

20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ISSUE 02

# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

### This week at Priory

It's fantastic to see the children in full swing now that we're into our second week back. The drop-offs and collections are getting smoother and quicker, and we appreciate your continued cooperation with this.

Once again, we'd like to remind parents NOT to park on Orchard Avenue before the visitors' parking area. This creates unnecessary congestion, and we've noticed that the car park itself is never full—there are always spaces available. Your attention to this helps ensure the safety and accessibility of the area for everyone.

### Upcoming Events:

- School Photographer – On Monday, we will have the school photographer in, so please ensure your children arrive in their smartest uniform!
- School Council Elections – A very exciting time for the children as they participate in choosing their new school council members. Let's encourage all pupils to get involved.

### Support Staff Appreciation Day – Friday 27th September

Next Friday, we'll be celebrating National Support Staff Appreciation Day. Our amazing support staff (TLAs, office, inclusion, PE, catering, Site, cleaners) play an essential role in the daily running of our school, and we truly couldn't do it without them. Please remember to say a special thank you to these wonderful individuals who work tirelessly to support our pupils and staff. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and hard work.

# Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 16th September

Year 1 - 95.1%

Year 2 - 94.8%

Year 3 - 96.0%

Year 4 - 94.3%

Year 5 - 94.4%

Year 6 - 86.9%

Congratulations to class RRupert with 98.2% 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:

When you are worried

[https://youtu.be/jaGORg\\_FABl](https://youtu.be/jaGORg_FABl)

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 – 20th September 2024

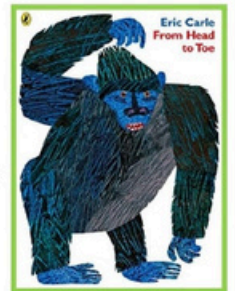
### Our Learning

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been settling in children and helping them to learn new nursery routines such as washing hands, lining up, sitting on the carpet etc. Next week we will be working together in our key person groups to create our own class charter for expected behaviour.

#### Communication & Language Development

We have been sharing lots of stories and rhymes and next week we will start to listen to our new book 'From head to Toe' by Eric Carle.



We have been encouraging the children to talk about the activities they have chosen to do in Nursery.

#### Physical Development

On Wednesday, we joined in the live stream 10@10 fitness session as part of National Fitness Day.



School Photos are on  
Monday 23rd September.

Children should be wearing their full school uniform. **Please remember if children wear earrings they must only be studs. NO HOOPS**

#### **Flu Vaccine**

All children who are aged 2 and 3 years old (provided they were this age on the 31 August before flu vaccinations start in the autumn) can get the vaccine at their **general practice**, as can children who are at high risk from flu. This is usually administered by the practice nurse and for most children is a quick and painless nasal spray.



We've had fun in  
the lovely  
sunshine  
this week.



**Child of the week:**

**Miah** for settling into nursery really quickly, following the classroom charter and always using her lovely manners.

**Nursery rhyme of the week:** Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

Please share this video with your child and encourage them to sing along. [Twinkle Twinkle Little Star | CoComelon](#)

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# Peek at the Week

## 20.09.24

We had a very exciting trip on Wednesday—to the school library! The Reception children had a brilliant time exploring our wonderful library and choosing a book to take home. Book bags have come home today, and we would like these to come back in on Wednesday (library book included)

This week we had a fantastic first music lesson with Mrs Shaw. The children really enjoyed some group singing and actions. It really is one of our favourite times of the week!



We already have a number of jumpers with no names in our lost property box! We will put this outside the Reception doors each morning/afternoon, but I would strongly encourage parents to label every jumper, fleece and jacket.

### Our Learning

#### Communication & Language Development

Our phonics lessons began this week, and we started by exploring the letters s, a, t and p. You will find an Autumn 1 Sound Guide inside your child's home learning journal this week. These are really handy for you to practice sounds with your child, and there are handy pronunciation phrases.

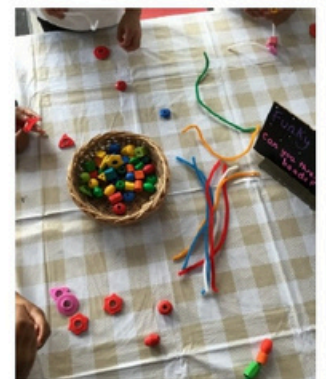
Phonic information for Parents [here](#)

#### Maths

Our mathematical learning this week has been focused on matching and sorting. Making sets is a precursor to counting, and children need this for the basis of the counting principles of cardinality and one-to-one correspondence. We have explored this through whole class discussions and a variety of provision activities!

