

11TH OCTOBER 2024

ISSUE 05

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

This week we had the privilege of marking World Teacher's Day 2024 on October 5th, a day dedicated to recognising the profound impact that teachers have on shaping not just our children's futures, but society as a whole. This year's theme, "Valuing Teacher Voices," reminds us of the essential role teachers play, not just in the classroom, but in the broader context of societal change.

At Priory School, our teachers go above and beyond each day to ensure that every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential. We know how hard they work, particularly in a school as inclusive and diverse as ours. Whether it's supporting children with special educational needs, creating exciting and engaging lessons, or being that steady, guiding presence when our students need it most, our teachers embody the very best of what education can offer.

As we reflect on the meaning of this day, I want to personally thank every teacher here at Priory for their unwavering commitment to our pupils. It's no easy task balancing the demands of the curriculum, pupil wellbeing, and the many individual needs in our school. Yet, day in and day out, they show up with kindness, dedication, and determination.

If you have a moment, I encourage you to join us in recognising the work our teachers do by sharing a note of thanks or words of encouragement. It's often the little things that make a big difference, and I know they will appreciate the support from our wonderful community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. Together, we create an environment where both pupils and staff can thrive.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 7th October

Whole School - 94.7%

Year 1 - 96.8%

Year 2 - 95.4%

Year 3 - 95.8%

Year 4 - 94.4%

Year 5 - 96.2%

Year 6 - 92.3%

Congratulations to classes 5Ofili and Plum with 100% 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:

World Mental Health Day

<https://youtu.be/k1d3aK4OV6Q>

Peek at the Week

Nursery – 11th October 2024

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 sharing with each other by using 'my turn, your turn' when we are playing.

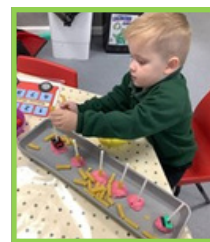
Communication & Language Development

As part of our Jigsaw lesson we spent some time talking about working together and considering other people's feelings. We found different words to describe how our friends feel if we don't include them in our play.



Physical Development

We have been developing our fine motor skills this week, using our hand-eye co-ordination to thread pasta onto straws and to wind wool around the sticks we have found in the garden. We have been singing 'wind the bobbin up' as we worked.



Parents' Evening

Monday 14th and Tuesday
15th October

Thank you for all your donations for Young Minds on



Hello Yellow day. We looked after our own wellbeing by following a Cosmic Yoga session.



It was lovely to welcome our parents into class as part of Learning Together Week.



Child of the week: Kedar for being a kind friend, role model to our new children and sharing his Mummy with his friends on our 'Learning Together' days.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'Wind the Bobbin up' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwdxJnAA6CI>

Please share this video with your child and encourage them to sing along.

Word of the Week : friends

Contact us: nursery@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week - Reception

11.10.24

It was so lovely to have parents in this week for Learning Together mornings! The children absolutely loved being able to show you their classrooms and have you join in with their learning. Paddington class showcased their reading groups, while Rupert class parents enjoyed a phonics lesson. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and take part!

This week we started Drawing Club. This is all about imagination and curiosity, and exposes pupils to a wide range of ambitious vocabulary. We then take turns in groups to demonstrate our wonderful drawing skills, with elements of phonics and mathematics. We started by reading Not Now Bernard, and next week will look at the traditional tale of Goldilocks.



Coming up:

Parents Evening 14th and 16th October

All About Me Art Exhibition Friday 18th October 3pm.

Our Learning

Communication & Language Development

We have really enjoyed our phonics lessons this week, learning the sounds "e, ck, u, r". In the home learning journals this week, you will find a helpful sheet to practice these sounds with your child.

[Phonic information for Parents here](#)

Maths

We move on to a new topic this week—1, 2 & 3! It is so important to ensure children have a firm grasp of these numbers before moving onto larger numbers. We looked at different representations of these numbers (objects, numerals and verbal numbers).



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This week, circle time revolved around one of our classroom charter points—kind hands! Our PSHE lessons always begin with a meditation to get into a calm frame of mind. We had some lovely conversations about why it is important to always use kind hands, and how it can make us feel when others do not use their kind hands.

