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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Holi Celebrations - A Colourful Success!

What an incredible time we had on Monday celebrating Holi! A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the fun, and a special round of applause for the brave parents who got involved. Next year, we'd love to see even more of you getting stuck in! A big shoutout to our staff for making it such an inclusive and joyful event.

Book Fair - Thank You!

A massive thank you to all the families who attended and supported our book fair. Not only was it wonderful to see so many of you there, but your purchases also contribute directly to the school—helping us earn points to spend on new books for our library and classrooms. Your support makes a real difference!

Year 6 - Mock SATs Success

Our Year 6 pupils have done us proud this week, showing real focus and determination during their mock SATs. These practice tests are invaluable in preparing them for May, and we couldn't be prouder of the way they conducted themselves. Well done, Year 6!

Seat Belts Save Lives - Buckle Up!

I've noticed that some children are travelling in cars without seat belts. Please remember that seat belts are not optional—they are a legal requirement and a critical safety measure. We urge all parents and carers to ensure that every child is properly secured before setting off. Safety first!

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely weekend

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 10th March

Whole School - 94.3%

Year 1 - 93.9%

Year 2 - 94.2%

Year 3 - 94.3%

Year 4 - 96.4%

Year 5 - 92.3%

Year 6 - 97.2%

Congratulations to 3Nightingale and 4Lovelace with 98.6% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

No SOTW this week

Nursery Peek at the Week

14th March 2025

Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As part of our Jigsaw (PHSE) program, we have been talking about how we need energy to do everything we do in the day. We talked about what we need to eat and drink and do to stay healthy.



Communication & Language Development

During Science Week, we have been using lots of questioning language whilst we have been investigating the world around us.

Why can't you build a sandcastle with dry sand? **When** does water freeze? **What** do cress seeds need to help them grow?

Physical Development

We have been preparing our planters for planting vegetable seeds. We needed to move mud across the garden to fill our planters. We worked together to fill our wheelbarrows and waggons and then move them across the garden.



End of Term

Nursery will finish the term on:
Thursday 3rd April (usual session times)

First day back after Easter is
Friday 25th April 2024

(this is to allow staff to meet with the new children and their parents who will be starting nursery after the Easter break)

Celebrating Holi, the festival of colour.

It was lovely seeing some of our children taking part in the school colour run.



Child of the week: **Sulaiman** for coming into nursery happily every day this week, ready to learn and confidently building friendships.

Nursery rhyme of the week: 'I can sing a rainbow'

Please encourage your child to watch and join in

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLpEGM34Fic>



Contact us: nursery@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week–Reception

14.03.25

On Monday, we had a wonderful time wearing bright colours to celebrate Holi! In our classes, we learned about the festival and how it is celebrated. It was wonderful to see some of the Reception children at the colour run after school—we all had a brilliant time!



Please remember:

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Book bags in school on Wednesday, this is the day we visit the library and we cannot issue new books without returning the previous book.

When ordering on the new lunch system, the blue option is always halal.

Our Learning

Communication & Language Development

We have been working on techniques to read longer words and plurals this week with [Little Wandle](#). Please encourage your children to look for digraphs and trigraphs in longer words and identify if they are at the start, middle or end of the word.

Remember to read 3x at home with your child—in their book bag you will find a decodable phonics reading book (which we have read 3 times in school this week) and a library book which your child has chosen. In the phonics home learning journal, there is a worksheet which can be used to consolidate our phonics learning this week.

Phonic information for Parents [here](#)



Maths

We have been developing our oracy skills in Maths this week. During class discussions, we have been describing number stories using vocabulary such as "more" "less" and "altogether" .

Reception song of the week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxkZz24O-JU>



Well done to our Reception Stars of the Week!

R Paddington: Archie

R Rupert: Zara

Contact us: reception@priorschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 14th March 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

Please can all book bags be brought in on a Thursday so library books and reading books can be changed.

Please log in to Numbots.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.
- Focus core math skill: Counting to 50.
- Please log on to numbots



Upcoming events

Young Carers Day – 16th March

Mother's Day – 30th March

Eid Celebrations – 30th or 31st March

Pictures of our busy learning:



Our Learning

This week:

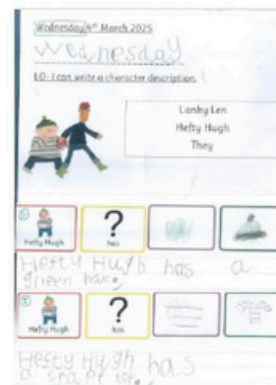
In math this week, we started a new unit on the place value of numbers up to 50. On Wednesday afternoon, the children practiced counting up to 50 and used a hundred square to spot patterns as they counted. They have really enjoyed watching the video (see below) where Jack Hartmann encourages them to work out and count at the same time!

! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxKnpYLvHzE>



In English this week, we continued with our text: What the ladybird heard. The children learnt all about noun and adjectives and spent time describing Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh – the two cunning thieves that try and steal the fine prize cow!

Pictures of some fantastic writing:



In afternoon sessions this week, the children spent time creating their own animations on scratch JR. They were set the challenge of programming three rockets to race through space!



Star of the week

1Donaldson: Amir

1Jeffer: Aila



Words of the Week: **thought through because once many**

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 14th March 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

21.03.25 Red Nose Day–wear red to school for a donation to RND.

27.03.25 – 9.15am The King's Hat, Year 2 performance



04.04.25 - Last day of Spring term–1:30pm finish

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.

Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible. Please also login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and times tables.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**.

Next week, we will finish planning our stories in English and look at solving mixed multiplication number sentences in maths using our times table knowledge, skip counting on our fingers or drawing arrays or groups.

We will also be practising for our performance of: The King's Hat. The children will all bring song words home to practise and some children will also be bringing home speaking parts to try and learn by heart. Thank you for your support with this.

Child of the Week

2Newton: Adam

2Franklin: Ava



Our Learning

This week in English, we started planning our own version of the story: The Queen's Hat. We enjoyed changing the character and what object blew way as well as making our own vocabulary choices for our story. **In maths**, we solved multiplication number sentences in the 2x and 5 x tables, using our fingers to skip count rather than drawing groups or arrays. We also enjoyed using our 2 x table to solve some multiplication word problems. **As part of British Science week**, we also learnt about how animals adapt to survive in different habitats. We enjoyed a scavenger hunt on the playground to match up descriptions of animal adaptations with the correct animal and also drew labelled pictures of our favourite animal.



On Thursday, we were excited to go on our **trip to Windsor Castle**. We were able to identify the different features of the castles we had been learning about, watch the Changing of the

Guard, enjoy the miniature objects in Queen Mary's Doll's House and marvel at the swords and suits of armour on display in the castle as well as look around St George's Chapel and its impressive ceilings and stained glass windows.



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Peek at the Week Year 3– 14th March 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

21.03.25 Red Nose Day–wear red to school for a donation to RND.

04.04.24 Last day 1:30pm finish

07.04.25-21.04.25 Easter Holidays

22.04.25 INSET Day

HOMEWORK

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Books can also be read online at <https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>
Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars: <https://trockstars.com/>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Monday.

Our Learning

This week, we began a unit of work in Science linked to forces and magnetism. We explored what materials are magnetic and what the poles of a magnet are.

In English, we continued to work on how to construct a poem and in Maths we continued to develop our knowledge of fractions.

Next week, we will be moving onto a science unit where we will learn more about light and shadows.

In English, we will be taking a comprehension test to assess our progress in reading.

In Maths lessons, we will continue to explore fractions of a whole and unit fractions.

On Friday 21.03.25, we will be taking part in the Comic Relief celebrations and so children may wear red to school for a voluntary donation. Red noses will also be on sale!



Word of the Week: consider Follow this link to find more super daily activities:

www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year3@priorschool.com

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 14th March 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to read at least three times a week and record it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as much as possible.

World Book Day



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have enjoyed learning more about the characters in 'The boy at the back of the class'. The book is promoting very good discussion and the children have been showing empathy towards the main character. They have also been good at answering questions about the text by backing it up with evidence.

In Maths, the children have been learning more about length and perimeter. The children now have a better understanding of the different properties of different shapes and how to calculate the perimeter of a regular polygon.

Next week in English, the children are going to be reading a poem about Syria and then they are going to be writing a letter and a diary entry based on events in the book 'The boy at the back of the class.'

In Maths, we are moving on to fractions and the children will be learning about what makes a whole and the difference in value between different mixed numbers.

In the afternoons, we will be learning about the main festivals in Buddhism. Next week, we will be focusing on the 'Ploughing Festival'.

Please practise times tables with your child as much as possible and please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like advice on how to support your child at home.



Child of the week:

4 Turing: Aayan 4 Lovelace: Khadija 4 Chamberlain: Savan

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

14th March 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

- Science Week – 7th-16th March
- Science Museum – 20th March
- Eid celebrations – 30th or 31st March
- Easter Egg Hunt – 2nd April
- Priory's Got Talent – 4th April

This week, we explored a variety of Islamic art techniques and incorporated them within our art work. We are using calligraphy within our art, which has been inspired by the artist Lalla Essaydi.



