



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

This week at Priory

It has been another lovely week at Priory. We have seen Year 3, Reception and Year 5 show off their sporting skills. I would like to thank all the staff involved with enabling the events to happen and run so smoothly. It really is a team effort but of course Mr Croker has worked especially hard this year coordinating it all! We all noticed the absence of Mr Watson, so we wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to him returning to school soon.

The other group of helpers that have really shone this year are our amazing Sports Leaders. I think everyone can agree how brilliant they have been. They have shown outstanding leadership over the course of the sports events. We really could not have done it without them – so a massive thank you to our sports leaders:

Riley M.
Romaisa
Jayden
Lacey
Zahara
Faiz
Zarah
Elijah
Lillie-Mai
Ataliah
Rocco

Our transition session went well with the children visited their new teacher, class and class mates on Tuesday. It was quite strange seeing everyone in their new year group, but they all look totally ready for the next stage of their journey.

The lunchtime music concerts were brilliant – Mrs Shaw wrote this message to the staff:

Thank you so much for your hard work preparing the children to take part in their lunchtime concerts. All of the children performed so confidently, the concerts were just the right length and the audiences were wonderfully appreciative J

Thanks for your continuing support, it was a lovely way to celebrate what the children have achieved with you this year.



Next week

Next week we have another busy week! Year 6 have been planning and preparing for the summer fayre going ahead on Wednesday 12th July. KS2 children will be able to access the fayre from 2pm, please send them in with some coins, if you can, so they can take part in the fayre. After school we will open up the summer fayre to all children and parents. So do please come down and enjoy the fayre. The Year 6 have promised an afternoon of fun and treats.

Also on Wednesday morning, Priory Friends are hosting a coffee morning. It is a lovely chance to meet other parents and have a chat. Please do come along if you can, Jo provides the best cakes. Not that that is my only reason for turning up! We will also be joined by our wrap around care providers In2Care who will be happy to provide more information on the breakfast and after school club.

Industrial strike action

I do wish to thank you all for your patience during the industrial action. I am incredibly humbled by the overwhelming support for our teachers and their cause.

Learning together feedback

The latest learning together sessions were also fantastic and thank you to everyone who commented. We continue to review how we organise these sessions. The classrooms are already full of furniture and children so adding adults to the mix can present as a safety problem! The other issue with having parents come in over a few days is that the children feel unsettled and can get upset. Next year I plan to invite 10 parents per class over the 3 terms. This means that every parent will get the chance to see their child in the classroom once per year.

Here are some of the lovely comments that I will be putting on the website:

Rating out of 5:  4.78!

Look no further than the Priory school if you're looking for a safe rich environment for your children to flourish in!

Fantastic session to get an insight to my child's learning on a daily basis and be able to work with my child and work together in the class room. Thank you Priory school. Fantastic structure.

Thank you for being an incredibly professional and supportive teacher to my daughter. Your organization and well-structured lessons create an optimal learning environment.

Learning together mornings is a good opportunity for parents to know more about teaching method and it is also good for kids who wants to showcase the school work to their parents

I am proud that my kids are in priory school. Teachers are brilliant.



These sessions are really useful for parents in gauging their child's participation at school and their critical thinking skills

I have loved the learning together sessions as it has given me the chance to see my child in her learning environment. My child loves school and it really comes across watching her in her classroom. Thank you for giving parents the opportunity to be involved with the school through so many means.

The classroom was warm, welcoming and had a range of lovely resources out for the children to access. The children were calm, engaged and connected with the children really well in such a positive way.

Staff were very cooperative and supported each child as per their requirements. Good job Thank you

Upcoming events

Yr 6 summer fayre - Friday 7th July - moved to the 12th July due to the strike.

Little Canada - 14-17th July

Rehearsals for Y6 Graduation - 18/19th July

Reception graduation - 19th July - time is now 2pm

Yr 6 graduation - 20th July

Yr 6 guard of honor - 21st July - more details to follow.

End of term- Friday 21st July: 11:30 Year 6 Guard of Honor, 12:15 school closes.

Priory School Jubilee - we are going to celebrate the school's opening on Friday 8th September.

The school will have been open for 70 Years!

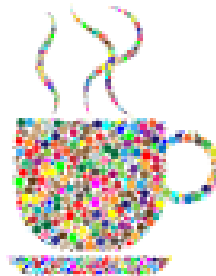


Priory Coffee Morning!

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits

Wednesday 12th July 2023

9.00am–10.00am



Come join us after the school drop off for a cuppa and to meet Priory Friends, members of Priory Staff & staff from In2Care, our extended care providers!

