

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Pupils Leading The Way

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been working hard this half term and this has not gone unnoticed by the teaching staff, who have been considering who should be nominated as Lead Learner in each class.

Lead Learners are pupils who act as role models for their peers by always being focused, prepared and resilient in their attitude to learning.

Head of Year 7 Mrs Farley and Head of Year 8 Mrs Bullock shared the results of the Leader nominations with their year groups this week. The successful pupils have been awarded the role for their class until the end of the Autumn term in December. We will then ask teachers to nominate again and award the role to other pupils.

One Lead Learner, Grace, in Year 7 said: "I feel very excited to be a Lead Learner. Other students will know it's because I have worked hard and done what I can. I feel proud to be a role model. Our job is to support my year group in school. They can come to us for advice. It is a big responsibility."

Huge congratulations to the following pupils who are wearing their badges with pride:

In Year 7: W1 – M Tayburn, W2 - G Davies, W3 – G McGladrigan, E1 – AEland, E2 – H Coleman, E3 – O Harrison

In Year 8: W1 – M Patel, W2 – H Bolton-Schurok, W3 – D Rajczyk, E1 – J Sexton, E2 – F Hussain, E3 – F Leaver

Attendance Winning Forms



Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

**Year 11 -
D8 (96.43%)**

**Rest -
R7 (99.29%)**

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Miss Beesley's forms.

Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams

The first set of mock exams for Year 11 pupils will begin Mon, 18 November for two weeks.

Pupils' individual timetables have been given to them this morning (Friday).

The full timetable across the two week period is available to download from the school website at >>

<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision>

The Assembly Hall and Learning Centre will be out of bounds for other pupils during this period and we ask that they are respectful and keep noise to an absolute minimum.

KEY DATES

Sponsored Walk

Tues, 8 October -

POSTPONED

(new date to be confirmed -
3 days notice will be given)

Mid-Term Closure

21-25 October 2019

Year 10 Work Experience

Paperwork returned by

Mon, 4 November 2019

Class of 2019 Celebration Evening

Weds, 6 November

7pm-9pm

(All those that left Priory this summer)

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 13 November 2019

4pm-7pm

Year 11 Mock Exams

w/c 18 & 25 November

Universities Conference, Leeds

18 November 2019

(Sparks, by invitation)

Theatre Trip - Everybody's Talking About Jamie: The Musical

Weds, 27 November 2019

(Drama pupils by invitation)

GCSE Poetry Live Manchester Palace Theatre

2 December 2019

(Year 11 pupils)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thurs 12 December 2019

4pm-7pm

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 13 November

We encourage parents of Year 10 pupils to attend this event to discuss your child's progress.

We would encourage you to attend this evening to discuss your child's recent progress towards meeting target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. Subject teachers will be there to provide advice regarding how best to support your child with learning in their subject leading into their final year with us.

Letters and appointment sheets will be sent home Mon, 28 October.



SCHOOL SYNERGY Parent Logins

All parent logins have been sent home via their child this week. Pupils will receive their logins after the half term break.

Parents should login via <https://penwortham-priory.schoolsynergy.co.uk/>

Celebration Evening

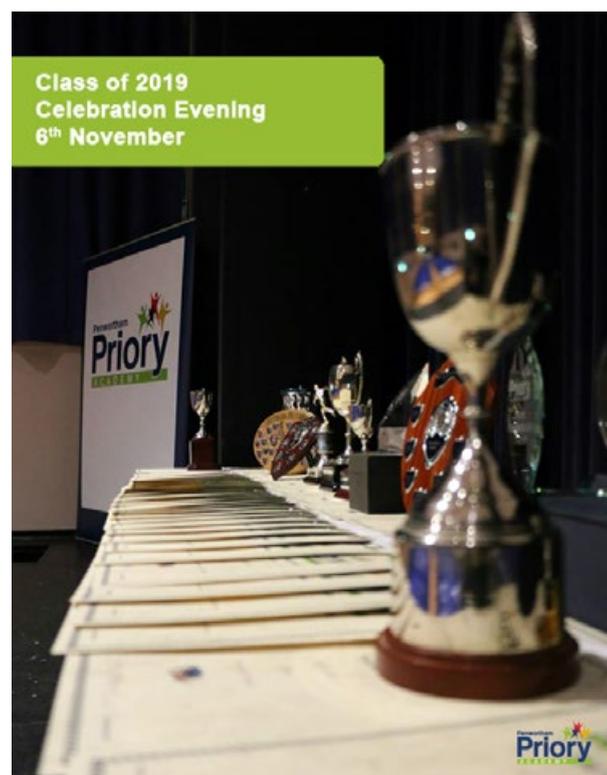
YEAR 11 LEAVERS (CLASS OF 2019)