#### Physical Development

We have been working to strengthen our hand and finger muscles this week. Developing fine motor skills helps children do things like eating, writing, manipulating objects and getting dressed.



### Reception song of the week:

[Once I Caught a Fish Alive](#)



Reception Stars of the Week coming soon!

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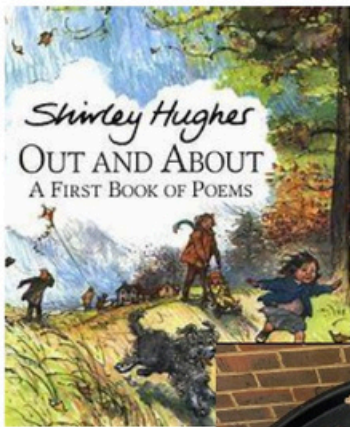


# Peek at the Week

## Year 1 – 20th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

- All reading books will be changed on Friday so please ensure your child has a bag or book bag.



### 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 began reading '*Out and about*' by Shirley Hughes. We looked at an illustration from the text and wrote down what we could see. We also started to write our own simple poems.

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 our own poems.

In afternoon sessions, we will continue our PSHE unit Feeling safe. The children will be drawing pictures of their favourite places in school and will be discussing how they can stay safe.

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Abeeha

1Jeffers: Shoaib



Words of the Week: little then were do are was

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# Peek at the Week

## Year 2 – 20th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

**23.09.24** School photos

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



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.

The children now have logins to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars stuck on the inside front cover of their reading record. Please login to these websites so they can complete activities at their own pace.

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 keep your child's reading record and reading book in their bag every day. We will keep their reading records at school on a Thursday to change their books and update their spellings ready to send home Friday.

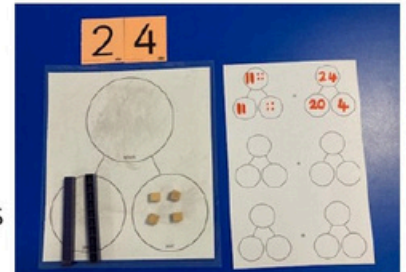
**Please send your child in with a coat or waterproof jacket as they will be outside in the garden for part of each day.**

The children have also enjoyed taking turns in our quiet room, where they can go and read a book, colour, do a puzzle or another mindfulness activity.



### Our Learning

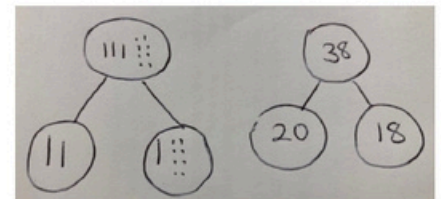
**This week**, the children have been learning to partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones and to



work out the value of each part. They have enjoyed learning about Samuel Pepys and his famous diary in history and even got to smell some of his stinky cheese! In their English lessons, the children have written speech bubbles to show a conversation between Mr Pepys and his maid, when she woke him to tell him about the huge, raging fire!

**Next week**, we will start our science unit on materials. The children will be sorting different materials and objects according to their properties: hard, soft, flexible, rigid etc. In our English lessons we are going to write a set of instructions from Samuel Pepys to his maid, telling her how to bury his precious possessions to save them from the fire. In maths, we will continue with partitioning numbers, moving on to flexible partitioning. We can split the number into tens and ones, but how else can we partition it?

For example,



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# Peek at the Week

## Year 3– 20th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

23.09.24– School Photos

26.09.24 3 Seacole–Swimming lessons

14.10.24 /15.10.24–Parents' Evening

w/c 21.10.23 - 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 practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

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

**Please only send fruit in for a break time**

### Our Learning

**This week**, we continued to develop our writing using the story 'Stone Age Boy' to inspire us. In Maths, we explored number lines and place value up to 1000. We



also went outside to take part in some practical Maths activities to reinforce our understanding of place value. In the afternoons, we learnt more about life in the Bronze and Iron Ages and how digital devices work.

**Next week**, we will be continuing to use the book 'Stone Age Boy' to inspire our writing. We will focus on writing sentences using time adverbials, similes and onomatopoeia. In Maths, we will continue to explore numbers to 1000. In our afternoon lessons, we will begin a Science topic with a focus of rocks. We will look at different types of rocks and how they are formed.

During our Science lessons, we will be encouraging the children to describe rocks using some of these scientific adjectives. If you are able to use these words at home too, it will help the children to become familiar with them.