Reception song of the week:

[When I was One](#)



Reception Stars of the Week:

RRupert: Ezmae

RPaddington: Pavnoor

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Peek at the Week

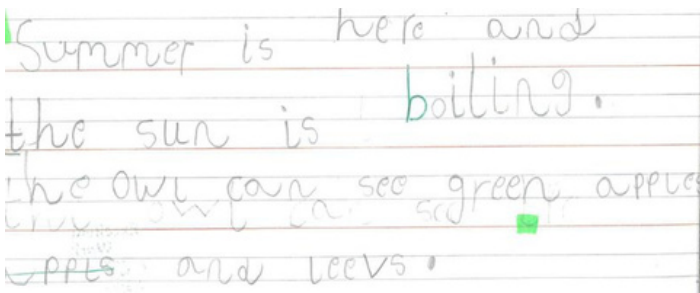
Year 1 – 11th October 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

- All reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please make sure your child brings a book bag/ appropriate bag to take it home in.
- Parents evening is on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th of October.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary. Focus
- core math skill: doubling numbers within 10.



Our Learning

This Week: In math, we have continued practicing doubling numbers during our quick math starter. The children compared groups of objects, using vocabulary such as "greatest" and "fewest." They also practiced ordering numbers from biggest to smallest, using a variety of pictorial representations to help them. Follow the link below for a song the children are enjoying about doubling!

[Doubles Addition Facts Song \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com)

In English this week, the children began describing the different seasons and used perfect sentences from our class text as models. Our classroom puppets introduced them to some new and exciting vocabulary, including words like "perching," "scorching," and "boiling." The children tried using these new words in their writing to describe the owl sitting in his tree on a summer's day.

In our afternoon sessions, we started our art unit, which focuses on the formal elements. We began by exploring different types of lines, using key terms such as "curvy," "straight," and "swirly." Next, we focused on tone and used charcoal pencils to show how shading can transition from light to dark. We also looked at some artwork created by the British artist Georgia O'Keeffe, using it as inspiration for our own drawings of flowers.

Next Week's learning:

Math - We will be finishing our unit on place value - children will be recapping and consolidating different areas of this topic.

English - Children will be writing their own perfect sentences about summer and autumn. The puppets will be back to introduce them to more exciting vocabulary!

Afternoon Sessions - We will be continuing our art unit on the formal elements; focusing on colour, shape and texture.

Star of the week

1Donaldson: Aiza

1Jeffers: Sienna - Rose



Words of the Week: little do one out there here

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 11th October 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

14.10.24/15.10.24 Parents' Consultation evenings.

23.10.24 Harvest Festival collection

25.10.24 Non-uniform day for Christmas Market donations

wc 28.10.24 Half term

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.

The children 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.

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

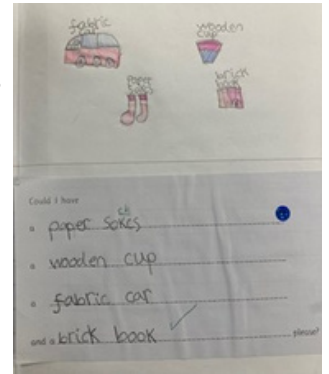
Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their bag every day.

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



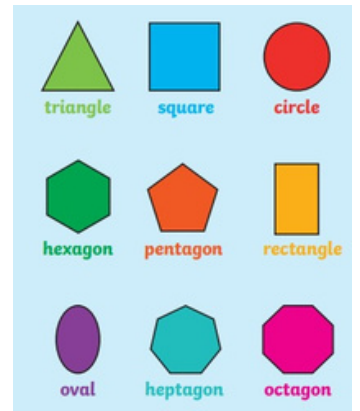
Our Learning

This week, we have been learning to compare different numbers in maths using the symbols for greater than, less than and equal to. In science, we have enjoyed investigating how some objects can change shape and also writing our own poems, based on the 'Woolly Saucepan' by Michael Rosen, where we found it funny to make silly material choices!



We have made a great start to our stories in English, writing in role as Vlad the flea and using the past tense to describe what we experienced during the Great Fire of London.

Next week, we will be moving on to look at the properties of 2D shapes in maths: How many sides does it have? How many vertices? What is the name of the shape?



