focused on understanding negative numbers and counting in 1s and multiples.

In English, we started our non-fiction unit on balanced arguments. After completing our own research, we held class debates on whether screen use has an effect on children's learning and wellbeing.

Next week, we will recap previous knowledge on tectonic plates, terrain and climate zones and applied it to our knowledge of our own island!

In maths, we will continue with negative numbers, but with a focus on comparing and ordering negative numbers and finding the difference.

In English, we will continue writing effective sentences for our balanced argument, in preparation for writing our own balanced argument.

PSHRE Focus: In PSHRE this term, we are on our last JIGSAW unit 'Changing Me' where we will learn about self-image, puberty and coping positively with change. Towards the end of the unit, we will start preparing ourselves for the year ahead by focussing on building healthy relationships and learning the skills required to develop resilience, assertiveness and self-respect.

Child of the week

5Dawe: Zain 5Maple: Zahraa 50fili: Yusuf.K

Word of the Week: rhythm

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

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Important Information

11.06.25: Little Canada Parent

Information Meeting (5:30–6:30pm)

24.06.25 and 26.06.25: Y6 Production

01.07.25: Y6 Transition Day

04.07.25: Y6 Summer Fair

09.07.25: Y6 Sports Day

11.07.25 - 14.07.25: Little Canada

Residential Trip

22.07.25 – Y6 Leavers Graduation &

Picnic

23.07.25: Y6 Guard of Honour

Some of the Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time watching the Lion King production at Lyceum theatre before half term. The performance showcased amazing musical talent that had the children in awe! We

do acknowledge it was a very late return and would like to thank all parents for your patience and understanding.

Year 6 Peek at the Week Friday 6th June 2025

Our Learning

This week, in **art**, we finished our cityscapes topic. We used palette knives to create texture with paint and were inspired by Leonid Afremov for our own pieces.

Next week, in **science** we will be learning about the human body, including the heart and the circulatory system.

For production, we will continue rehearsals and help the children become more confident on stage. We will be moving away from reading lines off scripts so children can ensure they have memorised their lines.

Children have all been given song lyrics and a copy of the script. We ask those with speaking roles or



PSHRE Focus: Healthy Me. In PSHRE this term, we will learn how to take responsibility for our wellbeing. We will know about different types of drugs and how they affect the human body – particularly the liver and the heart.





Important Dates/ information

Monday-

Community Trips - Pears

Please could Apples bring in £2 for their community trips so the children are able to buy something from the shops.

Wednesday- TVPA Apples

Thursday-

Cherries Swimming

Please send children with towel, swim wear and swim nappies.

Fun Day at TVAP on Saturday 26th July 2025



Peek of the Week

Week commencing- 02.06.25

Peek of the Week from the Orchard

Welcome Back!

This week in English,



we introduced our new topic 'Under the Sea'. As well the new topic book 'Commotion in the Ocean' and some of the character's such as 'the spy crab' & 'the turtle'

Our main focus this term is exploring rhyming stories & songs.

In Maths, we have introduced number recording through tallying. As well as focusing on number correspondence through song and movement activities.

In Science, we have started our new topic 'States of Matter' . We have looked at the change from liquids to solids through temperature. Changing yogurt into yogurt bars by freezing it.







Stars of the week

Plums: Zidan for coming into school with a positive outlook Cherries: Talha for self regulating his feeling towards the weather Apples: Avraaj for doing fantastic reading during English Pears: Adam Y for doing amazing at swimming

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Priory School

(Foundation)

Orchard Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 6HE www.prioryschool.com Head teacher: Mrs H Foster

Year 6 Production 24th & 26th June 2025 at 7pm

6th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Tickets for the Year 6 Production of Peter Pan the Musical will be on sale from Tuesday 10th June to 4.00pm on Friday 20th June 2025.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 and can be purchased online via your Arbor account under the school shop section.

There will be a limited number of tickets available for each performance on a first come basis. There is also a limit of 4 tickets per family per night. Siblings will be given the opportunity to watch the performance during school time. (Please note that this performance is not suitable for children under 5 years old.)

There are two evening performances – Tuesday, 24th June at 7.00pm or Thursday, 26th June at 7.00pm

All children are involved in both performances but some children perform a different role on each night. Please make sure that you book for the appropriate performance.

Tickets will be sent home with the children on Monday 23rd June

Please ensure that your child is in school between 5:00pm and 6:00pm on both evenings to prepare for the performance, which will begin at 7:00pm.

The performance is expected to finish at approximately 8:30pm.

Children should enter via 6Attenborough's classroom.

Doors for the performance will open at 6:15pm and will be closed at 6.50pm. Reception will not be manned so please ensure you arrive promptly.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team

Contact: Telephone: 01628 600300 office@prioryschool.com











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Tuesday 24th June @ 7.00pm Thursday 26th June @7.00pm Tickets:£5.00 Purchase on Arbor under School Shop Doors open at 6.15pm



Scan to book!







Early Bird 10% Discount - Summer10

SUMMER 2025 Multisports





Priory School Orchard Avenue, Slough SL1 6HE

Operating Weeks

- WEEK1 Mon 28th July - 1st Aug
- Mon 4th Aug Fri 8th Aug WEEK 2
- Mon 11th Aug Fri 15th Aug WEEK 3
- WEEK 4 Mon 18th Aug - Fri 22nd Aug
- WEEK 5 Tues 26th Aug Fri 29th Aug

() 01344 609934



Standard Day Prices

Arts & Crafts

9AM - 3PM £28 8AM - 5PM £35

🔀 camps@in-2-group.co.uk





Online information sessions for parents of children with SEND, young people with SEND, and professionals

Wednesday 11 June 2025 11am-12noon or 6-7pm.

This session will focus on ceasing the EHC plan.

Upcoming sessions include:

- Wednesday 10 September Annual reviews
- Tuesday 18 November Early years SEN support.

To book, email: SENDIASS@slough.gov.uk (please specify AM or PM session) or via www.sloughsendiass.org.uk



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about



Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

D@*#!

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji () once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 4 @ > (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

SLAYING Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like ia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early

ASK, DON'T ASSUME



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does t" (juice box emoji) mean these days?' can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in

Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list

COMMON EMOJIS: (Clown face) Foolish or clowning around 3 00 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless 00 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement (Moai) Stone-face unbothered 3) (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great



- (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- (Nails) Confidence, sassing or indifference
- (Triangular flag) Red flag; a neone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

(Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine

(Key, lying face) Related to

(Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis

(Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse

(Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness 1

(Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'

(Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm

- (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)





Meet Our Expert

(O) @wake.up.wednesday



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.



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Year 5 SEND Roadshow

Are you a parent /carer or family member of a child in Year 5 with Special Educational Needs (SEND)?

Do you have any questions or do you want to find out about how pupils with SEND are supported in secondary schools in Slough?

If so please come along to our Year 5 Roadshow. There will be representatives from the Slough secondary schools and services that support parents carers and young people with SEND

We are holding an event on the 24 June 2025 at Arbour Park Stadium Arbour Park, Slough SL2 5AY between 1.00 and 3.30 pm

You will be made very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

For further information email: ISSadmin@slough.gov.uk