Our Learning

This week, we began our art unit which focused on pattern making, photography and mix media artworks. We learnt about tessellation; Islamic geometric and vegetal artworks; Lalla Essaydi's photography; calligraphy; and Yayoi Kusama's installation pieces.

In maths, we have carried out assessments in arithmetic and Reasoning.

In English, we complete Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Assessments and a Reading Assessment. This will support the children to develop their test stamina and build up their confidence for the SATs next year.

This term in PSHRE, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity and learning all about ASD, ADHD, dyslexia and dyspraxia.

Next week, we will partake in STEM week by designing and building our own space buggies. Using our knowledge of circuits, we will create a motor and end the week by racing our vehicles!

In maths, we will continue to focus on our topic of perimeter and area, and focus on strategies linked to polygons, rectangles and compound shapes.

In English, we will start our new book '1001 Arabian Nights'. This book links to our overall topic on the Islamic Empire. We will make predictions about the story and explore a selection of traditional tales.

Child of the Week

5Dawe: **Rayyan** 5Maple: **Harmony** 5Ofili: **Arham**

Word of the Week: **parliament**

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 14th March 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

17.03.25 – Natural History Trip

20.03.25– Cippenham Baptist Easter Visit (in school)

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school.

Thursdays: Spelling quiz. Homework due.

□ Spellings x1

Times tables practice on TTRS

Read x3 weekly

Our Learning

This week, in art, we began our study on Frida Kahlo, improving our drawing skills on self-portraits and applying this in our sketchbooks.

In English, we continued to read more of *The Last Wild*.

In maths, we focussed on working out the volume of shapes by counting cubes. We also had the opportunity to revise some topics before our test papers.

Next week, in art, we will examine Frida Kahlo's self portraits in more detail, looking at how she uses surrealism and expresses her feelings in her work. We will create surrealist self portraits to show our inner and outer selves

In English, we will use our drawings from this week to create a beautiful setting descriptions of 'Premium' using expanded noun phrases!

In maths, we will explore the new topic of shapes, focusing on finding vertically opposite angles and angles of a triangle.

Y6 artwork: Self portrait



PSHRE Focus: Healthy Me. In PSHRE this term, we will learn how to take responsibility for our wellbeing. We will know about different types of drugs and how they affect the human body – particularly the liver and the heart. I will understand that some people can be exploited and made to do things that are against the law. I will know why some people join gangs and the risks this involves. I understand what it means to be emotionally well and can explore people's attitudes towards mental health/illness.

Child of the week:



6 Attenborough: Zoya 6 Anning: Connor 6 Darwin: Hasan

Word of the Week: parliament

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

Contact us: year6@priorschool.com 01628 600300



Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week commencing- 10.03.2025

Important Dates/ information

Monday- Community Visit

Wednesday- Cherries trip to TVAP

Thursday- Apples Swimming
Swimming- Please send children with towel, swim wear and swim nappies.

P.E- Please send children to school wearing their uniform and pack their P.E kit in their bags . This is to support the children in learning to independently dress themselves. Thank you!

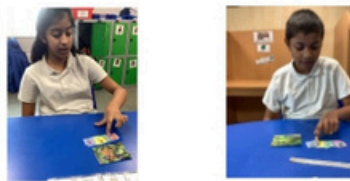
Makaton sign of the week:



Peek of the Week from the Orchard

This week:

In English this week, we have been constructing 4 part sentences using colour semantics. We have also been describing what we see in photo's of mini beasts, The green grasshopper is crawling on the leaf.



In Maths this week, we have been listening to the story 'Mighty Maddie' which is all about a girl who needs to find out if her toys are heavy or light. The Orchard have been helping tidy up the sensory room and grouping toys into heavy and light piles.



In PHSRE, we learnt about germs and how they can make use ill. Also, we discussed the dangers around medicine and who is allowed to give us medicine.



STEM Afternoon- Climate change



Stars of the week

Plums: Zidan for trying hard to master multiplication and arrays.

Cherries: Talha for working hard during phonics

Apples : Theo for being brave during swimming

Pears: Martyna for regulating her emotions

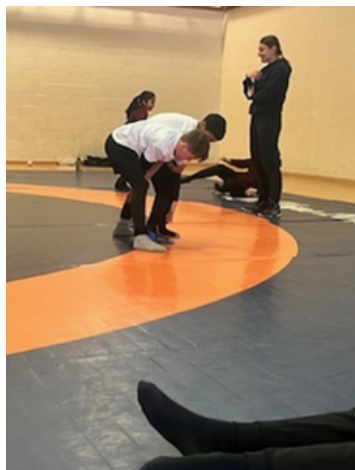


PE News

Yr 6 students recently had an exciting and memorable experience on their wrestling trip! The day was filled with energy, laughter and a chance to learn new skills.