Coffee mornings will also include a pre loved uniform sale



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



Important Notices

Please can we remind everyone that Bikes and Scooter are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere on the school site. We had an incident this week where a child was knocked over.



Hayfever



As the weather has warmed up in recent days, a lot of the children are suffering from hayfever, which is impacting their day with sore and itchy eyes. Please give your child long-lasting hayfever medication in the morning before school if you know your child suffers from hayfever.

ParentPay Lunch Payments



As we are fast approaching the end of this academic year, can you please ensure that any outstanding balances are settle before 21st July.

Library Books

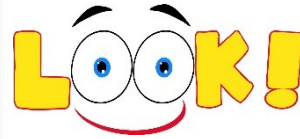


Please can you ensure that any Priory School Library books your children have at home are returned next week. Many thanks



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.

- Healthy Packed Lunch Workshops
- The Owl Centre - Summer Workshops
- Airport Bowl
- Kids Eat for Free of £1



Sign of the Week

Water Safety

<https://youtu.be/YbbCreL31cA>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>



New Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)

Weekly attendance percentages: 26th- 30th June 2023

Whole school - 85%

Year 1 - 85%

Year 2 - 85%

Year 3 - 83%

Year 4 - 86%

Year 5 - 85%

Year 6 - 83%

Congratulations to **4Simmonds** with **91%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!

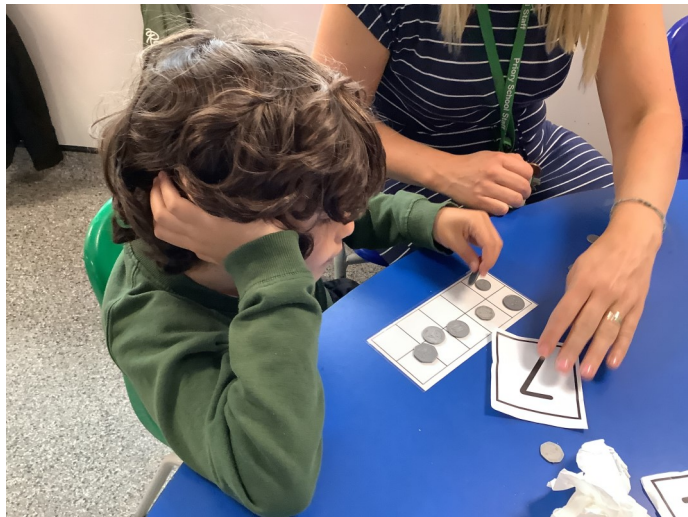
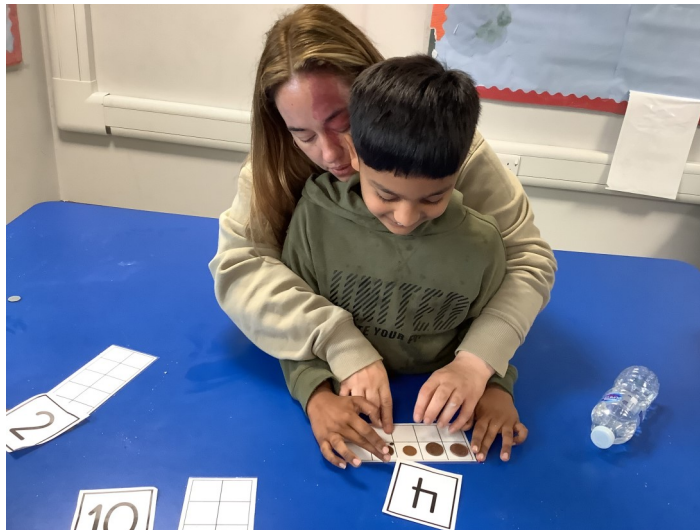


Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have concluded reading their book, 'Sharing a Shell'. However, continuing with our term topic *Beneath the Sea*. The children will be exploring the depths of the sea and looking at different sea creatures next week.

During English this week, the children have been building and writing sentences using the key verbs and descriptive words. The children have been matching descriptions to the characters, as well as, applying the correct verbs that match the image of the story.

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring money and amounts. The children have been becoming familiar with the different coins and their amounts. They have been matching coins, counting amounts and using coins to exchange for desired items in class.





Year 4–Dictionaries

Thank you to Louise Dance from the Burnham Beches Rotary Club who came to give all Year 4 pupils a free dictionary this week. Children can enjoy using this at school or at home.