Great Vocabulary!

crumbly

sparkly

gritty

rough

hard

soft

smooth

jagged

strong

brittle

Word of the Week: actual

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# Year 4 Peek at the Week

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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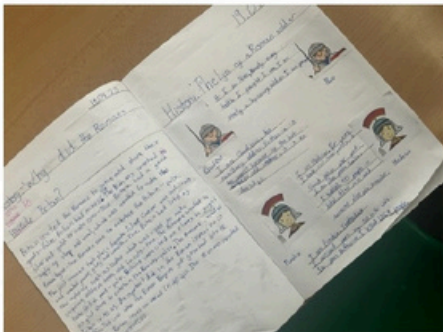
**Wednesdays:** wear the correct PE uniform to school.

**Fridays:** Remember to read at least three times in the week! Practise your times tables as much as possible.



The children had a great time taking part in the VR experience this week which made the children feel like they were walking through Ancient Rome.

Piece of work from this week:



### Our Learning

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

**In maths**, we built on our knowledge of place value and number and learnt how to represent and partition numbers on a number line up to 10,000.

**In English**, we focussed on writing effective sentences for our diary entry. We looked at the key features of diaries and built a bank of topic vocabulary that we can use across the topic.

**Next week**, we will complete our history unit on the Roman invasion and settlement of Britain. We will research the influence the Romans had and create an information page using the knowledge we have acquired over our unit.

**In maths**, we will compare and order numbers up to 10,000 and explore Roman Numerals.

**In English**, we will plan and write our own diary entry, from the perspective of a Roman slave.

**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:

**4 Lovelace:** Zia

**4 Chamberlain:** Unnaysha

**4 Turing:** Mia T

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

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# Year 5 Peek at the Week

## 20th September 2024

### Important Dates / Reminders

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

School photographer—23rd September 2024



### Our Learning

**This week**, we continued our science unit on forces. In art, we also begun our unit on propaganda posters by looking at recent posters encouraging us to "Stay at Home" during the pandemic.

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

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

**Next week**, will begin our RE unit on Judaism. Here, we explore the traditions of Judaism whilst making connections to other monotheistic religions. We will also look at the importance of community and the impact of WW2 on the Jewish people.

**In maths**, we will focus on comparing and ordering numbers and recap our rounding skills.

**In English**, we will complete analysing our Rose Blanche book by focusing on how to create 'full circle' endings and begin planning and writing our own version the story.



In English, we study a crime scene and drew conclusions based on the evidence we were presented with.

### Star of the week

Maple: **Ibrahim** Ofili: **Yusuf.Q** Dawe: **Harry D**

Word of the Week: **accommodate**

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

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# Year 6 Peek at the Week

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

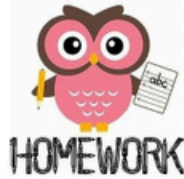
### Important Dates /Reminders

**23.09.24:** School Photographers

**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 (ttrackstars.com)

### Our Learning

**This week, in DT,** we used two influential architects as inspiration to design our own magical shop in Diagon Alley. We were also sorted into one of the school houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin.

**In English,** we continued Harry's journey into the magical world and met some of his magical teachers. We then had the opportunity to compare different characters based on their personality and attributes.

**In maths,** we continued to work on place value and applied our knowledge to negative numbers and rounding integers.

**Next week, in geography,** we will learn how to read maps using 4 and 6 grid references. The children will get the opportunity to apply their skills to an orienteering activity around the school grounds.

**In English,** we will have the chance to write our own character description of a magical teacher and a magical beast.

**In maths,** we will start a new topic on addition and subtraction focusing on common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.

### Year 6 DT: Diagon Alley Shops



**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:** Saranveer    **6 Anning:** Daria    **6 Darwin:** Eesa

Word of the Week: prejudice

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# The Orchard–Peek of the Term

## Week commencing: 16/09/2024

### Important Dates

Monday 23rd September- School Photographs- Please dress in school uniform.

Tuesday 24th September- Cherry class Swimming ( Please bring swimwear)

### Our Learning

In English, this week Cherry and Plum class have been sharing what they got up to over the summer holidays and using colourful semantics to make sentences about the activities they did. In Apple and Pear class the children have been use PECS and communication boards to communicate and comment on their own play. This week they have been using water and sand to 'pour and fill'. They have had lots of fun exploring these materials.

In Maths, Apple and Pear class have been singing the song ' 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a Fish Alive' to support with their counting and ordering skills. They have also been copying and completing simple patterns with numicon and sorting 2D shapes.

