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# PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

## Headteacher's News

This week at Priory.

We have had a rare quiet week this week! We were visited by our Literacy specialist this week which went very well. The specialist was wowed by the teaching of phonics in Reception and KS1 as well as the very impressive results. A massive well done to the English team, Mr Philpott, Miss Snowdon and the teachers Miss Meikle, Ms Hayers and Mrs Parvaz, Miss Boland, Miss Moore, Mrs Majid, Mrs Prescott, Mrs Young and Mrs Green as well as all the support staff who all work really hard to ensure the delivery of high quality phonics and giving everyone the opportunity for a great start to their reading journey and igniting their curiosity to read more.

We are all looking forward to next week as we have the Holi colour run which we hope will be lots of fun and very colourful. We have the whole school Easter Egg hunt which gets everyone in a house together to find the eggs for their own houses and eggs mean points! And of course the event of the year, our 3rd Priory's Got Talent!

We have a Stay and Play for parents looking for places in Reception for September for anyone still looking for a place or anyone who may wish to change their preferences.

For Year 1 and 2 parents, I have a parent forum booked in for the 1st May at 2pm. Please complete the form below. Even if you can't come please still fill in the form anyway as we can still address any questions you may have in the forum.

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## Upcoming events in the summer term

- Ramadan ends - 9th April
- Eid - 9th - 10th April
- Phonics Screening Check - 16th April
- Earth day - 22nd April
- Jewish Passover - 22nd - 30th April
- Vaisakhi - 13th April
- School returns - 15th April
- Reception stay and play - 22nd April
- SSSN dance rehearsal - 22nd April
- SSSN dance festival - 23rd April
- Year 1 and 2 Parent Forum - 1st May
- May bank holiday - 6th May
- Year 5 Fire service visit - 7th May
- Year 6 Lion King trip - 8th May
- Year 6 SATS week - 13th - 16th May
- Auditions begin for the Year 6 play - W/C 20th May
- Year 4 Trip to Legoland - 20th May
- Literacy Specialist Day - 21st May
- MHST Coffee Morning - 21st May
- Year 1 Bekonscott Model Village Trip - 22nd May

- Priory Soiree - 22nd May
- May holiday -27th - 31st May
- INSET - 3rd - 4th June. 3rd June wellbeing INSET, 4th June all staff in. MTC period (3 weeks) from 3rd June
- Start back - Wednesday 5th June
- Year 6 production rehearsals begin - 5th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 7th June
- Phonics screening week - 10th - 14th June
- Father's Day - 16th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 21st June
- Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 21st June
- Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
- Performance to parents - 25th June, 7pm
- Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
- Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm
- MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
- Plastic free July - 3rd July
- Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
- Literacy Specialist Day - 9th July
- Transition day - 9th July
- Year 5 BGS - 10th July
- Little Canada - 12th July
- Arts week - W/C 15th July
- Sports day - 17th July
- Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
- Reception Graduation - 24th July AM
- Choir trip summer music festival - 24th July
- Year 6 Graduation - 24th July PM
- Nursery final day - 24th July
- Final celebration assembly - 25th July - End of term. Whole school to attend Guard of Honour. Year 6 finish at 11:30am. Once they have gone, rest of school go back into class to be dismissed by 12pm.

# Poem

## The Impact on Nature

Millions of years ago when the world was green and animals ran freely. Nature flourished and thrived. Ever since humans came to this planet, factories have been built; forests have been destroyed; and oceans have been polluted. But we do nothing. Rare tigers have been poached; pheasants have been hunted; and animals brought to the edge of extinction. But we just kill more.

Yet, there is hope. Dolphins keep swimming; eagles keep flying; and we are waking up to the utter destruction we have caused. The lush emerald trees will regrow from the ashes. The oceans will shine again. The sun will shine on tomorrow.

All we need to do is notice.

Notice the majesty of lions and the graceful movements of the sloth. Notice the beauty of the world and the beauty of nature. The majestic complexity of our ecosystem is all around us. We must notice!

We have taken over this perfect planet and it is time to give back. We must release the animals that we have held captive. We must close the power stations and clear the pollution. It is time to open our eyes and see. See the purity, the grace and the majesty. It is time to clean up the stain we have left on our world. It is time to act. It is time to notice.

We need to notice.

Just notice.