All Year 11 leavers and their parents are invited to Priory's Class of 2019 Celebration Evening on Weds, 6 November.

This is their chance to celebrate the successes of last year, catch up with former classmates, and importantly, collect their GCSE exam certificates.

If you have not already notified us of your attendance, please email >>

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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PARENT MEETINGS - LONDON/PARIS & ICELAND TRIPS

If your child is booked onto the London/Paris or Iceland trips next year, we would like to invite you to a meeting in school on Weds, 30 October to discuss the trip.

Iceland - 5.30-6.15pm

London/Paris - 6.30-7.15pm

Even though this trip is some time away, we will be giving out important information and therefore would encourage you to attend. Your child should attend with you if possible.

For enquiries, please email Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography, a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk



**TRIPS: Meeting for Parents
In school Weds, 30 October
Iceland - 5.30pm
London/Paris - 6.30pm**



The Weekly Challenge (Week 6)

These challenges are added to Doodle each week for pupils to have a think about. Pupils should then revise these during the week in preparation for a test during their Friday Character & Culture session. The content of these challenges will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.

Here is this week's challenge >>

Teachers will work through these with pupils before they are asked to write sentences using the key words, tips and synonyms covered in the challenge. They will then share some of their responses in class.

Teachers will also weave the Word of the Week into lessons, discussions, add examples and support it with 'subject specific' words.

Pupils - Remember to check through your work to ensure you have applied this rule below.

Word of the Week:

paramount

Adjective

Meaning very important or more important than anything else.
'Your happiness and safety are of paramount importance in school'

word
week

Literacy tip of the week...

**AS WELL
A LOT**

Both of these phrases are **TWO** separate words meaning

- 1/ in addition.
2. A great deal.

ASWELL and ALOT
Are **NOT** words and should **NEVER** be written as a word.

It affects the clarity (clearness) of your work.

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A **synonym** is a word that has a **very similar** or the **same meaning** as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word

INTERESTING

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

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KTB Music Drumming Up Support

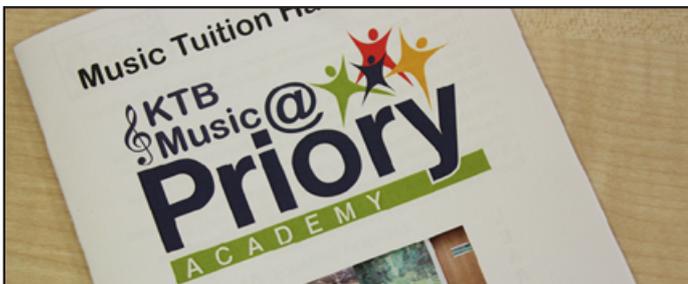
Last Friday, KTB Music came into Priory to deliver a drumming workshop to Year 7 Creative Arts pupils.

Priory's peripatetic music tutor, Mr Molyneux, led demonstrations for complete beginners to experts who have been playing since Year 2 at primary school.

Mr Molyneux said, "It was so pleasing and rewarding to see so many children want to get up and perform to an audience of 90 people even if they had never played on a drum kit before. I was very impressed by the amount of talent and interest shown".

KTB Music offer pupils private music tuition in school. Pupils will come out of a timetabled class lesson on a rota basis.

If pupils would like to take up an instrument/voice or carry on from primary school, parents can email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com to request further details. Pupils can see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music at Priory, for a chat and information booklet.



PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

Pupils can learn to sing, or learn to play the drums, a brass instrument, piano, keyboard, flute, clarinet, electric, acoustic or bass guitar with KTB Music's peripatetic tutors.

Lessons are £6 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work.

Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

For information please email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com or pupils can see Mr Taylor, Head of Music at Priory, for a leaflet.
www.ktbmusic.co.uk



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The importance of eye testing for school children

Transition to secondary school is a key time when pupils should have an eye test as they face increasing demands on their visual abilities. Classrooms are bigger and about 80% of what is taught in school is presented visually.

Children don't often inform their parents or carers that they are having problems with their eyesight as they often 'just get on with it'. As many as 1 in 5 school children has an undetected problem. Even those with significant problems can go unnoticed.

Children with visual problems often are the ones who are reluctant to attend school as they are not able to fully immerse themselves with their learning, including PE and extra curricular activities.

Being able to see clearly is incredibly important to children's overall learning and wellbeing. Therefore please ensure your child has an annual free eye test.

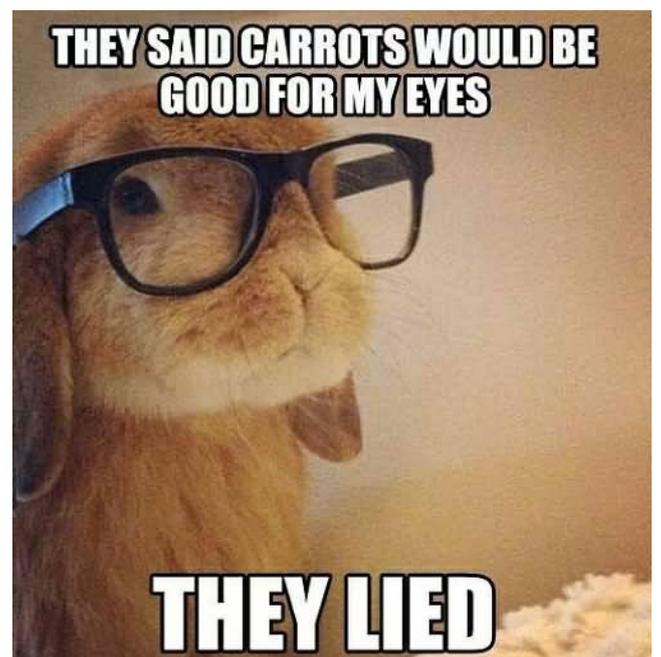
If your child does require glasses please contact the school to inform us as often pupils need a gentle reminder to wear their glasses in class or a reminder to actually bring them to school!

Signs that your child may have an eye problem

- Squinting
- Tilting head or covering one eye
- Sitting too close to the television or holding hand-held devices too close to the eyes
- Rubbing eyes excessively
- Complaining of headaches or eye pain
- Having difficulty concentrating on school work



Why do you wear glasses? My eyes are so beautiful they have to be kept behind glass, like a showcase.



Year 11 Geography Field Trip

“Oh I do like to be beside the seaside”

Morecambe & Heysham - Tues, 15 & Fri, 18 October



Report by Mr Metcalfe, Head of Humanities

This week has seen around 80 Year 11 students consolidating their classroom learning with their final compulsory Geography field trip to Heysham and Morecambe. The purpose of the visit was to assess coastal management strategies that have been implemented in Morecambe and make decisions about future planning.

Mr Watters lead an action-packed day which saw students sketching, measuring and photographing landforms of coastal erosion and deposition.

