

10TH MAY 2024

ISSUE 27

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory.

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, a bit of a shame about the rain on Monday but a 3 day weekend is always welcome. We have been enjoying the warmer weather in school and hope it continues over the weekend.

Year 6 had a wonderful time watching The Lion King in theatre, it really is the most amazing show. I hope they got lots of tips for their own performance at the end of June - we don't know what it will be yet but I am sure it will be amazing. Year 5 had a visit from the fire service, much to the delight of Nursery!

I have received a complaint from a parent and a resident this week about parking issues, particularly in Mead Way. Once again, may I remind you to park safely and considerately to ensure harmony between us all. I have also received a complaint from a parent about parents smoking by the school fence. Whilst this may be just off the school property, I do ask that during the drop off and collection times you refrain from smoking anywhere near the school. It is not fair to expect children to walk through smoke vapor.

Next week is SATs week - our Year 6 pupils have worked very hard over the last few months and we are offering a breakfast to all our Year 6's next week between 08:00 and 08:30. I wish them the very best of luck next week!

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Year 6 SATS week - 13th - 16th May
- Reception Oral Health workshop - 14th 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.
- Start back - Wednesday 5th June
- Year 6 production rehearsals begin - 5th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 7th June
- Year 5 Tate Modern Trip - 10th June
- Parent meeting Little Canada - 10th June
- Year 2 Beale Park Trip - 12th June
- Phonics screening week - 10th - 14th June
- Father's Day - 16th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 17th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 19th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 20th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 21st June

- Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 21st June
- Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
- Learning Together Mornings - W/C 24th June
- 3Moore Ure Museum - 25th June
- Performance to parents - 25th June, 7pm
- Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
- Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm
- Year 6 Transition Workshops - 2nd July
- 3Rashford Ure Museum - 3rd July
- MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
- Plastic free July - 3rd July
- Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
- Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 5th July
- 3Wickes Ure Museum - 9th July
- Literacy Specialist Day - 9th July
- Year 6 Transition Workshops- 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
- Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
- Reception Graduation - 24th July AM
- 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.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages W/C 7th
May:

Whole School - 93%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 93%

Year 3 - 94%

Year 4 - 91%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 93%



Congratulations to 5Ofili with 99%
The highest attendance this week!

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:

No sign of the week this week

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 Musical Soiree

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 6pm

Performances by:

Year 4 Indian Dance

Year 5 West African Djembe Drumming

Priory Choir

Other Solo Artists

Come along and join us for a musical evening!

Tickets £8.00 including refreshments

Available on ParentPay

The Lion King

On Wednesday 8th of May, some of the Year 6 children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to go to see the 'Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre in London. Here are some comments from the children in 6 Attenborough about the show:

'It was amazing; the actors showed real courage and I will be inspired by them when I take part in our Year 6 Production soon!'
Lee

'The actors showed great determination no matter what part they had.' Amari

'It was a fantastic play and so enjoyable to watch.' Lyla

'The costumes were incredible and so were the sets. I really felt like I was watching real animals on the plains of Africa!' Maksim

The Year 6 teachers were very proud of the children as they behaved really well and represented Priory School perfectly during the trip. Well done Year 6!



Priory Musical Soiree and Workshops

On Wed 22nd May, we will be having a wonderful day of workshops for all the children in Years 4 and 5. Y4 will learn Indian Dance, led by wonderful visiting dancers and a professional sitar player, and Y5 will learn West African Djembe drumming! Each class will have a 1 hour workshop during the day with our fantastic visiting musicians & dancers, and children are encouraged to return in the evening to perform what they have learned in our fabulous Soiree!

Also joining them in our evening concert will be Priory Choirs, instrumental and vocal solos and groups, and a not-to-be-missed performance by our awesome dance group, led by Mr Thompson. Please visit ParentPay to contribute towards the workshops and book your Soiree audience tickets, the price of which includes refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Music through the Ages

The stage is set!! The musicians and singers (including Priory School Choir) are preparing to present an amazing show. Come and explore 'Music through the ages' which will take you on a musical journey, highlighting popular songs and orchestral pieces that shaped our world.

We are so happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for our summer singing showcase at Reading Hexagon on Monday 24th June 2024, doors open 6pm and the show starts at 6.30pm.