By James Moore

## Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages: W/C 11th March

Whole school - 92%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 93%



Congratulations to 1Donaldson with 99% the highest attendance this week!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Important dates:

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

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024

Leaflets and letters:

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

Signs of the week:

Holi Festival

<https://youtu.be/2QBPTRBcDjk>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

[ps://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/](https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)



Priory School Holi

Celebration Non Uniform Day  
& Fun Colour Run

Monday 25th March 2024  
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Help us Celebrate!

Non-Uniform Day Children and Staff can wear their brightest colours for a £1.00 contribution.

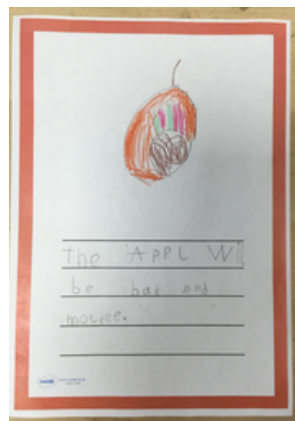
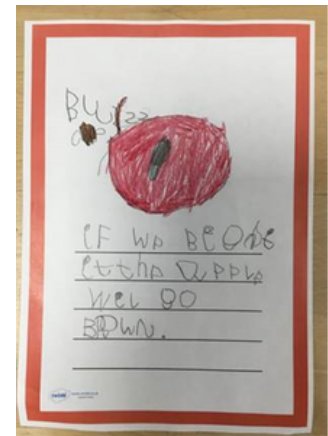
Also come and join the fun, children their family and staff are all welcome to join the colour run at 3.30pm, £1.00 entry fee.

HAPPY  
HOLI



# Reception News

In Reception, we had a wonderful time exploring how things can change over time. We looked at one of our favourite snacks - apples - and used some super vocabulary to describe their appearance. Like the Very Hungry Caterpillar, we took a big bite out of the apples and then made some brilliant predictions about what we thought would happen. Aadya thought the apple would "turn brown and mouldy!" while Bani was very excited to see if we could attract any bugs. We set timers to go off so we could go check on the apples, and we were very eager to get a closer look at what was happening! The children wrote down their predictions and displayed some fantastic drawings. The Reception teachers were very impressed by the observational skills the children showed!





## Orchard News

In Orchard this week, Apple and Plum class have been constructing sentences about jungle animals with a noun and adjective during their English lessons. They have been reading descriptive sentences about the jungle animals from our topic book and matching the information to the characters in the book. Some children have been using symbols to match the characters from the book.

In Cherry class, the children have been sequencing rhyming sentences with visuals, writing using a communication board and some children have written simple rhyming sentences using their rhyming knowledge.



In Maths, Apples and Plums have been identifying value - full, half full and empty by filling measuring beakers with sensory materials and filling bottles with coloured liquids.

In Cherry class, the children have also been learning about Mass and Volume. They have been sorting objects into heavy/light using weighing scales, creating heavy/light bowls with objects and finding the mass of an object.



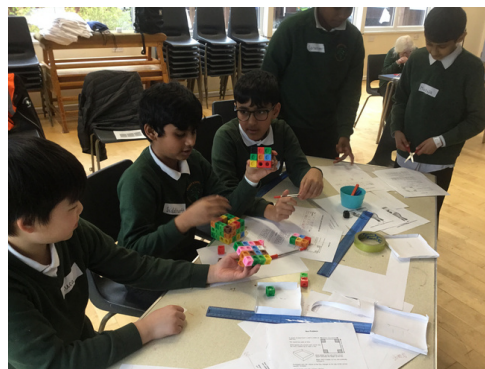
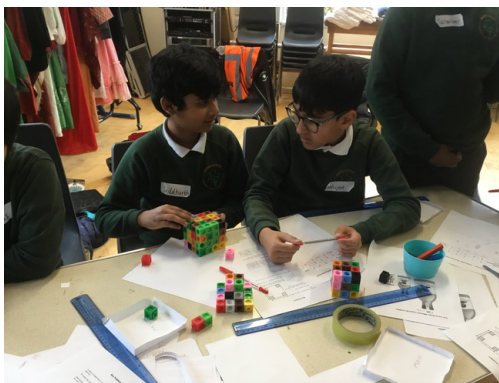
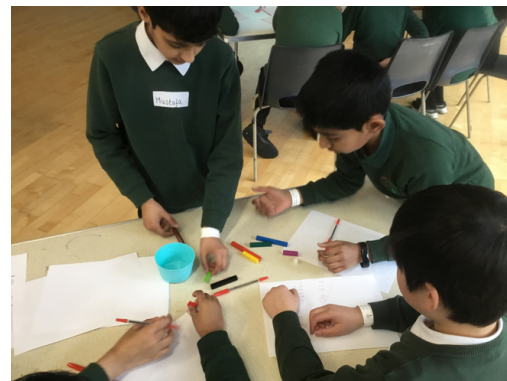
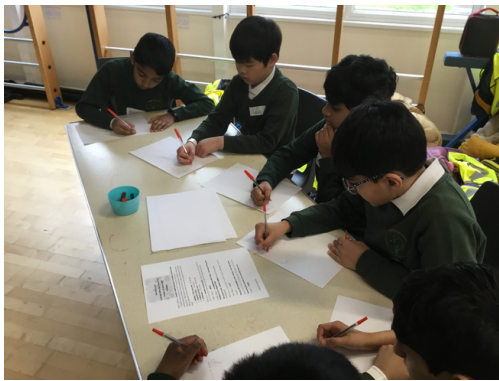
## Year 5 science museum visit