Year 3–Ure Museum Trip

Year 3 step back in time in the Ure Museum at the University of Reading

Year 3 had the opportunity to become Ancient Greeks when they visited the Ure Museum as part of their learning about this civilisation. They also had the opportunity to become archaeologists by handling real artefacts from this time. Read the children's recap of this visit to find out more about the activities they participated in.

Please read these recaps written by the year 3 children:

"It was so fun to be there. The best part is when we got to hold the cups. I loved the statues. It was the best trip I ever had, nothing could beat it and I couldn't stop giggling".

"On the way I felt devastated but when I got there it was so different than I imagined. First, a lady told us about some pots. Then we were asked to draw and describe our favourite pot. After that, we were asked to put some gloves on and feel some pots. Lastly, we sat on the steps and we went back to school".

"When we got on the mini bus I was feeling excited. When we got there we put our water bottles in a box. Then we went inside where the Greek pots were kept. We saw a man and a woman. They explained Greek pots and black and red clay. They gave us a paper and we drew our favourite Greek pot".

"I loved the trip because we got to feel artefacts and they had a mouth, hand and feet. Some felt light and some felt heavy. It was very calming. The curator was very kind and caring. She helped us in **all** different kinds of ways.

- Explained what to do clearly
- She let us learn nicely
- She was super kind

I liked the shapes and patterns on the pots. Some were black figure and some were red figure".

Victoria Stevens, Learning Coordinator at the Ure Museum said, "I hope the children enjoyed their time with us - we loved having you all here, the children were just great in how they engaged with the sessions". Very well done year 3!



SUMMER





Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!



The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust for a challenge celebrating play and participation. This year's theme will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sport and keep their minds and bodies active over the summer.

Children aged 4 and over can complete the challenge by enjoying six books over the summer, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. Those that finish will be awarded a medal and certificate to mark their achievement. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. It helps prevent the trend for reading skills to dip over the summer holidays, and enhances and supports the school's reading initiatives. The fun rewards motivate the children to progress through the challenge and it is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to count towards the challenge.

Slough Libraries will be launching the challenge on Tuesday 4th July. It's free to take part - children just need to be library members. It's quick and easy to join.

The challenge will end on 16th September, so children have plenty of time to complete.

The resource pack is on our website.

Schools can access a range of materials and activities to support you to encourage your pupils to participate, including posters, newsletter copy and assemblies.



Early Years @ Slough

Please come and join us on **Monday 17th July** for our third **Early Years and Family Workshop** taking place **0930-1200** at the Hilton, Reading.

Booking Link:

We shall be exploring practical ideas to support adults in developing and expanding physical activity for children 0-5 years, for use at home or in your childcare settings. There will be discussion and tips on how to engage families to understand the importance of physical activity and how to share these important messages.

This is a FREE event, please be sure to book your space via the link above (*if you have previously booked there is no need to re-register*).

Complimentary refreshments and parking will be provided. We hope you can join us!



Date: Monday 17th July 0930-1200

Venue: Hilton, Drake Way, Reading, RG2 0GQ

Booking Link: <https://getberkshireactive.org/events/2023/07/early-years-workshop-july-2023>

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do email or call via the contact details below.

Kind regards,
Sarah Ashton
Early Years and Family Project Lead
Get Berkshire Active



Year 6 Summer Fayre

Dear Parents,

Year 6 are organising a summer fayre which will take place on Wednesday 12th July between 2pm-4pm. This is an opportunity for the Year 6 children to develop business and enterprise skills as well as deepening their understanding of finance. Any profit will be used to buy a leaving gift from the Year 6 children to the other pupils in the school. Previous Year 6 cohorts have bought a spotlight and microphones which are used in many school performances.

Children from Years 3-5 will visit the fayre with their classes between 2pm-3pm and parents and younger siblings are invited to attend between 3:15-4pm.

One of the stalls we hope to run is a children's tombola. We would be grateful for any suitable donations for this stall including:

- Sweets (no nuts)
- Chocolates (no nuts)
- Biscuits (no nuts)
- Small toys

We will have a collection box for donations in each Year 6 classroom so please start to send them in.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fayre!

Thank you,

Year 6





Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

School Uniform

Please find attached a £5 off voucher when spending £35.00 or more online only on our website:



SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT
The Uniform Specialist

Gift Voucher

£5.00 OFF YOUR NEXT ONLINE ORDER
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £35.00

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This voucher can only be used online at www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk.
Offer is valid until 31st July 2023 and may only be used once.
Offer can only be used on a transaction of over £35.00.