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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and carers,

We've had an eventful and exciting week filled with fantastic experiences for our pupils.

Year 4 Trip to Legoland

Year 4 pupils had an incredible day at Legoland, enjoying not only the rides and attractions but also the lovely weather. A big thank you to all the staff and helpers who made this trip possible. Our children were exceptionally well-behaved, so a huge well done to them!

Year 1 Trip to Bekonscot

Despite the terrible weather, our Year 1 pupils had a wonderful first trip to Bekonscot on Wednesday. Their brilliant behaviour and inquisitive questions made us very proud. Thank you to the dedicated staff and helpers who accompanied them and ensured a memorable experience.

Literacy Specialist Visit

We had another visit from our Literacy specialist, who once again provided glowing feedback. She even brought a colleague along to observe our best practices. Our early reading programme is becoming a model that other schools wish to replicate, highlighting our commitment to excellence in literacy.

Reception Biscuit and Book Session

Reception parents enjoyed another delightful biscuit and book session with their children. Although the weather kept everyone inside the classrooms, it was heart-warming to see parents and children engrossed in books together. A special thank you to the Reception team and to Jo Oakley from the kitchen for preparing delicious treats for the occasion.

Soiree Highlights

Wednesday evening's soiree was nothing short of magical and inspiring. We were treated to a variety of solo and group performances, including singing, dancing, and instrumental pieces. Special guests, Mr. Keen on the recorder and Mr. Matt with his break dancing, captivated the audience, particularly the children.

The workshop leaders, who were with us for just one day, managed to produce skilled African djembe drummers and beautiful Indian dancers. The Sitar player's performance was a wonder to listen to.

Our pupils demonstrated remarkable talent and dedication. From guitar players, pianists, and violinists to our wonderful choir, every performance was filled with passion and joy. Our choir, in particular, was truly wonderful. They sang with such passion and joy, showcasing their professionalism and accomplished singing skills. A special mention goes to the AA batteries dance group for their stunning performance. I am already looking forward to next year's soiree, as our talent pool continues to grow and excel!

Special Thanks

None of the Soiree would have been possible without the incredible efforts of Mrs. Shaw, our dedicated music teacher. She ensures that our children get every opportunity to experience the wonderful world of music and the joy it can bring. Her dedication and commitment shine through with every performance, and we are incredibly grateful for her hard work.

Thank you to everyone involved in making these events successful and memorable. Your support and dedication are truly appreciated.

Parent Forum Invitation Reception and Nursery parents are invited to a Parent Forum on Monday, 24th June at 2pm. We really encourage all parents to come and participate. Please complete the form to confirm your attendance. There will be biscuits, tea, and coffee provided. Your involvement and feedback are invaluable to us, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

Upcoming events in the summer term

- May holiday - 27th - 31st May
- INSET - 3rd - 4th June.
- Start back - Wednesday 5th June
- Year 6 production rehearsals begin - 5th June
- Aim high writing day - 6th 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
- Priory Friends Coffee Afternoon - 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
- 3 Moore 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
- Year 5 parent meeting - applying for secondary - 11th 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 24.5.24

Whole school - 91%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 90%

Year 4 - 90%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 90%

Congratulations to 5Ofili with 98% 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/)

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

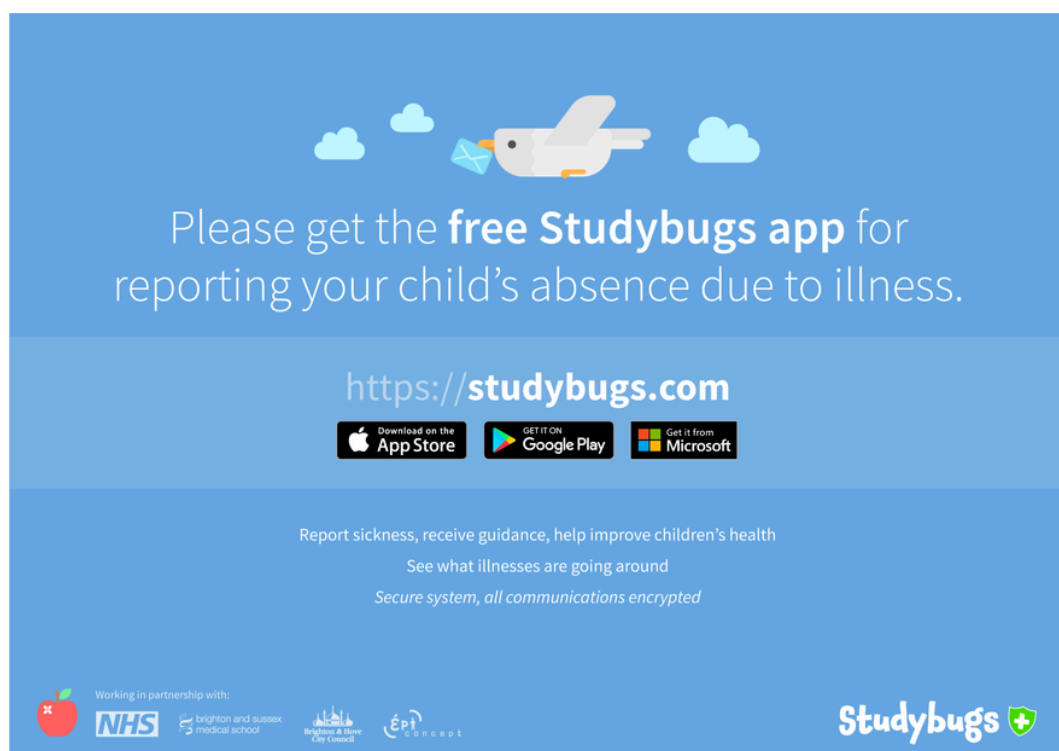
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