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/music-through-ages>

Orchard News

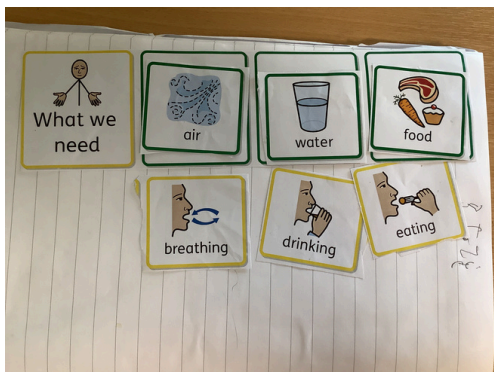
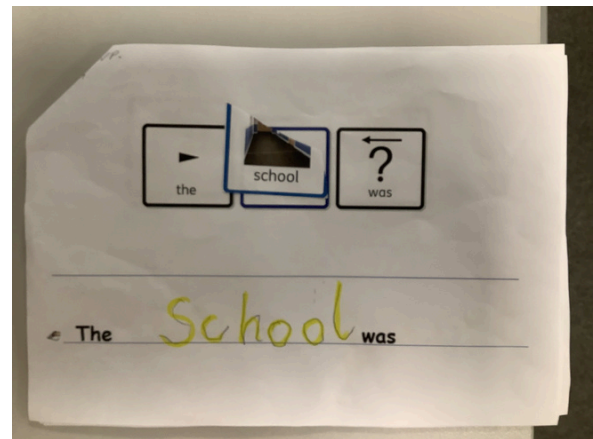
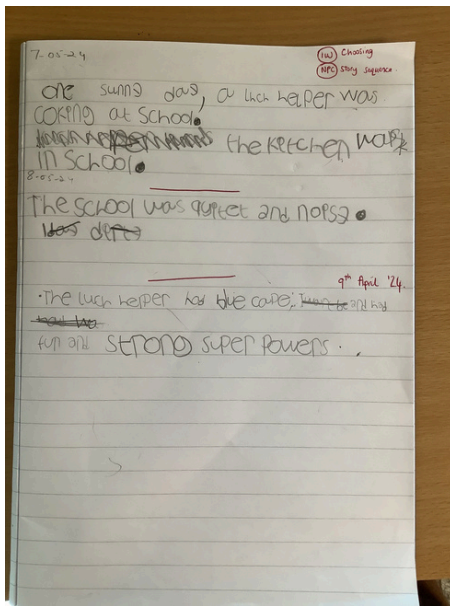
A huge clap to all the children this week for beginning to adapt their own version of our story, 'A Superhero like You' by Dr Ranj in English. Here is the link for it: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPdwZrqQm_s)

In Maths, we have continued with prepositions; using the bikes to go forward, backwards and turning left and right. The children have also been continuing their skills in 1:1 correspondence and the children have been working on halving and doubling.

In science, the children have been exploring what we need to survive; they have been identifying 'safe strangers' and their occupations; the children have also been channelling their inner artist's and reimagining George Seurat's style of painting, pointillism, and painting sunflowers.

Extra amazing news, APPLE class will start their turn for swimming on Thursdays, starting on the 16th May. Please remember to bring in your towels, swimming clothes, arm bands/vest (if needed) and swimming caps (if needed).

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!





Nursery Workshop

As part of National Smile Month, nursery took part in a workshop carried out by Karen Gonzalez from the Slough Healthy Smiles team. She told us about the importance of brushing our teeth for 2 minutes using small circular movements as we brushed with the toothpaste. She also reminded us about spitting out the paste but not rinsing our mouths with water. We then practiced brushing the teeth of all her 'furry friends'.



We were each given a toothbrush and some toothpaste to take home with us.



Summer Lunchtime Concert Dates

Our summer instrumental lunchtime concerts are scheduled to take place as follows, for those children who have small group and individual music lessons at school. Please put them in your diary if your child is involved, noting that the drum concert has an earlier start time of 11:30am. A further reminder will be sent to those involved nearer the time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

12pm on Monday 17th June : Mr Lazenbury's violin / piano / clarinet students

12pm on Wednesday 19th June : Mr Keen's piano / keyboard / flute students

11:30am on Thursday 20th June : Mr Clements' drum students

12pm on Thursday 20th June: Mrs Sumner's guitar students

Slough Music Service Presents:

Music Through The Ages

We invite you to our biggest singing and instrumental showcase of the year!

Come and explore 'Music through the ages' which will take you on a musical journey, highlighting popular songs and orchestral pieces that shaped our world.

Buy your tickets today!!

