



Headteacher's News



This Week at Priory

Welcome back and thank you so much for your patience and support last week when we had to close due to the gas leak. As you can probably see, we still have some work to be done in the staff car park. As we are no longer a priority, this work seems to be taking a long time to resolve. We are working on this with Cadent and are trying to get the work finished as soon as possible. In the meantime, please do be careful when walking through the car park as it has a few large holes! I also wish to extend a massive thank you to all the office and site staff. All of whom were in school on both days of the closure. They braved the lack of heating to be in school to ensure phones were answered, queries resolved and to make sure the school ran smoothly.

I also hope that everyone celebrating Diwali had a lovely time. It was a shame we were not all able to celebrate on Friday, however, I hope home learning was set so that children could learn about it and do something nice for Diwali at home.

The governors were very impressed with the teaching of phonics and the behaviour of all the children they observed. We have also had our Phonics expert back in, who was also very impressed with the teaching of phonics.

We managed to practice our lockdown procedure. We were super impressed with how smoothly the lockdown went and the children were amazing.

3Moore loved their trip to Amersham to consolidate their learning about the Stone Age.

Priory friends had their coffee morning on Wednesday, please do come along to the next one!

As I write this the school council elections are taking place - good luck to all the participants!

I also hope that our **nursery** parents enjoyed rhyme time with their children yesterday.

I was lucky enough to be in Nursery on Monday and we learnt all about Jack and Jill. We spent about an hour singing the rhyme, running up the hill to fetch a pail of water, rolling down the hill, wrapping our heads in brown paper.



We soon discovered the tap and used the pails of water to make a swamp, finishing the afternoon outside play with a leaf fight!

Priory friends also had their EGM (emergency general meeting) today to elect the new treasurer and **Year 5 and 6** had their netball match at 2pm!

Christmas Fayre

Don't forget to save the date – 2nd December 12pm – 2:00pm. It really is the event of the year and we have a fabulous 23 stalls including tombola's, Santa's Grotto, Elfridges – a stall your children can purchase a small gift for their parents! Crafting stalls and lots more.

Next week

Year 5 and 6 have another netball competition and we have our full governors meeting.



Priory School Drone Consent

A text was sent out today regarding consent for your child take part in the 70th Celebration drone photograph. Please follow the link below to give permission.

<https://forms.office.com/e/DwSVUWdsB1>



Upcoming Events

Children in Need	18 th November	As we have had many fundraisers so far and with Christmas coming up we are not fundraising this year, however, it will be mentioned in phase assemblies.
Road safety week	19 - 25 th November	Phase assemblies and a feature of FTF.
Parent forum - Year 5 and 6	22 nd November 2pm	Year leaders to do a short presentation on curriculum. Questions and answer session in an informal setting.
Flu Immunisations	23 rd November	
Year 5 Kip on the ship	23 rd November	
Year 6 Baptist church visit	27 th and 28 th November	
Year 6 - Young Shakespeare Company 1.15pm - 3.15	28 th November	
Christmas fayre	2nd December - 12 - 2pm	
International disability day	3 rd December	
Choir at St Peter's church	5 th December	
Priory Friends - coffee mornings	6 th December	
Hannukkah	7 th December	
Christmas jumper day and reindeer visit	7 th December	What is there to say - the reindeers are coming!!
Christmas door decoration judging	8 th December	
Candlelight Christmas Concert	8 th December 2.15pm	Year 4
EYFS nativity	11 th December 2.30pm	
Year 1 nativity	12 th December 2pm	
Christmas lunch	13 th December	



Parent Handbook

4.10 Positive Behaviour Policy

At Priory School all staff understand these key principles when understanding behaviour:

- Behaviour as a special need
- Behaviour as a form of communication
- A curious, empathetic and non-judgemental approach
- Relationships first
- Structure, routines and realistic expectations

Restoration and natural consequences

We aim to provide clear expectations and boundaries rewarding children for positive choices and engagement in learning. Please read behaviour policy.

Behaviour is likely the result of a Special Educational Need. Therefore, a one size fits all policy to behaviour (equality) is not going to reach most children who demonstrate behaviour challenges as a result of a SEN. Therefore, we promote a behaviour approach that provides children with the support and the tools that they need. (Equity) This policy allows the flexibility of being able to adapt to the pupils needs rather than expecting the pupils to adapt to the system.

Behaviour as a form of communication. All behaviour should be viewed within the context of the child and the situation, understanding the difference between a relational communication pattern rather than an internal problem.

A curious, empathetic and non-judgemental approach. We encourage all our staff to respond to behaviours in a way that focusses on the feelings and the emotions that may be driving the behaviour, rather than on the behaviour itself.

Relationships first. We promote the importance of creating relationships between all stakeholders in our school community. We expect staff to engage and connect with our pupils, our staff need to be emotionally available to them. We like the phrase 'connect before you correct'. It is human nature to connect with people. ***All the research points us towards the significance of the direct correlation between emotional growth and learning. We know that developing safe and meaningful relationships is central to emotional growth. The same is true for learning. (Bomber & Hughes, 2013)***

Structure, routines and realistic expectations. Children can experience strong emotions and anxiety if they do not know what is expected of them. Having consistent routines and expectations ensures that children know what is expected of them at all times, which helps them to manage and regulate those emotions. Children feel safe when they understand the structure of the day and have regular routines. Therefore it is very important that staff spend time establishing structure, routine and expectations into the daily timetable and continue to ensure that they are embedded in daily practice.