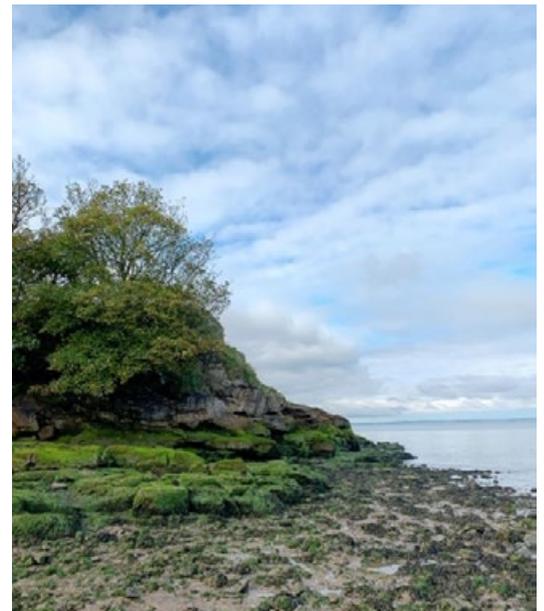
The first stop was in Heysham where students were given an opportunity to see what had been taught in the classroom come to life. After a stroll through the quaint village of Heysham - dating back to Viking times – students walked past an 8th century chapel – St Patrick’s – and iconic rock hewn graves on the dramatic headlands overlooking the Bay. Managed by the National Trust, this is a truly wonderful urban green space for our students to uncover and I personally would encourage anyone to spend an afternoon there!

Once up onto the headland students saw fantastic views across Morecambe Bay out towards The Lake District. Here students got the chance to sketch and photograph various erosional landforms as well as being nourished with more information from Mr Watters about the UK energy demand and the Heysham Nuclear reactors – which will support their final topic of their GCSE course.

A quick drive into Morecambe saw students on the promenade making connections between classroom theory and outdoor evidence. With the aroma of fish and chips wafting under our noses as we approached lunch, students were now able to see first-hand both the positive and negative impacts of coastal management in Morecambe. Hard engineering was evident in the form of a curved sea wall, supported by gabions and groynes.

Further down the bay students got the opportunity to measure rip-rap boulders and improve their paper 3 fieldwork techniques by using apps on mobile phones to show increased accuracy of measurement to improve the validity.

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Geography Field Trip...continued



Mr Watters embedded prior knowledge of increasing biodiversity by giving students the opportunity to sample and count living organisms found in 1m² areas of managed beaches.

A quick pit-stop at McDonalds on the way home enabled students to refuel after a busy day – which saw Ben A and Nathan S battle it out to break world records – Ben eating 20 McChicken nuggets in under two minutes flat, and Nathan demolishing ... wait for it ... a double cheeseburger, two McChicken BBQ wraps, fries, a McFlurry and just to top it all off, a chocolate milkshake!

The day was truly successful and the students of Year 11 were a real credit to our school – showing respect and courtesy to members of the public at all times. I would personally like to thank Mr Watters for all the hard work and dedication that goes into planning such a successful and educational trip. We would also like to thank Mr Hardcastle for his support in driving the minibus and Miss Hilton and Mr Master for their time also.

Mr P Metcalfe, Head of Humanities



South Ribble Cross Country Championships



Here are the official results from the cross country championships which were held at Hutton Grammar school on Saturday, 5 October. Unfortunately no results were collated for the Year 10/11 girls across all the schools. Even though both Priory's Year 10/11 boys finished in the top ten, as we only had two entrants, we didn't gain enough points to qualify. Pupils will now get invited to take part in the Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships.

Year 7 Boys	H Russel (5th), J Fitzgerald (7th), A Bodi (13th)	Overall 3rd
Year 7 Girls	M Hudson (8th), M McAulay (28th), L McMurray (29th)	Overall 7th
Year 8/9 Boys	T Grafton (21st), J Goodwin (27th), C Mitchell (29th)	Overall 4th
Year 8/9 Girls	P Hodgkinson (10th), J Sexton (19th), M Swarbrick (25th)	Overall 3rd
Year 10/11 Boys	B Withers (5th), D McPherson (10th)	Overall DNQ
Year 10/11 Girls	No results recorded (all schools)	

Overall Boys 4th place **Overall Girls** 4th place

OVERALL POSITION **3rd PLACE**

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On the curriculum w/c 28 October:

At Penwortham Priory Academy the Character & Culture curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Introduction to 'Mr Life'
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Structure of a debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Difference - Managing and leading
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' From setbacks to success
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health (part 1)

Pupils have three 20 minute Character & Culture lessons each week.