In English, we will continue with our stories, using lots of interesting adjectives to describe what we saw and heard. We will also be covering our first RE unit on Christianity, which will be looking at whether it is possible to be kind to everyone all of the time.

Child of the Week

2Newton: Zayan

2Franklin: Sophia



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Peek at the Week

Year 3– 11th October 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

14.10.24 /15.10.24–Parents' Evening

17.10.24 3 Seacole–Swimming lessons

25.10.24 Non Uniform Day–please bring in donations for the Christmas Market.



w/c 28.10.23 - 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/>

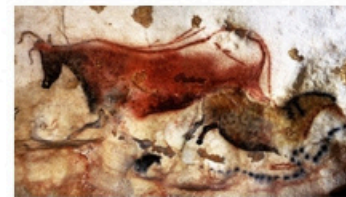
Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Monday**.

Please only send fruit in for the children to have as a break time snack.

Our Learning

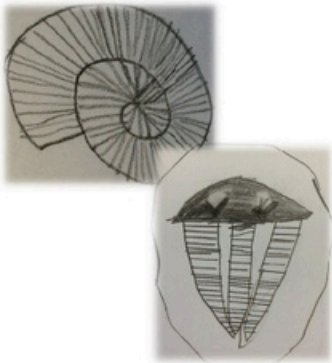
This week, we began a piece of independent writing inspired by our class text, Stone Age Boy. Maths lessons gave us the opportunity to further explore addition and subtraction. During the afternoon lessons, we began a unit of Art where we are studying ancient artists. As part of our work, we learnt how to mix colours and to use a grid to recreate works of art accurately.

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about ancient artists and how they have inspired modern artists.



In English, we completed our independent writing and took part in some shared reading.

In Maths, we have continued to learn strategies for completing calculations.



Word of the Week: appear

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 11th October 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Roman Day: 24th October

Costume ideas:



Our Learning

This week, will continued to study changes in states of matter. We carried out another experiment that helped us to understand the processes of the water cycle!

In maths, we have continued to work on rounding and the children have been thinking about how to round a number to 10,100 and 1000.

In English, we explored language devices and wrote a setting description of a farm. We will also created a fact file on spiders to help us understand the character of Charlotte.

Next week, we will finish our art unit on Roman mosaics by creating an independent final piece. We will begin our RE unit on an introduction to Judaism.

In maths, we will learn how to add two 4-digit numbers with and without exchanges. along with practising the 3 times tables facts, before moving on to 4 times table straight after the half term.

In English, we are going to be making predictions about our story Charlotte's Web and then we will be doing research all about spiders. We will then present this information in our own spider diagrams.

Year 4 Road Safety workshop



The children engaged really well in their workshops!

And they learnt some really important messages about how to be safe on the road



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.

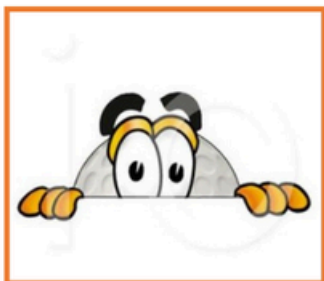


Child of the week:

4 Turing: Kristupas **4 Lovelace:** Reggie **4 Chamberlain:** Saffi

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

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

11th October 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

Black History Month: October Friday 18th

October - Sharing Assembly Monday 14th

and Tuesday 15th October -
parents evening

Half term - 28th October - 1st November



Our Learning

This week, we continued with our history unit and looked at the axis and allies.

In maths, we started our next unit on addition and subtraction using formal methods (column addition and subtraction).

In English, we began our unit on 'Good night Mr Tom' about the life of an evacuee during WW2. Here, we focused on reading skills, such as making predictions and drawing inferences from the text, as well as our acting skills!

Next week, we practice our WW2 sharing assembly and perform to our parents.

In maths, we will continue to practising using column method addition and subtraction in a range of contexts.

In English, we will continue with the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom', exploring the characters and their emotions as the story unfolds. We will also look at the character descriptions and features of a diary to help us write our own diary entries in role.

Please bring in your donations for the Harvest festival.

