

13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ISSUE 01

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

### This week at Priory

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our families! I hope you had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some quality time together. It has been wonderful to see the children settle so quickly into their new routines, and their smiles and enthusiasm for learning have been a joy to witness. I am excited for the year ahead and all the exciting learning opportunities it will bring.

We'd like to remind parents to complete the online consent forms as soon as possible. These are essential for ensuring that your child can participate fully in all activities planned for this school year. Thank you to those who have already submitted them.

A big thank you as well to all the parents who attended the year group welcome meetings. It was fantastic to see so many of you there, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support and engagement with the school community.

Finally, I would like to kindly remind parents to park responsibly around the school. Please DO NOT park on Orchard Avenue, as this creates congestion and access issues for residents, as well as safety concerns for our children. Unfortunately, we have already received several complaints from both residents and parents regarding inconsiderate parking. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the area safe and accessible for everyone.

# Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 9th September

Year 1 - 93.5%

Year 2 - 92.9%

Year 3 - 96.2%

Year 4 - 94.3%

Year 5 - 94.7%

Year 6 - 82.6%

Congratulations to class 5Dawe with 99.7% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

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

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

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

Sign of the week:

Kindness

[https://youtu.be/Xud4\\_N57ajw](https://youtu.be/Xud4_N57ajw)

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>



# Peek at the Week Nursery– 13 September 2024

It has been so lovely to have met you all and we look forward to working with you in supporting your child this year. 'Peek at the Week' aims to inform you of what areas of learning we have been looking at during the week in our continuous provision and carpet times. It also will have some helpful reminders and important dates.



Please remember that Nursery uniform includes **black trainers**. This is to prevent slips and trips and to be more comfortable for our active activities whatever the weather!



## Learning

It has been great welcoming back our original nursery children. They have been excellent role models to our new starters. Our new children are settling in excellently. Thank you parents for all your support.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been getting to know our new friends in class this week. We have been showing them all the different activities we can do and showing them around the classroom.

### Communication & Language Development

We have been learning new songs and rhymes this week. We have had fun singing our 'goodbye song' at the end of the sessions. I wonder if your child can remember how it goes

'Goodbye, goodbye, we've had fun,  
Now our Mums and Dads have come!  
Is it yours or is it mine?  
Shhhhhhhh it's home time'

### Physical Development

We have been building walkways and developing our balancing skills.



We have been busy exploring our new nursery class and outside area.



Children of the week: Anabia for settling in quickly after the long summer break, playing nicely with her new friends and using her listening ears more.

Please share this video with your child : 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSdb5wrDHnU>



Word of the Week : **happy**

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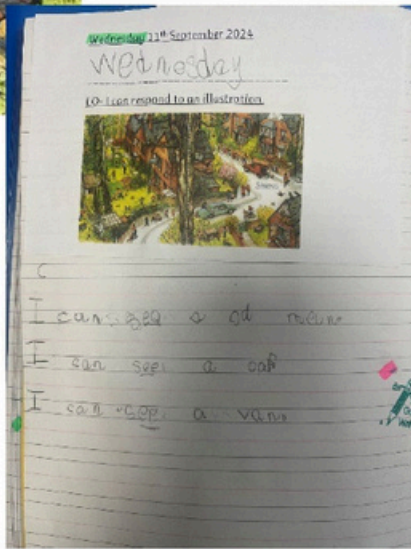
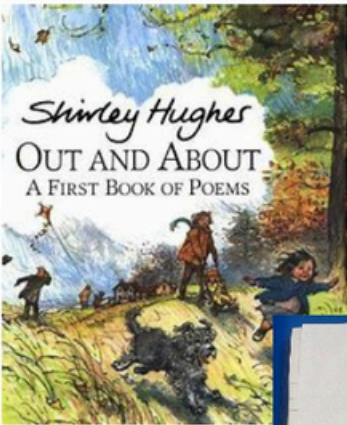
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# Peek at the Week

## Year 1 – 13th September 2024

- Important Dates / Reminders
- Please send children in with all uniform/ belongings named.
  - Children cannot order the orange option for lunch in KS1.



Our Learning

**This week:** In math, we have started our unit on place value. We have been sorting objects and practicing our counting to 10.

In English, we begun reading *'Out and about'* by Shirley Hughes. We looked at an illustration from the text and wrote down what we could see.

In Geography, the children drew maps of their new outdoor area and labelled them with key words.


**Next week :** In math, we will be practicing counting on from any number within 10. We will also start recognising numbers as words.

In English, we will continue to read *'Out and about'*. We will be performing some of the poems from the text, including our own actions.

In afternoon sessions, we will begin our PSHE unit Feeling safe. The children will be drawing pictures of their favourite places in school.

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Noah                      1Jeffers: Isaiah



Words of the Week: me    he    they    says

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 2– 13th September 2024

### Welcome Back to School

#### Important Dates / Reminders

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



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 mid-morning 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.