Y5 visited the Science Museum where we were able to see exhibits linked to science, maths and engineering. We also explored axles and how they work; we then applied this new knowledge when creating our own moveable vehicles. Here, we had to construct our own axle, chassis and electrical circuit to make our vehicle move.



## A.I.M High Maths day

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an A.I.M High Maths Day on Tuesday. The children completed a range of challenges using problem-solving skills. They investigated using cubes and played with probability. A special mention goes to James Moore for creating a formula to calculate the Growing Volumes Box Problem and to Saisha Sethi who was frequently awarded house points for clear verbal reasoning.



## Brilliant Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair came to Priory last week selling a wide selection of fantastic children's books and activities. There were so many visitors to the fair this year that lots of the titles sold out completely!

We are delighted to announce that, through book sales, we made a total of £1,919.05! The reason that this is so amazing is that, as a school, we get 60% of all our takings to spend on books to fill our incredible Enchanted Library. This means that I know have the privilege of purchasing £1,151.43 worth of new books for all the pupils of Priory to enjoy!

Thank you so much for all of your support and helping our pupils to have access to new books.

## Bedtime Stories

In a ground-breaking partnership aimed at fostering literacy and igniting imaginations, Sleep.8 and Limited Space have teamed up with Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and the World Literacy Foundation to launch 'Bedtime Stories'. This partnership involves broadcasting children's story readings in UK shopping centres and online, to improve literacy levels across the nation.

Kicking off on March 7th, 'Bedtime Stories' is a video series created by Sleep.8 and Limited Space in collaboration with the World Literacy Foundation. The series features prominent public figures reading engaging storybooks to children, setting the stage for a lifelong love of reading and learning. The videos can be found at: [https://sleep8.uk/blogs/news/sleep8-partners-with-world-literacy-foundation?fbclid=PAAabhF084FtOXxFqKpIsckMXAlVpofnWVQPZ-dbnxfc4jnb90UGtGoQb\\_-Do](https://sleep8.uk/blogs/news/sleep8-partners-with-world-literacy-foundation?fbclid=PAAabhF084FtOXxFqKpIsckMXAlVpofnWVQPZ-dbnxfc4jnb90UGtGoQb_-Do)

## A Massive Thanks

I would like to say a huge thank you to The Priory PTA and all parents and carers who have supported the Priory School this year for helping us to purchase our new Softplay area in the Sensory / Softplay Room! This new installation includes two tunnels, steps and a slide. The children have been so excited to use their new equipment, which helps our children to explore safely and feel regulated throughout the day.

