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ISSUE 32

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory

Dear Parents and carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful updates and upcoming events with you. As always, we are proud of our pupils and their continuous achievements, symbolising our school values of hope, curiosity, trust, and opportunity.

Celebrating Achievements

A massive well done to all our Year 1 pupils for their amazing efforts with the phonics screening check last week. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we are extremely impressed with their achievements. It looks like their collective results will be very pleasing.

Our Year 4 pupils have also completed their Multiplication Checks this week. Their maturity and approach to the tests have been exemplary, and we eagerly await their results. Well done, Year 4!

Lunchtime Music Concerts

The Lunchtime Music Concerts have provided a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase their talents. It has been wonderful to see the progress our young musicians have made, and we thank all the parents and friends who have come to support them.

Chessington Trip

Our group that visited Chessington had a wonderful day filled with excitement and joy. The thrill of the rollercoasters was a particular highlight, and everyone had the best time.

Year 6 Aladdin Production

We hope every parent of a Year 6 pupil has secured tickets for our upcoming Aladdin production. It promises to be an amazing show with special guests including the Mayor and Mayoress on Tuesday, and the Director of Children's Services on Thursday. Please note the time change for Tuesday's show - it will now start at 6:30pm to accommodate the football match schedule.

Next Week's Highlights

Learning Together Mornings

Next week, we are excited to offer dedicated time for pupils and parents to connect during our Learning Together Mornings. This is a wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the incredible learning journey of your children. Here are the scheduled times:

- Orchard: Thursday, 2:15 - 3:00 pm
- Reception: Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Year 1: Thursday 27th, 8:45 - 9:30 am
- Year 2: Tuesday 25th, 8:45 - 9:30 am

- Year 3: Thursday 27th, 8:45 – 9:30 am
- Year 4: Wednesday 26th, 8:45 – 9:30 am
- Year 5: Wednesday 26th, 8:45 – 9:30 am
- Year 6: Extra sessions completed in Spring Term
- Nursery: You will receive an invite with your scheduled day.

Upcoming Events

- Monday: The Choir will perform at the Hexagon. It is also the EYFS Parent Forum at 2:00 pm. After school, we have a Stay and Play for our new Reception pupils.
- Tuesday: 3Moore will visit the University of Reading Museum. At 2:30pm, Parents are invited to learn about the topics covered in our RSE lessons this term. The Aladdin performance will take place at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday: The Aladdin performance will take place at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at these events and celebrating the wonderful achievements of our pupils together.

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
- EY Parent forum -24th June
- Learning Together Mornings - W/C 24th June
- Reception Stay and Play - 24th June
- Reception/Year 2 Learning Together Morning - 25th June
- RSE parent meeting -25th June
- 3Moore Ure Museum - 25th June
- Performance to parents - 25th June, 6:30pm
- Reception/Year 5/Year 5 Learning Together Morning -26th June
- Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
- Year 1/Year 3 Learning Together Morning -27th June
- Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm
- Guitar Lunchtime Concert - 27th June
- Orchard Learning Together Afternoon -27th June
- Nursery Stay and Play - 1st July

- 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
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- 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 17th

Whole School - 86%

Year 1 - 81%

Year 2 - 86%

Year 3 - 87%

Year 4 - 86%

Year 5 - 86%

Year 6 - 97%

Congratulations to Woodland Badgers with 97% 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:

Art

<https://youtu.be/eIHhNGBSOHg>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