HARVEST FESTIVAL **FOOD COLLECTION**

This Harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in food poverty crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Slough Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give the following items:

- Soup (Tinned)
- Cooking sauces (Long-life)
- Fruit Juice (Long-life)
- Milk (Long-life)
- Fruit (Tinned)
- Tuna (Tinned)
- Meat (Tinned)
- Vegetarian meals (Tinned)
- Vegetables (Tinned)
- Rice pudding (Long-life)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Toilet rolls
- Washing-up liquid

Final collection:

Wednesday
23rd October

Bring in your
donations to your
class teacher



Star of the week

Maple: **Gaanvi** Ofili: **Samara** Dawe: **Ayatal**

Word of the Week: **awkward**

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 11th October 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

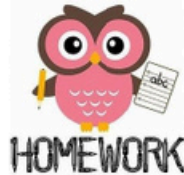
25.10.24: Hogwarts Day/ End of term

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 (trockstars.com)



Our Learning

This week, in DT, we painted our own magical wands, ready to use on Hogwarts day! **In science,** began a new topic on Light. We learnt about how light travels and how our eyes see light. We investigated how shadows are formed and how we can change the shape and size of them.

In English, we had the chance to have an experience sensory lesson where we collected a range of exciting vocabulary to use in our writing next week!

In maths, we continued to improve our understanding of multiplication by 2-digit numbers and used this knowledge to solve worded problems. Then, we started to explore short and long division.

Next week, in science, we will continue learning about light and how the eye works.

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

In maths, we will consolidate the strategies of long division. We will use our knowledge to solve multi-step problems followed by how to use order of operations..

Y6 DT: Wand-making!



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: Baylee **6 Anning:** Alfie **6 Darwin:** Abdul-Raffay

Word of the Week: awkward

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Peek at the Week

The Woodlands
Week commencing– 07.10.24

What the Woodlands has been up to

This week:

Woodlands children have been further exploring their new topics.

In English, one group continued their work on 'The Stone Age Boy' book and focused on building up their sentence writing skills. The children also used a thesaurus to find synonyms for adjectives and verbs, to help enhance their sentences.

Another group has continued with the 'Rose Blanche' book; using their inference skills to build more complex sentences. They focused on how to write about what they can see and hear.

Both groups have done really well to try their best and show effort.

In Maths, we have been expanding our knowledge of number. Exploring different ways of making 10 and 20 by using dominoes, dice and Numicon to investigate. The children showed great enthusiasm using these practical resources.

The children have also developed their writing of numerals in words and improving their counting skills.

The afternoon We have been practicing turn- taking and learning to recognise different emotions.

The children have enjoyed using fine motor skills to create Autumn pictures. We have also been introducing the children to yoga to help them regulate.

Next week,

In English, we are going to continue with our topics, to further expand our independent writing.

In Maths, we are going to practice what we have learnt so far about number.

The afternoon children will continue to build on their social skills and self regulation.



A Year 5&6 Festival Report from Michelle and Leila in Year 5

A year 5&6 festival report from Michelle and Leila in year 5.

On Thursday the 3rd of October, we went to the Slough Town football stadium.

When we go there we sat down and had a quick snack, and after ten minutes, the introducer made a speech about what we would be doing.

She told us it would be lots of fun and sent us to do lots of different football activities. The first activity was bullseye and then we went to the next three, we were doing football skills and events..

We then sat down for lunch together. After lunch we played 5 matches against other slough schools. We met a player and coaches from Brentford FC.

One of the best parts of the day was getting medals.

The bit we loved most was PLAYING FOOTBALL.

Priory Friends

Plans for the Christmas events are beginning to take shape but we'd love some help if anyone has a bit of time and some energy. We are planning a coffee/tea session between 2 and 3 on Thursday 24th. There will be Jo's amazing biscuits and a chance to chat or root through the uniform if you're missing any extras? Watch out for signs round the school and come along to reception on the 24th. If you can't join us then but want to lend a hand, leave your details at reception and we'll give you a call.

Year 1&2 Slough School Sport Fencing Festival

On Tuesday Miss Miller and other staff, took some wonderful Priory students to Singh Sabha Sports Centre to try their hand at fencing.

The afternoon consisted of fun challenges, working with students from other schools and the amazing coaches from Little Musketeers.