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



#### Our Learning

**This week**, the children have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London in our history lessons. They have used drama to act out what happened and went on a scavenger hunt to find out more facts about this significant event. In English, we have been writing questions and using adjectives to write descriptive sentences about fire and in maths we have been focusing on the place value of 2-digit numbers, using lots of different concrete resources to show how many tens and how many ones each number has. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning in our new Year 2 garden this week and have collected coloured lollipop sticks for having a go at the different activities out there. They have all settled in really well to their new classes and routines this week. Well done Year 2!

**Next week**, we will be comparing firefighting nowadays with how it was in 1666 and learning about the famous diarist, Samuel Pepys. In maths, we will continue with our place value topic, looking at how to partition a 2-digit number into tens and ones. Outside in the garden, the children will be able to work together using natural resources to build homes for our toy woodland animals and also use blocks to recreate the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire.



# Peek at the Week

## Year 3– 13th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

19.09.24 3 Seacole–Swimming lessons

14.10.24 /15.10.24–Parents' Evening

w/c 21.10.23 - Half Term



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!

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.**

### Our Learning

Since returning to school., we have been working hard to settle into Year 3. Each class has learnt about the medical marvel that their class is named after and agreed some rules to create a class charter. We have begun to learn about the Stone Age by taking part in some exciting practical activities including a hunter and gatherer scavenger hunt and making stone age tools! In Maths, we have been exploring place value and how to partition numbers to 100.

**Next week,** we will be continuing to develop our writing using the story 'Stone Age Boy' to inspire us. In Maths, we will be exploring number lines and place value up to 1000. In the afternoons, we will be learning about life in the Bronze and Iron Ages and how digital devices work. Mr Connor and Mrs Shaw will be teaching us French and Music.



Year 3's Stone Age Day!



Word of the Week: accident

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# Year 4 Peek at the Week

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

**Wednesdays:** wear the correct PE uniform to school.

**Fridays:** Make sure you have read three times in the week and practised learning your times tables.

A selection of collage art in Y4:



### Our Learning

**This week**, the children have settled in really well to the new school year. They have really enjoyed learning about the Romans and how the Romans invaded Britain.

**In maths**, we recapped and expanded our knowledge of place value and applied this in our maths work, developing our use of sentence stems and problem-solving skills. We have already started practising our times tables.

**In English**, we began our unit on *The Roman Diary of Illiona*, which follows the story of a young female slave living in Ancient Rome. We put ourselves in the shoes of Roman gladiators and are now beginning to understand the excitement (and brutality) of the Roman games!

**Next week**, in history, we will begin to learn more about what life was like in Britain when the Romans invaded.

**In maths**, we will continue building on our knowledge of place value and number – learning how to represent and partition numbers on a number line up to 10,000.

**In English**, we will focus on writing effective sentences for our diary entry. We will look at the features of diaries and build a bank of topic vocabulary that we can use across the topic.

**PSHRE Focus: Being Me in My World.** In PSHRE this term, we will learn that our attitudes and actions make a difference to our class team. We will acknowledge who is in our school community, the roles they play and how we fit in. We will understand that our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn to care about other people's feelings by trying to empathise with them.



### Child of the week:

4Lovelace: Levi 4Chamberlain: Leah 4 Turing: Ilana

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

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# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 13th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

Don't forget to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Tuesday.

VR Workshop: 18th September 2024



We enjoyed playing parachute games in science this week!



### Our Learning

**This week**, we began our science unit on forces. We played parachute games, learnt about Galileo and Newton and recorded our findings from our very own experiment involving air resistance and surface area.

**In maths**, we explored place value from 10,000 up to 1,000,000.

**In English**, we started reading the book 'Rose Blanche' and discussed the plot points in the story. We used drama to explore characters' inner thoughts and wrote sentences to portray characters' emotions.

**Next week**, we will be continuing our science unit on forces. Here we will build on this week's knowledge and apply this to water resistance, pulleys and levers. In art, we will also begin our unit on propaganda posters by looking at recent posters encouraging us to "Stay at Home" during the pandemic.

**In maths**, we will continue place value focusing on powers of 10, partitioning and writing numbers using words.

**In English**, we will continue to explore Rose Blanche and sentence stacking.

Star of the week

Maple: **Kaiden** Ofili: **Blake** Dawe: **Ayansh**

Word of the Week: **accommodate**

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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Important Dates /Reminders

**19.09.24:** Y6 Parent Welcome Meeting

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

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

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



[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)

### Our Learning

**This week, in art,** we learned about symbolism and linked this to the Hogwarts houses, exploring the qualities associated with each house. We then created our own crests using animals to represent ourselves.

**In English,** we were introduced to our first text of the year: [Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone](#). This is an exciting unit that is an overarching theme across our autumn term curriculum.

**In maths,** we have been exploring place value up to ten million.

**Next week, in DT,** we will use two influential architects as inspiration to design our own magical shop in Diagon Alley.