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

Study Bugs - A new way to report absence

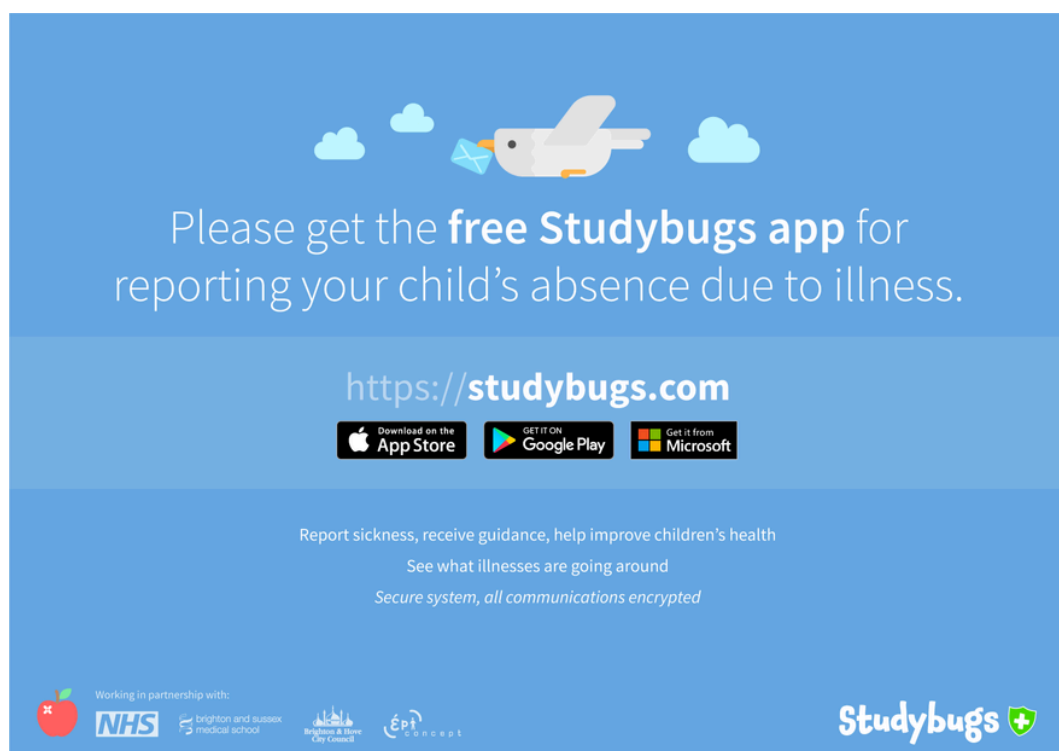
We're pleased to announce that Priory is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

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 icon carrying a blue envelope. Below the icon, 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. Three app store logos are shown: "Download on the App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "Get it from Microsoft". Below these, the text states: "Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health", "See what illnesses are going around", and "Secure system, all communications encrypted". At the bottom, it says "Working in partnership with:" followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept. The Studybugs logo with a green shield icon is in the bottom right corner.


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Studybugs 

Year 6 Proudly Present...

Disney *Aladdin* JR. ©Disney

Tuesday 25th June 2024

Doors open at 5.45pm

Show starts at 6.30pm

Tickets: £5 per ticket

Available to purchase on Parent
Pay



Music by

Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by

Jim Luigs

Music Adapted and Arranged by

Bryan Louiselle

Based on the Screenplay by

Ron Clements and John Musker

Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with

Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



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AWARDED 'GOLD' IN INVESTORS IN PEOPLE - APRIL 2019



Priory School

Is your child 3 years old before August 31st 2024?
We have places in our school nursery for
September 2024 start

For more information and to apply for a place, please go to our
website www.prioryschool.com to download a September
2024 /2025 application form or email office@prioryschool.com

- 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)

Orchard Avenue (Off Burnham Lane)

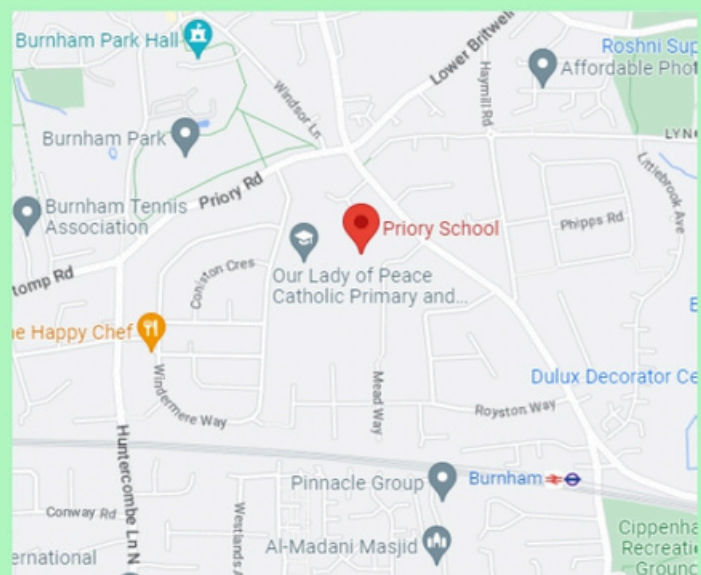
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Great Gymnastics

Congratulations to Ananya in Year 5 for winning 2 Gold medals at the National Development Plan competition (British Gymnastics) held at Newcastle yesterday!