Children had the opportunity to practice various wrestling techniques and watch live demonstrations from Olympic medalists. What a fantastic way to build teamwork, confidence and physical strength whilst also having fun. The trip was not only educational but a great way for the children to bond outside the school environment.

A massive thank you to the staff and teachers who helped organise this action packed day!



Red Nose Day

Friday the 21st of March is Red Nose Day! Therefore it will be non-uniform, and if you can, wear something red. Please bring in a £1 donation.

We also have a limited number of Red Noses which will be sold for £2.50.

UPCOMING EVENTS

20
25

MAR
10

HOLI COLOUR RUN
3.15PM

YEAR 2 WINDSOR
CASTLE TRIP

MAR
13

MAR
17

YEAR 6 NATURAL
HISTORY TRIP

YEAR 5 SCIENCE
MUSEUM TRIP

MAR
20

MAR
27

YEAR 4 ANGLO
SAXON TRIP TO
UFTON COURT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK THE
UNDERLINED EVENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

20
25

MAR
27

YEAR 2 SHARING
ASSEMBLY
THE KING'S HAT

SCHOOL EASTER EGG
HUNT (IN SCHOOL EVENT)

APR
02

APR
03

NURSERY ONLY
LAST DAY OF TERM

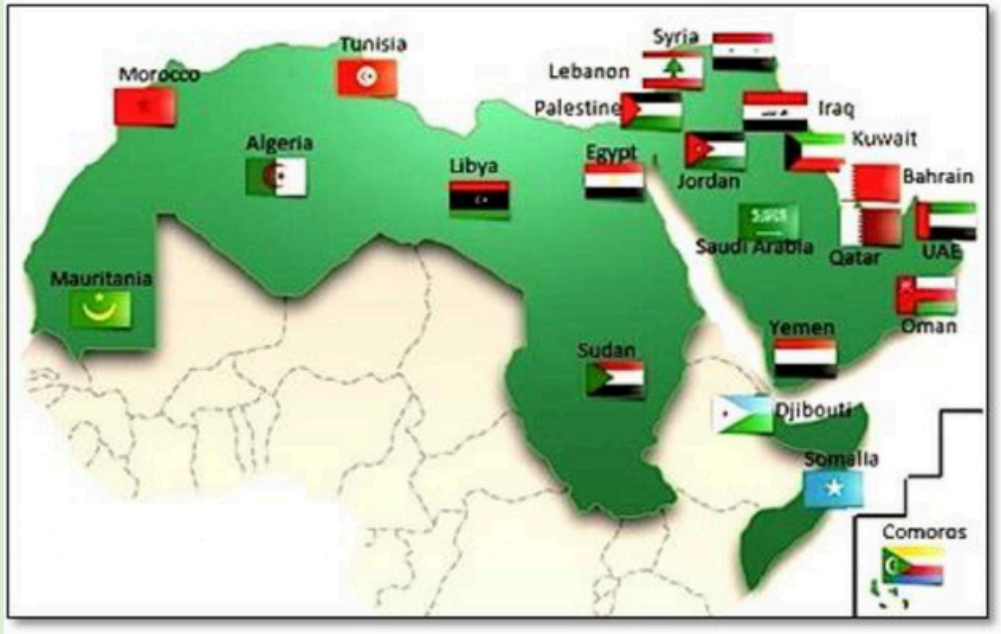
PRIORY'S GOT TALENT
(IN SCHOOL EVENT)

APR
04

APR
04

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
SCHOOL FINISH TIME
1.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK THE
INDIVIDUAL EVENT



Arabic is the main official national language in 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa: Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Mauritania, Comoros, and Djibouti.



My name is Natalie and I am Syrian.
 اسمي ناتالي وأنا سوري.
aismi natali wa'ana suri.

I can speak and write English and Arabic.
 أستطيع التحدث والكتابة باللغتين الإنجليزية والعربية.
'astatie altahaduth walkitabat biallughatayn al'iinjiliziat walearabia suri

I like going to the mosque with my family.
 أحب الذهاب إلى المسجد مع عائلتي.
'uhibu aldhahab 'iilaa almasjid mae eayilati.