Monday 24th June 2024

Doors open: 6pm

Show starts at: 6.30pm

Venue:

The Hexagon Reading, Queens Walk, Reading, RG1 7QF

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/music-through-ages>



Scan QR code to purchase tickets



ADULTS: £11
CHILDREN: £5

Featuring students from Slough schools

Nearest car parks:

Broad street mall, RG1 7QE &
Q-Park Chatham Street, RG1 7JF



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It is completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident in their reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into their next year group**.
- They will become more independent in their reading.
- It boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

Which local libraries are involved?

Children can join at:

- The Curve, Slough <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/96/library-the-curve>
- Langley Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/95/langley-library>
- Cippenham Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/94/cippenham-library>
- And on selected dates at Britwell Library <https://www.slough.gov.uk/directory-record/93/britwell-library>

When?

The Summer Reading Challenge starts in Slough on **16th July** and finishes **14th September**.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Yours faithfully,
Mr Philpott

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).



**Wednesdays, 13th March; 17th April; 8th May;
12th June; 3rd 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

DATE & TIME

Monthly- See above dates
10-12pm

VENUE

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

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Charlie Taylor
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Children welcome under parent supervision



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
Berkshire



For more information:

Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



Supporting your Child with School Transitions

21st May 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

**Whole School, for all
ages.**



Does your child feel anxious about change?

Would you like to understand how you could support your child more with this?

Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support Team for a coffee morning at school to think about how we can help you support your child with anxious thoughts around general school transitions. This coffee morning session's focus will be based on transitions within Primary School.

Another coffee morning will be presented specifically for Year 6 at a later date.



Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3rd July 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

**Whole School, for all
ages.**

Does your child feel anxious about moving onto Secondary School?

Would you like to understand how you could support your child more with this?

Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support Team for a coffee morning at school to think about how we can help you support your child with anxious thoughts around general school transitions. This coffee morning session's focus will be based on the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.



CROSSROADS CARE DAY SUPPORT HUB

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Your Choices Matter...

Are you looking for somewhere to meet new friends, catch up with old friends, learn a new skill and participate in fun activities?

If so, a warm welcome to our Day Support Hub. This Hub caters for people of all ages who are living in social isolation, those with care needs or those who just need a bit of extra help and support to take part in activities.

If you are able to and enjoy being in groups, join us in a safe, secure environment for lunch or a cup of tea, indoor & outdoor games & activities aimed at promoting independence, new hobbies and shared interests.

Qualified staff and kind volunteers are always at hand to provide support and encouragement.

Location:
Wexham Parish Council
Norway Drive, SLOUGH, SL2 5QP

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am - 2pm weekly

Please contact us to find out about availability, cost or for any other information you may need.

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Caring for Slough's carers

Crossroads Care Slough is a charity which provides care and care-related services to Slough's carers and the people they care for.

We have been in Slough for 20 years and understand the diverse needs of our local community. As part of Britain's leading provider of support for carers and the people they care for, we are supported by a wealth of experience and expertise.

Your choice, your independence, your peace of mind

If you have care needs, or are a carer, we can help. We offer a choice of services for all age groups, disabilities and health conditions, which can be tailored to your particular needs. Our services include:



Out and about



In the home



Fun and Games



- Accompanied visits and trips, including appointments, classes and shopping
- Activities and clubs for children, young people with a disability and young carers
- Dementia and Alzheimer's care
- Emergency care planning and a 24 hour emergency respite service
- Free time. We provide care so that the usual carer can have some 'time off'
- Healthcare needs, medication prompts and prescription collection
- Help around the home, including meal preparation, assistance with mobility, sleeping and disturbed night care, social visits and companionship
- Personal care such as washing, dressing and incontinence care

Why choose us?

Our highly committed and well-trained team deliver caring to Slough every day – and have done so for the past 20 years. It is their enthusiasm and hard work that have led to our reputation for professionalism, quality of care and reliability.

Above all, we never forget that the needs of our clients always come first.



How we can help you

If you think that we may be able to help you, a friend or a family member, please contact us for a free informal chat. We can also visit you at home and, together with the person you care for, design a programme that best meets your needs.

How you can help us

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about any of the ways you could help us:

- Display or distribute our leaflets
- Join us as a Trustee or Volunteer
- Join as a Scheme Member
- Make a donation
- Introduce us to somebody you know
- Remember us in your Will
- Help us with fundraising

How to get in touch

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before bed and
at one other time
for 2 minutes



Use a pea sized
amount of fluoroide
toothpaste
containing at least
1350ppm of
fluoride



Limit your intake of
sugary foods and
drinks. Swap sugary
foods for lower
sugar options



Visit the dentist
every 6 months. NHS
is free for under 19
years in full time
education



Brush in gentle circles
to include the gums.
Spit don't rinse

