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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory.

Firstly, I would like to praise all of Year 6 for their maturity and grit this week. They have all worked so hard and been so invested in the SATs this year. I have never been prouder of a group of children and their commitment to their studies. They deserve to feel very proud of themselves.

Other than SATs, it has been a quiet enough week. Next week, Year 4 are going to Legoland, Year 1 are going to Bekonscot and we have a stay and play for our new Reception cohort who will be starting with us in September. The literacy specialist is back in to see the progress we are making in our delivery of phonics teaching. There is a Mental Health Specialist coffee morning at 9am on Tuesday.

We are also hosting our annual Musical Soiree on Wednesday 22nd at 7pm. I am very much looking forward to being treated to an evening of dance, drumming, singing and other soloists. It should be a real treat. I do urge you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

I have also booked the Nursery and Reception Parents Forum for Monday 24th June at 2pm. Please click on the link to book your place and log your comments and questions that we will base our discussions on.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iw2CKhTzCD>

Upcoming events in the summer term

- 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
- Young Carers Trip to Chessington - 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
- EY Parent forum - 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

Attendance will be published next week

Poem

Mental Health Day.

If feelings could talk,
Sadness might be telling me I need to cry.
Loneliness might be telling me I need connection.
Shame might be telling me I need self-compassion.
Guilt might be telling me I need to forgive.
Emptiness might be telling me I need to do something creative.
Anger might be telling me I need check in with my boundaries.
Anxiety might be telling me to breathe.
Stress might be telling me to take it one step at a time.
Your mental health matters. Check in with your feelings today.

by Eesha Mahmood (4 Redgrave)

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:

Families & World Mental Health Day

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/lgngP3spjZE>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

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

Priory School Musical Soiree

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 7pm

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

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

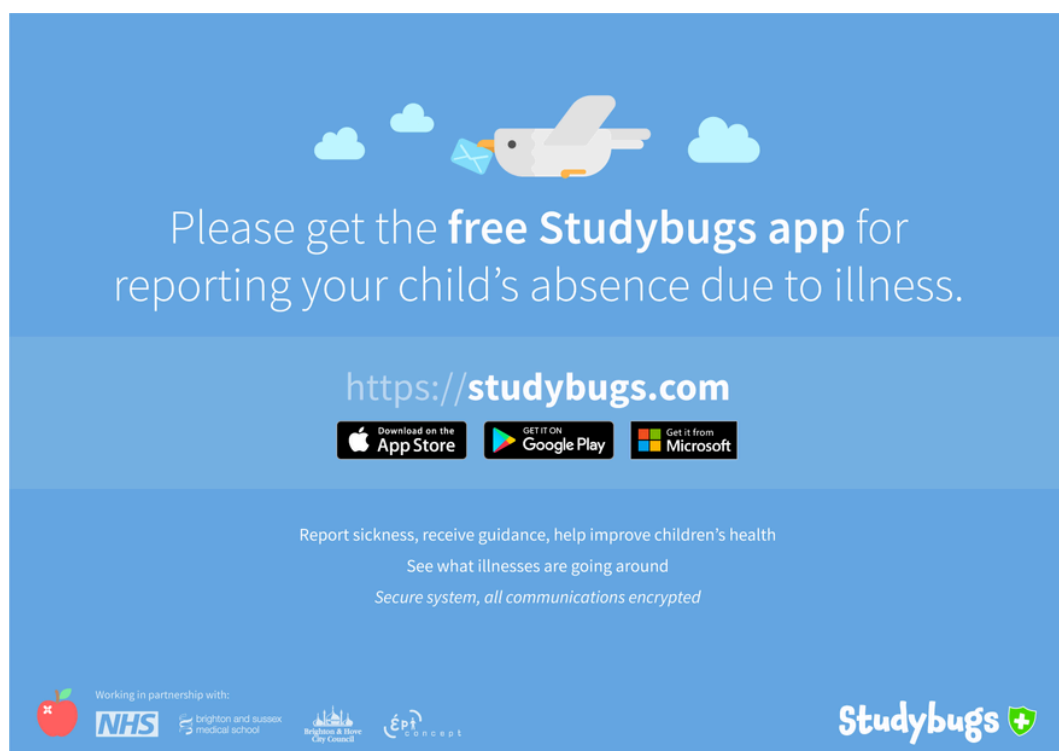
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

With the app, you no longer need to call or email the front office, instead you can report your child's illness directly onto the app.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



The graphic features a blue background with a white bird icon flying between two clouds at the top. Below the icon, the text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' Underneath this is the website URL 'https://studybugs.com'. Three app store logos are displayed: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. At the bottom, there are three lines of text: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. The footer includes logos for 'Working in partnership with: NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept', along with the 'Studybugs' logo and a green cross icon.