The children showcased many amazing skills and had fun being introduced to a new sport.



Young Voices Choir - Audience Ticket Deadline

Next term, Y5 and Y6 members of the choir will be attending the amazing Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London. Parents should please note that the deadline for ordering tickets and t-shirts is 31st October, and this needs to be done through the YV MusicRoom Shop, paying via Credit/Debit card - I will send out a reminder of the link to relevant parents. (Tickets are subject to availability.)

Here is a list of links to the lyric videos for children to be practising with, and a Spotify playlist, in case anyone is having issues with the YV MusicRoom videos. Please encourage your child to sing the songs at home as much as possible, as no printed words will be allowed on the day and there's a lot to learn!! Thank you!

Try Everything

<https://youtu.be/wjS6mVuIbKE?si=TcPIrBDVZ88KwqyN>

Hairspray!

<https://youtu.be/lx7lB-Ykf5Q?si=YfQBHkgzYsVOghOG>

Little Blue

https://youtu.be/kIWRLXh_rRA?si=nLHgoop0w7_nx1l3

Birdhouse in Your Soul

https://youtu.be/Jkrguguqwe8?si=_aPyIAPzhS5d45dU

Let's Dance!

<https://youtu.be/SYXdMgcP6qQ?si=bFuRS5eVtSK2r0KC>

Oceania

https://youtu.be/nW7htfjuKjY?si=Q-eu2_uRyyioTnRl

Marley Magic

<https://youtu.be/ceGcje36G0Q?si=CUPmDSFJzKwe75KS>

Brighter Days

<https://youtu.be/oicr6YqpQPM?si=sob66y2LmkxXNkiq>

Readers Are Leaders

<https://youtu.be/grCbcA55HtI?si=Tr6yMhwsJGGh-knu>

Lean on Me

https://youtu.be/_Y74Q8RT-VU?si=wm7839ve2t7Gs8JF

Get Loud

<https://youtu.be/KQ3mk0Y48G0?si=ejB1KOK-ZZU6y-3c>

Pop Medley

https://youtu.be/JXqdlslg0Lc?si=3O_qmZUvUYbFLXv7

Spotify playlist link:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/39qcKoWHfIOpApSKFaoYhY?si=hxBJYUr2TBKX8AY6xaIOZA>

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.roalddahlmuseum.org/event/young-voices-aim-literary-festival/>

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Six Years' Education
in Five!

WESTGATE OPEN DAYS

2024

COME AND SEE OUR SCHOOL DURING
THE DAY...

Our Open Days will be taking place from :

 TUE 8TH OCT - THUR 24TH OCT 2024

BOOK YOUR SLOT NOW!






We're thrilled to welcome you to our Open Days, where you'll have the chance to see our school in action.

We will be opening our doors to you on these dates:

-  Tuesday 8th October - Friday 11th October
-  Tuesday 15th October - Friday 18th October
-  Tuesday 22nd October - Thursday 24th October

We operate three sessions per day to give you an authentic taste of school life, including a school tour and a talk from the Headteacher. You can choose from:

-  9:00am - 10:00am
-  11:10am - 12:10pm
-  1:50pm - 2:50pm

Our Unique Selling Points:

- ▶ Six years of education in **five**
- ▶ **Bi-weekly** Year 7 **STEM** days
- ▶ Study **two languages** in Year 7 and Year 8
- ▶ **All** pupils follow **separate Sciences**
- ▶ Year 7 **Nature-Nurture**

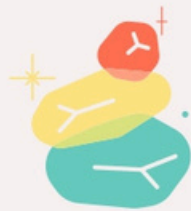
How to Book

CLICK HERE or head to our **WEBSITE** to secure your spot.

Pick the date and time that works best for your family, and get ready to experience the future of learning!

Spaces are limited to ensure a personalised experience, so we're allowing a maximum of 20 families per session (**3 people per ticket**).

Don't miss your chance to be part of our Westgate community - we can't wait to meet you!