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 flying in the sky, carrying a blue envelope. Below the bird, the text reads: "Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness." The website URL "https://studybugs.com" is displayed in white. Below the URL are three logos: "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 bottom left corner includes logos for "Working in partnership with:" followed by NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept. The bottom right corner features the "Studybugs" logo with a green shield icon.


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Studybugs 

Superb Soiree and Wonderful Workshops

We are so proud of all our performers at Wednesday evening's soiree performance. We were treated to fantastic and varied dance, singing and instrumental performances from current and past Priory pupils and staff.

During the day, each Year 4 class had an amazing workshop with Meghna and Anusha learning Indian Classical Dance, accompanied by the brilliant professional sitarist Jonathan Mayer. Some children returned to open our soiree with Meghna and Jonathan, performing the dance they learned with their class. They also shared a wonderful forest-themed dance, where the children created their own moves before making a tableau for Meghna to dance through, with spellbinding music improvised by Jonathan.

Our Year 5 classes each had a brilliant workshop during the day with Richard, learning West African djembe drumming rhythms, and really learned to appreciate the importance of teamwork and focus when creating music together in this way. The evening performance was so impressive, including a thunder-themed introduction, solos from several children, and sections where the group split into two, each having their own pattern so that both were heard at the same time. What a fabulous end to the show!

Grateful thanks to all the performers for working so hard to prepare and for sharing their awesome talents, parents/carers for enabling their children to take part, supporting staff who gave up their time, and all audience who came to join us. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!

Congratulations to the children who performed in the Soiree:

Shaurya Shah

Mia Tsang

Jenna Barazanjie

Latasha Parmar

Abhijeet Parmar

Skye Bhullar

Layna Parmar

Lucas Tsang

Elora Fernandes

Along with all the children in the dance groups, the Priory School Choir and the Djembe workshop.

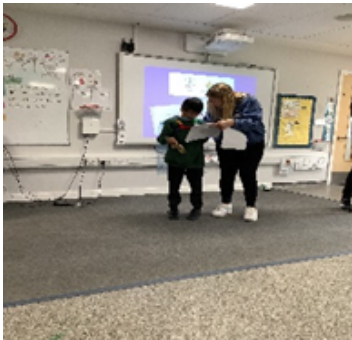
Year 1 Bekonscot

The Year 1 children enjoyed their school trip to Bekonscot on Wednesday despite the unfortunate weather! The children took part in a workshop where they learnt about transport from the past and walked around the model village. We all particularly enjoyed spotting the moving train around the models. We also rode on the train there.



Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have finished writing their stories about their chosen superhero's using colourful semantics. One child from each class read out their story in assembly.



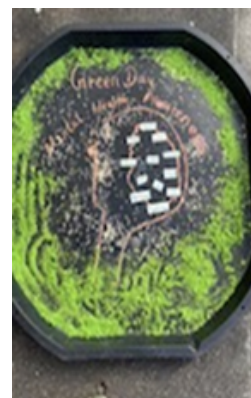
In drama, the children acted out being superhero's while dressed in the capes and masks they had made in Design Technology. They had to help the teacher find her shoes! In assembly some children walked the catwalk, showing off the superhero costumes they had made.



In Art, the children finished creating their own George Seurat sunflowers. They used communications boards to request the colour's they wanted to use. In science the children have looked at importance of eating the right amount of different types of food.



Last Friday the children learnt about the different ways cultural/ religious festivals are celebrate and the way in which they are celebrated. The adults in each class talked about special occasions they share with their families and shared some of the food they have during these events. The children got involved by trying some of the different types cultural foods.



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

Music through the Ages

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](#).



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Children, Young People and
Families services

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.**



Slough I Talk Celebration

FOCUS WEEK 20-24 MAY

Reading together is fun!

Read one book a day to your child and they will have heard 1,825 books by their fifth birthday!!

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Slough I Talk Celebration

FOCUS WEEK 20-24 MAY

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Prizes to be won!

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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

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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September 2024 start

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website www.prioryschool.com to download a September
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- Qualified, experienced teacher and staff; dedicated to value and support your child in achieving their full potential.
- A safe and secure environment where children can explore and discover in all weathers.
- Spacious outdoor area to support your child in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum.
- 15 hrs morning or afternoon sessions available
- 30 hour funding (eligibility required)

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