Community and Voluntary



Can you spare an hour of your time to help clean up the local community?



If the answer is yes, then why not join the Kingsfold litter pick on Wednesday, 23 October.

Meet at the Kingsfold Community Centre at 2.30pm. All equipment will be provided.

There will be hot food and drinks available for all helpers at the conclusion of the litter pick. See poster opposite to find out more...

Taking part in this will contribute to the Initiative section of the pupils' Pixl Edge accreditation and reflects the term's Priory culture - Kindness.

Pupils taking part should take a photo of themselves at the event, preferably with one of the council team, and show it to Mrs Hopes to claim your award contribution.

Kingsfold estate
community litter pick

We are inviting the local community to join us for a litter pick and estate tidy

Wednesday 23 October 2019
Kingsfold Community Centre at 2.30 pm

Hot food and drinks for all helpers

All equipment provided



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IDLING... SWITCH OFF FOR CLEANER AIR

It's the Law!
and could cost you **£20**

Leaving your engine running
when parked creates
20 times more pollution
than when driving at 30mph

TURN IT OFF

South Ribble Borough Council

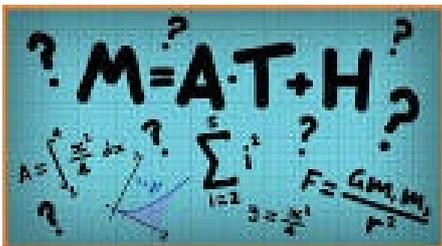
**IDLE - FREE
ZONE**



**Protect our children
Turn off your engine**



www.southribble.gov.uk



The Maths Department

Like a challenge?

The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges.

Why not have a try yourself!

Answer page 10

A frog is at the bottom of a 30 metre well. Each day he summons enough energy for one 3 metre leap up the well. Exhausted, he then hangs there for the rest of the day. At night, while he is asleep, he slips 2 metres backwards. On what day does he escape? (as a number ie, Day ??)

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Angel.

Angel doesn't have just one book on the go - she can have two or three! The Year 7 pupil admits she has her nose in a number of books.

"I can't remember what I am reading as I am reading a few books," said Angel. "I get a couple of chapters in a book and then I start another one but I always finish every one! I don't get muddled up, it just works for me."

Angel's favourite authors are David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson.

"I chose David Walliams because he is funny, his books make me laugh.

"Jacqueline Wilson has written books about Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather. She is funny too, she writes good jokes in her stories.

"I do like comedy best."



Angel's other hobby is football.

"I have just got into the school team and I play in defence or midfield. Football is my favourite sport and I am a Liverpool fan."

Answer to Maths Challenge:

Day 28 as you do not need to include the 2m slip as he has escaped!

Do you need
careers
advice?

Independent Careers Adviser

Shamim Khan

Available for 1:1 Careers Appointments & Drop In sessions in
The Careers Room (Situated opposite the Pastoral Office)

Drop In sessions Times:

Morning : 8.00am to 8.50am

Lunchtime : 1.15pm to 2.00pm

Careers Adviser Dates:

Friday 11th October 2019

Friday 18th October 2019

Friday 1st November 2019

Friday 8th November 2019

Friday 15th November 2019

Friday 22nd November 2019

Friday 29th November 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Tuesday 10th December 2019, and

Tuesday 17th December 2019

If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member



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Football Teams Continue Their Winning Streak!



Year 7 Football (Lancashire Cup Match)

Match report by coach, Mr Scott

Priory's Year 7 football team continued their fine start to the 2019/20 season by qualifying for the second round of the Lancashire Cup. In a four-way tournament featuring two teams from Priory, Lostock Hall and Leyland St Mary's it was Priory's A team that went through to round two after winning all three matches scoring 13 goals and only conceding a single goal.

The team will now play the winners of the Preston group featuring Ashton, Broughton and Our Lady's in round two.

Year 8 Football

Match report by coach, Mr Scott

Priory's Year 8s won a hard-fought game against Leyland St Mary's this week to make it three on the bounce. A tense first-half affair saw little goal-mouth action aside from a few blocked shots, with both teams vying for possession.