A message from Priory Friends

Priory Friends will be running an ice pops stall at the summer fair on July 5th. It's always very popular with the children especially if it's a hot afternoon. We need some help running the stall - can anyone come to help for an hour or so that afternoon? We usually make a small profit for the Priory Friends so we can support the schools projects but it's also to give the kids a treat. Please contact Priory Friends by leaving a message with Sandy on reception.



Orchard News

In Science, the Orchard have been carrying out experiments based on States of Matter. For example, changing solids to liquid using our body temperature to melt chocolate.



In Geography this week we explored the water cycle.



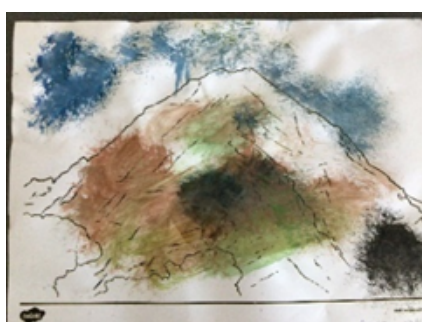
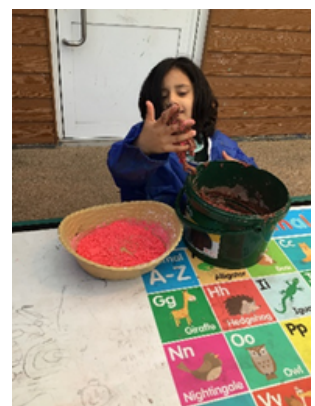
Woodland Badgers News

This week, Woodland Badgers have been continuing with our topic of Wonderful Water and have been listening and exploring a sensory story from our book 'Rain' by Manya Stojic. We've explored different smells, the feeling of rain, dry mud and squelchy mud, along with the different animals from the story.

In art we have been painting using watercolours like the artist David Bellamy, and looked at examples of his paintings too!

Our daily attention autism sessions have been enjoyable, and we have been going to the gym for PE on Thursday. We're continuing to focus on our communication skills, using our PECs and communication boards to request items during sensory play and our turn-taking sessions.

As the weather gets warmer we will be beginning to do more water sensory play, please can we ask that the children have spare clothes in their bags every day.



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](#).



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3rd July 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

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.

New Secondary School



SOUTHLANDS

Creative Writing Competition

Under 18 categories

Short Story/Fiction
Life Writing/Autobiography

**Over £500
total prize fund**

All submissions by midnight
31-Jul-2024



Full details and T&Cs

www.southlandsarts.co.uk/competition/
www.southlandsarts.co.uk

/// Southlands Arts Centre ///
75, The Green, West Drayton UB7 7PW



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs



 **Ages 5 to 10**

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

Friday 5th July - Picnic in The Park - Windsor

**Friday 6th September - All about me -
creative Drawing - Online**

**Friday 20th September - Bingo Fun -
Bracknell**

**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:

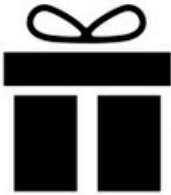
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CONNECT WORKSHOP

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19th Sept
to
17th Oct

INTERACTIVE SUPPORT

Does your child have:

- Meltdowns
- Special interests
- Anxiety
- Sensory issues
- Need of daily routine

MEET OTHER PARENTS FACING THE SAME ISSUE

FACE TO FACE COURSE

- Learn strategies to encourage the behaviour you like, routines, and manage challenges.
- Meet other parents going through the same issue. Make friends and support each other.

For parents with children who have a diagnosis of autism or are waiting

TIME & PLACE

Penn Road Children's Centre
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
9.30am to 11.30am



RSVP & INFO:

01753 572958

office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk

FREE

Is your child starting school in September?



Attend one of our health and wellbeing sessions throughout July and August to help your child be 'ready for school'

Romsey Grove Children's Centre 9am and 12 midday

- 23rd July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 30th July – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 6th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 20th August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 27th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Penn Road Children's Centre 9am

- 24th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 7th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 14th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 21st August – Childhood accidents and minor ailments.
- 28th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Chalvey Grove Children's Centre 9am

- 25th July – Toilet training and getting dressed.
- 1st August – Oral health and vision and hearing screening.
- 8th August – Healthy eating, healthy weight.
- 15th August – Emotions, behaviours and transition to school.
- 29th August – Keeping active and sleep routines.

Book your space now by calling 01753 373464