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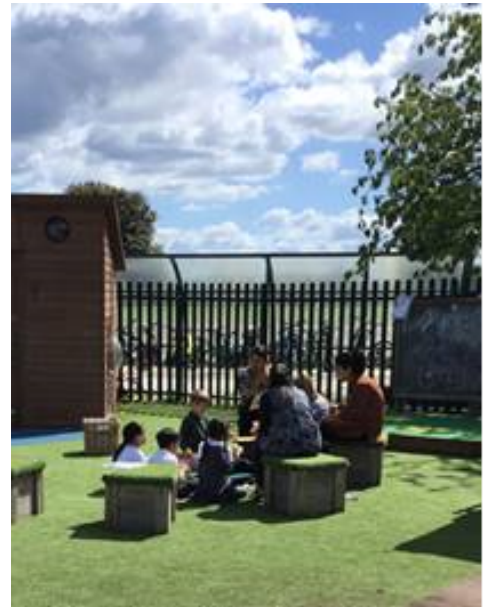
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Studybugs 

Reception News

Book and a Biscuit

On a beautifully sunny Wednesday afternoon, R Russo and R Mead welcomed parents in for story time. What a delightful sight to see so many adults and children reading - tucked up in the cosy corner or in the sunshine outside. As a special treat during snack time, we enjoyed a delicious biscuit and fresh fruit from the kitchen.



Thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who came along. We will be running it again on Wednesday 22nd at 2.45pm.

Orchard News

In Science, the Orchard have continued to look at human bodies, focusing on the heart. We carried out a scientific test to find out what happens to our hearts when we exercise and making predictions on how the speed and pace of our heart would be after doing different exercise (fast/ slow). We recorded our results in a table for evidence.

Exercise	Prediction	Results
star jumps	fast	fast
running	fast	fast
push ups	fast	fast
sit ups	slow	fast

Results: If we do exercise, our hearts beat fast.
Exercise is important and this is good.





In drama, we continued our topic on superheroes, looking at what superheroes do to save the day! We performed the story of 'Miss Miller's lost glasses' by completing an obstacle course and finding Miss Miller's glasses using our laser pens and heat ray goggles.

In PHSE, we discussed what we are good at and what strengths make us proud of ourselves, as well as attributes we like about our friends.

In art we are continuing to explore pieces of art by George Seurat and designing our own sunflowers. In festivals and celebrations we are looking at different cultures and their celebration food.

Wear It Green Day - Reception

Today has been Wear It Green Day, in which pupils and staff can wear green colours to raise awareness for Mental Health.

Below are some pictures of Reception, showcasing their green colours.



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

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>

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](#).

Camp of Champions

This May Half Term In2Sport & In2Care invite you to come and fill the shoes of some all-time sporting champions!

Join us as we spend the week trying different sports, and trying to match some of the champions that are the famous face of those sports!

Can you score more goals than Lionel Messi? How many cartwheels can you do compared to gymnastics superstar Simone Biles? Are you faster than Katerina Johnson-Thompson in a race?!

We will also be creating our crafts based on each sport and champion! Book your place now to see if you can match any of our champions! We have a spectacular week planned for you! From your In2Sport & In2Care Holiday Camp Team"

CAMP OF CHAMPIONS TIMETABLE

in2sport

in2care

Tuesday 28th May



**Katerina
Johnson-Thompson**



Owen Farrell

Wednesday 29th May



Steph Curry



Ben Stokes

Thursday 30th May



Simone Biles



Andy Murray

Friday 31st May



Lionel Messi



Lewis Hamilton

How to book:
in2sport.magicbooking.co.uk
in2care.magicbooking.co.uk

Queries:
camps@in-2-group.co.uk

**in2sport
in2care**

Camp of Champions

From £24 a day

This May, we try to fill the shoes of some all time sports champions! Join us as we spend the week celebrating various sporting greats!

Can you serve as well as Tennis hero Andy Murray? How about drop kicking as good as Rugby Champion Owen Farrell or manage more cartwheels than Gymnastics superstar Simone Biles?

To Book: In2care.magicbooking.co.uk

Tuesday-Friday 28th - 31st May

8am - 5pm (£31)*
9am - 3pm (£24)

Priority School
Orchard Avenue, Slough, SL1 6HE

*Not Running Friday

camps@in-2-group.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.





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm

<https://www.gems4health.com>

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GEMS is for children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.



WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

Whatever stage of your autism/ADHD journey, whether likelihood, pre-assessment or post diagnosis...

GEMS offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support.

- For parents and carers: Workshops, courses & animated learnings.
- For children and young people aged 5 & over: a programme of social groups
- A range of signposting to local & national services

Learn More...



Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **gems.4health@nhs.net** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- **What Is Autism?**
- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
- **Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills**
- **What is ADHD?**
- **Managing ADHD**
- **ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management**





GEMS

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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:

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