Cherry and Plums class have recapping on numbers between 0-100, creating simple patterns and identifying 2D shapes.

In Science this week the children have been learning about the different seasons of the year. They enjoyed decorating the trees in each season and completed matching activities.

For festivals and celebrations the children took part in National Fitness Day. They did different exercises around the priory mile, participated in fitness games and look into the importance of healthy eating.



Makaton sign:



Autumn



### Star of the week



Pears Class- Chanel for following instructions Cherry Class - Aran for good work in English Apple Class -Theo for doing fantastic reading. Plum Class Ethan for regulating his emotions



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# Priory Friends

We need your help!

Look out for the posters about our fundraising through ALDI. All you need to do is download the app and register your support for Priory Friends - that earns us £1 for each registration! You don't even need to do any shopping!!!! From there you scan your ALDI bill and a small percentage of your spend is donated to us by ALDI. Please tell all your friends and family.

In the next few weeks Priory Friends will be talking to the new school council about what the children want us to raise money for this coming year. We love new ideas but are hoping they don't suggest something too ambitious for us to aim for. Ideally we'd like to support one big target and then some smaller projects. We'll need your help for that so watch out for notices about how you can join in the efforts. Talk to reception if you want to find out more.

# Music News

## 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.

## Drum Kit Lessons

Would your child like to have lessons on drum kit? Unusually, we have a small number of spaces for drum lessons this term for KS2 children, on a fee-paying basis. Please contact Mrs Shaw or Miss K in the office as soon as possible, if you are interested in your child taking up this rare opportunity.

## 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 is Friday 20th September. Please let Mrs Shaw know if you would like to come along this week or join us next time. It would be lovely to see you there.

# Young Voices: Author in Me Literary Festival

On Saturday 19th October, The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre will be hosting the 5th annual Author in Me Literary Festival for children.

Enjoy a magical day at the Museum packed with inspirational author sessions, fun-filled activities, interactive storytelling sessions and creative workshops – all tailored just for kids.

With appearances from beloved children's authors and illustrators such as Alan Durant, this event aims to ignite the imagination and nurture a love for reading and writing in children of all ages. Bring your little ones for a day of joy, creativity, and literary adventure.

This would be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils. For more information, visit: <https://www.roadddahlmuseum.org/event/young-voices-aim-literary-festival/>




# Beechwood School

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## 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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# Volunteer Training Course

**25th & 26th September**

"Volunteering with families isn't just about offering support; it's about empowering others to find strength within themselves and watching them grow. The impact we make may be small, but the hope we leave behind lasts a lifetime."

*Venue*

**Burnham Park Hall  
Windsor Lane  
Burnham  
Slough SL1 7HR**

**10AM to  
2.30PM**

**Call or email to register.**

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# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

## Virtual Coffee Morning - Eating and food (Autism and/or ADHD)

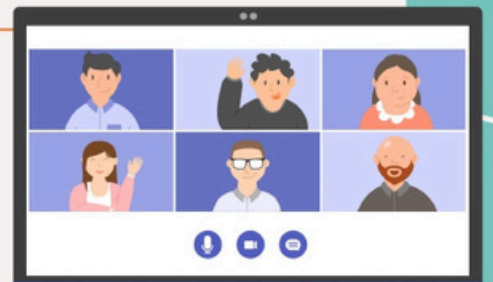
**Friday 20th September -  
10am to 11.15am**

**25 spaces  
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



**Sign Up Today!**

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

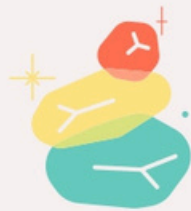
To book your place contact GEMS:



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# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

## How to support your Child through Winter (Autism and/or ADHD)

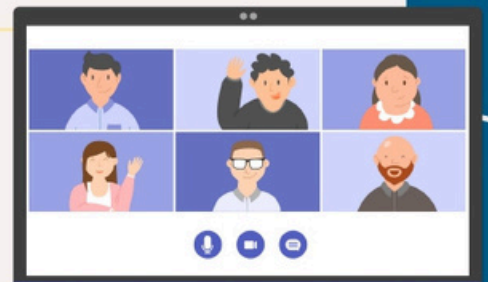
**Friday 25th October - 10am  
to 11.15am**

**25 spaces  
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the  
following areas:

- Holidays and being out of routine.
- Family events
- Crowds
- A change in their wardrobe - moving from summer to winter clothes.

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



**Sign Up Today!**

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