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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

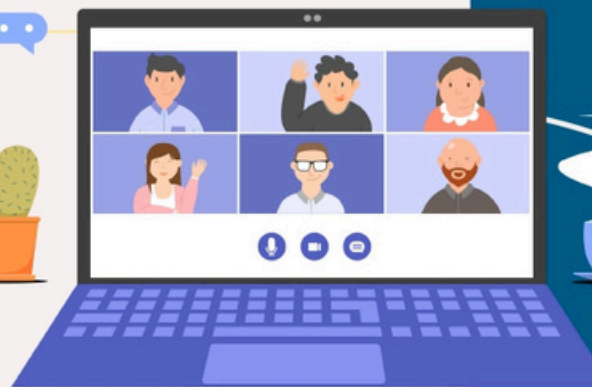
**Friday 25th October - 10am
to 11.15am**

**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!

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:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342

HARVEST FESTIVAL

FOOD COLLECTION

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Final collection:

**Wednesday
23rd October**

**Bring in your
donations to your
class teacher**

Slough's

Children's Centres/Family Hubs

Parent Health Education Groups

in partnership with the public health nursing service



Date	Venue	Session
9 Sep	Penn Road	Childhood illnesses
16 Sep		Fussy eating and healthy diet
23 Sep		Keeping children safe
30 Sep		Routines (toilet training)
7 Oct		Looking after you
14 Oct		Child development
8 Nov	Romsey Close	Childhood illnesses
15 Nov		Fussy eating and healthy diet
22 Nov		Keeping children safe
29 Nov		Routines (toilet training)
6 Dec		Looking after you
13 Dec		Child development
Jan 2025	Chalvey Grove	Childhood illnesses
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For more info about what else we offer:



Any questions?

Penn Road: 01753 574420

Romsey Close: 01753 540797

Chalvey Grove: 01753 574387

Located in our family rooms, parents and children are welcome. Toys and activities will also be available. Drop-in sessions, no need to book.

Sessions open at 9.30am for a 10am start, finishing at 11am.

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Special Educational Needs Disabilities

SEND-AID

SEND Advice and Information Sessions

Autumn/Winter 2024

If your child has SEND and you need advice or information, please book a 1:1 appointment at SEND-AID. We can answer your questions relating to local services, education, Disability Living Allowance and much more.

Location:	Dates:	Time:
Chalvey Grove Children Centre, Slough, SL1 2TE	Monday 16 th September 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 14 th October 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 11 th November 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 16 th December 2024	09:30 – 12:00

Online sessions	Thursday 26 th September 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	10:00 – 12:00
	Tuesday 19 th November 2024	13:00 – 15:00
	Monday 23 rd December 2024	13:00 – 15:00

Romsey Children's Centre, Slough SL3 8PE	Thursday 5 th September 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 7 th November 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 12 th December 2024	09:30 - 12:00

Penn Road Children's Centre, Slough SL2 1PG	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 10 th October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 31 st October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 7 th November 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 21 st November 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 5 th December 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 12 th December 2024	09:00 - 12:00

To book a face to face, on-line or telephone sessions,
please contact: EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

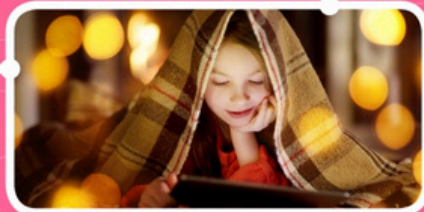
As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.

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MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the Internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.



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9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

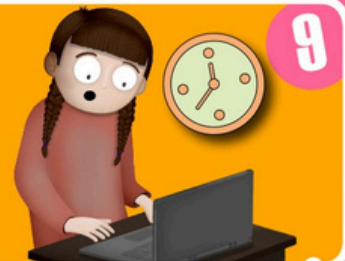
8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



Concerned about a child's communication skills?

How can I help my child
learn more words?

How can I help them
listen to me?

How can I help them
play with me?

Am I doing this right?



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School Avoidance Parent Workshop

Aims of the workshop:

To introduce parents to strategies and empower them to use these strategies with their child to overcome difficulties with emotional based school avoidance.

- Support in understanding the functions of avoidance
- How to respond to anxiety that your child may be displaying
- Practical skills to support your child
- Further resources and signposting



Tuesday 22nd October

9:30am – 10:30am

Online using Microsoft Teams link and passcode below:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 364 059 510 969

Passcode: AbJ28g



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