Our next project we would like to raise money for, is a new bubble tube, with colourful fibre optics and mirrors.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Rebecca Morris

SENCO & Resource Base Lead





**Wednesdays, 13<sup>th</sup> March; 17<sup>th</sup> April; 8<sup>th</sup> May;  
12<sup>th</sup> June; 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

**Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Slough**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within Slough.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hours topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

**March Topic; Exploring self care**

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#### **DATE & TIME**

Monthly- See above dates  
10-12pm

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#### **VENUE**

Farnham Common Village Hall  
Victoria road Farnham Common,  
Slough SL2 3NL

#### **COST**

FREE  
(Refreshments provided)

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Charlie Taylor**  
**07831409731**  
[charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](mailto:charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

**Children welcome under parent supervision**





Berkshire Healthcare **NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Wednesday 27th March**

**10am-11.45am OR 1.30pm - 3pm**

**At Priory School**

**Toilet training intervention workshops for parents and carers of children with additional needs over the age of 4yrs (although lots of information about toilet training for all ages and stages of development)**

Some children struggle more than others when learning to use the toilet. This can be for a variety of reasons. We understand how very stressful this is for parents.

We offer free workshops for families in Berkshire covering:

- ☑ Toilet training – trouble shooting the difficulties parents and their children are experiencing
- ☑ How to help child have a healthy bladder and bowel
- ☑ Specific information for families with a child or young person with additional needs

It also provides parents the opportunity to ask those difficult questions about toilet training in a safe space.

**To book a place please follow link and complete questionnaire**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/wDwHq69rbQ>**



## *PLAYERS WANTED (3 or 4)*

***Taplow United u9s (current Year 4) are looking to strengthen their squads for the 2024/25 with experienced players looking for change.***

***We currently have two teams playing in TVFDL on Sunday. Training every Saturday morning @ Braywick Maidenhead.***

For more info contact: Stuart Godbolt  
Email: [stuart\\_godbolt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stuart_godbolt@tiscali.co.uk)



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# BURNHAM CRICKET CLUB

Junior boys & girls coaching session  
every Friday starting 5th of April at 5:30PM




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## at Eton Museum of Antiquities

<sup>th</sup>Sunday 24 March 2024 – 2.30-5pm

<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday 2 April 2024 – 10am-12.30pm

<sup>th</sup>Thursday 4 April – 10am -12.30pm

<sup>th</sup>Sunday 7 April 2024 – 10am-12.30pm and 2.30-5pm

<sup>th</sup>Sunday 14 April 2024 – 2.30-5pm

Free entry, no need to book

Eton Museum of Antiquities, South Meadow Lane, SL4 6EW

This Easter, discover amazing stories and objects from Ancient Egypt at Eton's Museum of Antiquities as part of the Totally Chaotic History Museum Trail, organised by Kids in Museums and Walker Books. The national trail for families celebrates the release of Totally Chaotic History Ancient Egypt Gets Unruly by bestselling historian and podcaster Greg Jenner (who you may know as a contributor to hit TV series, Horrible Histories) with expert interruptions by Dr Campbell Price, an Egyptologist from Manchester Museum and illustrations by Rikin Parekh.

Pick up a free activity sheet to join in and explore the intriguing objects that have survived from Ancient Egypt and the people who used and made them. Pretend to be a pharaoh and plan what you would take with you to the afterlife and learn more about the hundreds of Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses. Complete the trail and get a free Totally Chaotic History sticker!

[Totally Chaotic Museum Trail at Eton Museum of Antiquities - Eton College Collections](#)



# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire



# Bear cubs



**Ages 5 to 10**

First and third Friday of  
the month - 4pm to 5pm

**April 5th** - Animal Fun Facts Quiz - Online

**April 19th** - Yoga and Mindfulness - Slough

**May 3rd** - Arts and Craft - Bracknell

**May 17th** - Mini Golf - Maidenhead

**June 7th** - Nature Hunt - Bracknell

**June 21st** - Story time - Create your own - Online

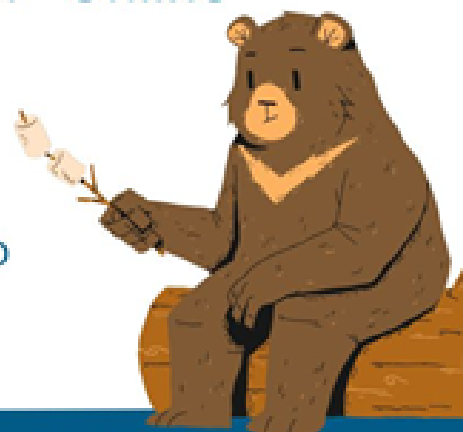
*\*Please note activities may be subject to change*

**Registration:**

Gems.4Health@nhs.net  
0800 999 1342

**Criteria:**

Children with or likely to have ADHD  
and/or autism and living in East  
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**For more information:**

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