I like to eat soup and chicken during Ramadan.
 أحب تناول الحساء والدجاج خلال شهر رمضان.
'uhibu tanawul alhisa' waldajaj khilal shahr ramadan.



The Register **السجل**

Arabic	English
Sabah alkhair صباح الخير	Good morning
Sayidati سيدتي	Madam
Saidy سيدي	Sir
Massao alkhair مساء الخير	Good afternoon

Sabah alkhair sayidati.
صباح الخير سيدتي

Sabah alkhair saidy.
صباح الخير سيدي

Massao alkhair sayidati.
مساء الخير سيدتي

Massao alkhair saidy.
مساء الخير سيدي




Colours **الألوان** al'alwan

Alazrak
الأزرق

Alahmr
الأحمر

Alasfr
الأصفر

Alakhdr
الأخضر

Albortkaly
البرتقالي

Colour song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q07g-165esg&t=162s>



Lunch ghada' غداء

Ay lown?
أي لون؟

Albortkaly
Shokrn Ik
البرتقالي
شكرًا لك

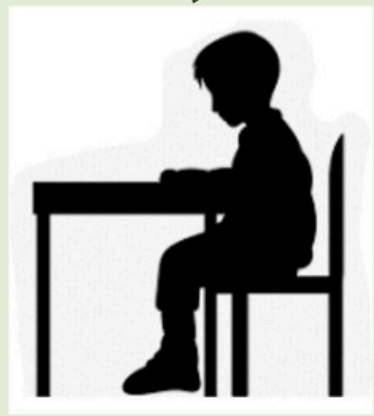
Alakhdr
Mnfadlek
الأخضر
من فضلك

Alasfr
Mnfadlek
الأصفر
من فضلك

Arabic	English
Mnfadlek من فضلك	please
Shokrn Ik شكرًا لك	thank you
Ay lown? أي لون؟	Which colour?

Alazrak
Shokrn Ik
الأزرق
شكرًا لك

Alahmr
Shokrn Ik.
الأحمر شكرًا لك



Good morning
Sabah alkhair
صباح الخير

Thank you
Shokrn Ik
شكرًا لك

Yes
Naeam
نعم

Hello
Mrhban
مرحبًا

Sorry
Asf
آسف

Well done
'ahsant
أحسننت

Please
Mnfadlek
من فضلك

Good afternoon
Massao alkhair
مساء الخير

No
La
لا

Goodbye
Mae alsalama
مع السلامة

Good morning song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeIrUtlIjw>



One ١
Wahid
واحد

Three ٣
Thalatha
ثلاثة

Five ٥
Khamsa
خمسة

Two ٢
Aithnayn
اثنان

Four ٤
'arbaea
أربعة

Six ٦
Sita
سنة

Eight ٨
Thamania
ثمانية

Ten ١٠
Eashra
عشرة

Seven ٧
Sabea
سبعة

Nine ٩
Tisea
تسعة



Numbers 1-10:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Hb6fDjxGPw



Useful websites:

Facts

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/yemen>

Animals

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/caracal>





Ramadan Kareem!

رمضان كريم

It is currently the month of **Ramadan** where Muslims around the world will observe a fast each day from sunrise to sunset.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

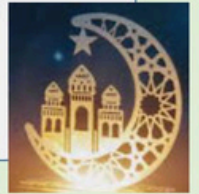
Nasheeds are a special type of song or chant that are about Islam's values and teachings. Traditionally sung in Arabic, many are now written and sung in other languages too for Muslims all around the world.

Below are links to some Arabic Nasheeds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hi9H6fZuc> (Ya Adheeman)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vqfy4ScRXFQ> (Ya Nabi Salam Alayka)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWCgZjSc67Y> (Nasheed Medley)





GEMS

ADHD & Autism Support Service
East Berkshire



Oral health support Virtual session Autism and ADHD

**Friday 16th May 2025
10am to 11:15am**

As part of National Smile month, GEMS would like to invite parents and carers to a virtual session to help support good oral health.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email Gems.4health@nhs.net



Supported by

Community
Dental
Services



Fed up of stressful meal times? We're here to help you.

A parents, we want our children understand the importance of eating and to enjoy family mealtimes together.



Come along to our Fussy Eaters Workshop and get support and new ideas for:

- Encouraging your **child to try new foods** - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to **grow and be healthy**
- **Happier family** mealtimes

Contact Priory School for more details:

-  **Wednesday 19th March**
-  **1:30pm** (1 hour session)
-  **rebecca.morris@prioryschool.com**





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

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

7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor

21st April - Easter Monday - No session

5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session

19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)

2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library

16th June - Picnic in the Park - 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: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com