**In English,** Harry will be continuing his journey into the magical world and will meet some of his magical teachers. We will then have the opportunity to create and describe our own magical teacher!

**In maths,** we will continue to work on place value and apply our knowledge to negative numbers and to round integers. We will then be focussing on addition and subtraction.



**PSHRE Focus: Being Me in My World.** In PSHRE this term, we will learn that our attitudes and actions make a difference to our class team. We will acknowledge who is in our school community, the roles they play and how we fit in. We will understand that our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn to care about other people's feelings by trying to empathise with them.



### Child of the week:

**6 Attenborough:** Bree    **6 Anning:** David    **6 Darwin:** Yash

Word of the Week: accommodate

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# Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week commencing— 13.09.24

## Important Dates/ in- formation

**Tuesday—cherries swimming**

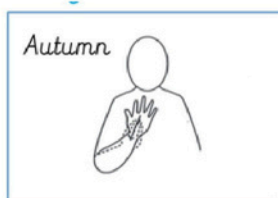
**Please remember to bring**

- Towels
- Swim wear
- Swim nappies

**P.E- Please send children to school wearing their uniform and pack their P.E in their bags . This is to support the children in learning to independently dress themselves.**

**Thank you!**

Makaton sign: Autumn



## What the Orchard have been up to

This week:

In Literacy, this week we have been discussing what the adults in the orchard have been doing over the summer holidays. The children have been writing sentences about the adults in their classes using colourful semantics.

Pear class have been settling into their new school routine and have enjoyed sessions of Attention Autism and sensory play.

In Maths, we have been exploring and making patterns as well as identifying 2d shapes.

In Science, we have introduced our new topic 'Changing Seasons and the Earth'. We looked at what happens during each season by making sensory tuff trays.

# CELEBRATE!



## Star of the week



**Plums: Zain for showing kindness Cherries: Jordan for eating in the lunch hall  
yaan- following instructions Pears: Yuhara- for engaging in activities**

**Apples : Sha-**

## Priory Friends

We have a great opportunity to raise some funds for Priory Friends and all you have to do is your weekly shop. Its run by Asda so if you already shop there, just sign up and they do the rest...

Parentkind - the charity that supports Priory Friends and other PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative - all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Priory and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Priory. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

# Music News

## Come and Sing!

You are warmly invited to complete your week with a lovely sing at Priory Community Choir. This is for anyone within the Priory Community from KS2 age upwards, and is held in the music room after school on a Friday (currently 3.45-4.30pm). All are welcome - no auditions, and you don't need to be able to read music; Mrs Shaw will teach you what you need to know J

Our first gathering this term will be NEXT FRIDAY 20th September. Please let Mrs Shaw know if you would like to come along. It would be lovely to see you there.

## Y5&Y6 Choir event - Young Voices

Choir members from Y5 and Y6 are invited to take part in the amazing "Young Voices" event on Wed 5th February 2025, which will require lots of preparation during Autumn Term especially. Young Voices is a very exciting event, where our children will join thousands of others to make a huge choir with a live professional band, singing a great variety of songs at the O2 Arena in London.

Young Voices have created a very helpful website known as the YV Music Room, where you can find out further info. Once you've created an account, you can access your dashboard and shop to place and pay for your audience tickets and t-shirt order if you wish. Please note that participating children will NOT need their own ticket - these are for family and friends coming to watch, and the logo'd t-shirt is not compulsory - many children wear a plain white t-shirt instead.

You can also add your children to the Music Room for at-home practice of the songs and dance moves. Please see the choir letter for a link to our school's invitation to create an account in the Music Room, and reply to the online form as soon as possible. Thank you!

### KS2 Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons for KS2 children will commence on Monday 16th September, and teachers have been sent through timetables to let your children know when to attend. These are in addition to your child's regular music lessons, and are mostly taught by visiting specialist teachers.

We currently have limited availability for drum kit lessons – please contact Mrs Shaw if your child is interested in signing up for this term.

Monday – Mr Lazenbury – violin & piano  
Tuesday – Mr Keen – keyboard & flute  
Wednesday – Mr Keen – piano & keyboard  
Thursday – Mr Clements – drums  
Thursday – Mrs Sumner – guitar

Please send any queries about instrumental lessons to Mrs Shaw.


# Beechwood School

Kindness

Respect

Excellence



**Beechwood** 

 The Schelwood Trust

## YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

**Tuesday 24th September 2024 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Headteacher's address at 6.00pm followed by tours of the school

You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Open Evening.

Visiting our school will provide you and your child with the opportunity to see the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in our vibrant, state of the art learning environment.

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to showing you why Beechwood School is a special place to learn.

OPEN MORNINGS are also planned for Wednesday 2nd October and Thursday 17th October 2024, starting at 09:15 and concluding at 10:45

**Our mission: To provide an exceptional learning experience for all, where potential is nurtured and responsible citizens created.**

**Beechwood School**

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