Restoration and natural consequences are key to ensuring that children genuinely understand the impact of their behaviour. Some punishments or consequences evoke strong feelings of shame, guilt and can make children feel isolated from their peers. It is important to us at Priory that children are supported to gain an insight and self-awareness of their own emotions and behaviours. We will use wherever possible natural consequences to repair poor choices, a reparative and restorative approach to help children understand others' perspectives. Our approach will give children the tools to regulate their own behaviours, build meaningful relationships based on trust.



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. We have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

Children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes - no boots, heels, or sandals.
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.



- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewellery
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.

- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/ hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with your ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.



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:

- In2Care Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp
- Oral Health Drop in Sessions
- FREE Help your child with Maths homework class for parents/carers
- Smart T.V.



Sign of the Week

Diwali

<https://youtu.be/OYONvaj0m4o>



Peek at the Week

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

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED
[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](https://www.occupationaltherapy.org.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)
([berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk))

ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS
[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](https://www.healthanddevelopment.org.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)
([berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk))



Orchard News

This week in Plum class the children have been learning about our new topic, Amazing Light.



In Maths, we have been working on our counting skills and using sensory play to form numbers.



English- We have been using tuff trays to explore our new book, Secrets of Winter.



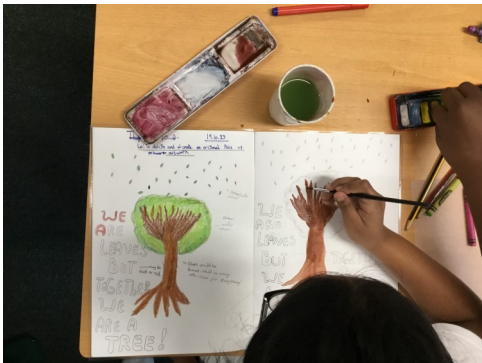
Topic- We have been using junk modelling to make fireworks and have used torch play to create shadows





Year 5 Propaganda Posters

As part of the Year 5 WWII topic the children created some fantastic posters.





RRusso Learning Together Morning

It was lovely to see so many parents that were able to attend the learning together morning on Tuesday. The children were keen to get involved in the different activities and we are delighted that the parents enjoyed their time too!

In the photos, some children were busy making firework rockets using the letters of their name, other children used tissue paper to decorate a poppy, Abeeha was pleased to show me the mehndi pattern she had coloured in and it was lovely to see Adithi sharing a book with her mum. Thank you to all parents who were able to take time out of their busy schedule and attend. We hope to see you again for the next learning together session!





3Wicks Travellers in Time

Last Tuesday 3Wicks visited the Field Studies Council in Amersham to find out what life was like in the Stone Age. It was a beautiful setting and we thoroughly enjoyed exploring the woods and surrounding countryside.

First, we investigated what type of food the Stone Age people would have been able to gather and we worked in groups to collect photographs of edible plants, nuts or berries, such as hazelnuts, sorrel or blackberries. We even learnt about how they might have tested whether foods were safe to eat or not. We also discovered how people in prehistoric times used flint to make fire, which was very exciting indeed!

The highlight of the day was when we worked in small groups to build a wigwam using natural materials, such as wood, leaves and ferns. We worked really well in our teams and it was very exciting at the end of the afternoon when we tested the houses to find out if they were waterproof or not. What a marvellous adventure we had!



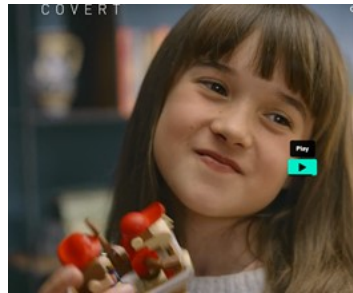
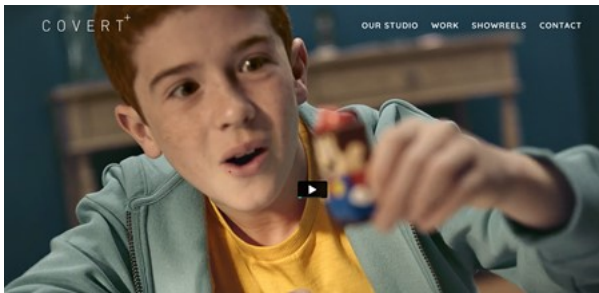


Superstars!

Two Priory pupils will be starring in a new Lego advert!

Amelia Brigdale (currently in Y5) and her brother Joshua (ex Priory pupil now in Y9)

[LEGO Super Mario - Covert \(wearecovert.com\)](https://www.wearecovert.com)



Harvest 2023



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Priory School
99KG



Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community.

Approximately 10kg of essential food items and 1kg of toiletry items provide a single person with 3 days of emergency supplies.

www.slough.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1152812 | Registered in England and Wales



Priory Friends Christmas Fayre

We had another meeting today with Priory Friends where much was achieved organising our big event of this term – the Christmas Fayre! The date for this is Saturday 2nd December from 12 – 2pm. The fayre will be opened by our amazing choir led by Mrs Shaw. There will be lots of activities for adults and children to do, so save this date, enjoy the activities and raise funds for our fantastic school.



PRIORY SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
12 – 2PM

OPENING PERFORMANCE BY THE PRIORY SCHOOL CHOIR

LETS GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

SANTA'S GROTTTO | TOMBOLA | CRAFTS & GAMES
RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW | REFRESHMENTS AND MORE...

ORCHARD AVE, SLOUGH SL1 6HE



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!

Important News from Priory Friends

Preparations are well underway for our Annual Christmas Fayre, there will be lots of stalls for both adults and children and refreshments will be available to purchase. Santa will also be making an appearance .

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](#)