A goal mouth clearance by Ryan B in the second half sparked Priory into life though. Goals from Curtis H (a well-taken finish into the top corner), and Lewis C secured all three points and a perfect start for the team, after wins against Lostock Hall (4-0), and Walton Le Dale (5-0) previously.

Final score 2-0.

Year 9 Football

*Match report
by coach, Mr Henshaw*

2-5 Away Win Against Leyland St Mary's

The Year 9 boys were missing their goal keeper and so going into the game there was concern that we weren't going to win.

Luckily Kieran I-T saved the day by agreeing to play at short notice and put in a fantastic performance including two great saves that could have changed the game.

The defenders stepped up their game to put in a top performance in order close down attacks as early as possible.

It was 1-1 towards the end of the first half when a clumsy challenge led to Priory conceding a penalty. This meant we were 2-1 down at the end of the first half. The resilience of the team was key in making sure that heads didn't drop and we went back out to score four goals and win 2-5.

Logan Mc was man of the match with a solid performance on wing and excellent passing into dangerous areas.

Wondering what to do over the half term break?

Details have also been posted on Doodle and will be displayed around school.



COMPETITION Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Mon, 4 November

The Brief:

Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2019

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised and achieve a PiXL Edge accreditation:

- Submit an original design **by Mon, 4 November 2019**
- Designs must be an original winter or Christmas-themed painting or drawing and incorporate a connection to Priory. Alternatively, you may also like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the office or photos can be emailed to Mrs Yates at j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Make sure your name and form is on the back!

We will be awarding house points for all entries demonstrating effort. There will be bonus points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each house.

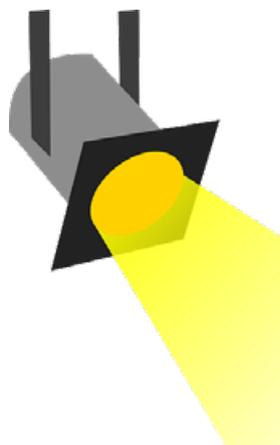
The overall winner will receive art materials, a week's 'Dining Queue Jump Pass' and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people across the county.



We close today for half term | School opens on Mon, 28 October


**KEEP
CALM
AND
ENJOY
HALF TERM**

Pupils In The Spotlight



Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with the Communications Supervisor, Mrs Yates via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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NHS Careers Event

20th November 2019

Chorley & South Ribble Hospital, Education Centre 3,
Preston Road, Chorley, PR7 1PP

3pm-6pm

Have you considered a career in the NHS?

Come along to find out information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more.

We will have interactive stands from a wide range of our departments for you to explore.



You do not need to register for this event

For more information please contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk



W/C 28 October 2019

Monday

Sausage served with hash browns and peas or beans

Pasta served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread

Cheese pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or
peas

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza
served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Spicy chicken burger served with potato wedges and
beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |

Hot Dog

All served with chips and peas or beans

Available Every Day

Southern fried chicken wrap

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini

Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY & SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 8:45AM-3:45PM

WWW.WESTHOLMESCHOOL.COM

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Book-a-roo



**Do your preloved books take up too much space?
Book-a-roo it our way and help our library grow!**

Have you, or has a relative got lots of books at home that you have read, loved but are unlikely to read again?
If so, you can help contribute to Priory's library as we grow this important resource.
You could also win the chance to go on a FREE TRIP!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58.	59.	60
61.	62.	63.	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

How do I participate? Bring any unwanted books to the school library with this Book-a-roo grid.

For every book you donate, you'll receive 5 stamps. The pupils who donate the most books before 6 December will be taken on a reward trip as a thank you for making someone else's experience of the Priory's library all the more enjoyable.

There's a catch – For every consignment of your donations, we encourage the original reader to submit a simple review of one of the preloved books in the form of: 'I loved this book because...'

Good quality books will earn you your stamps!

When can I donate? Starting Monday, 28th November. **How long have I got?** Until Friday, 6th December.

