

Penwortham Priory Post



Miss Lewis-Lavender Hangs Up Her Apron After Nearly 40 Years at Priory

Miss Lewis-Lavender will take off her apron for the last time next week as she will leave Priory after 39 years.

The Lead Teacher for Food Technology began at Priory in September 1980 and is the longest serving member of staff.

She has had huge success at the school, helping students win local and national competitions and go on to be chefs or work in catering at top establishments.

One of the students Charles Smith, who is now Head Chef at Lords of the Manor, a luxury hotel in the Cotswolds, said: "I'm very grateful still to this day that Shelley allowed me to take part in the Food Technology course at Priory. It definitely gave me a great head start in my career as did the competitions, which helped me to win Young National Chef of the Year in 2011."

Miss Lewis-Lavender said: "I feel I have done the school proud and inspired students to go onto different things. When I started, the career choices with Food Technology were catering or teaching but now there are so many more jobs and opportunities. I also don't get asked 'Do boys do cookery?' anymore!"

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Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The Rest' of the school. Pupils have now moved up a year group in preparation for the new academic year so even though our Year 11s have now left, the Year 10's attendance is now calculated as Year 11.

This week's winners are:

**Year 11 (Year 10) -
C8 - 96.96%
The Rest (Years 7-9) -
H8 (98.33%)**

Well done to Miss Thornton and Miss Howell's forms.

Netball World Cup Trip Mon, 15 July

A letter detailing final arrangements was sent home this week with all the girls attending the trip.

Pupils must be collected from school approx 8.30pm by their parent or another designated adult you have previously advised.

A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

Please email queries to Mrs Bullock at r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk

KEY DATES

Netball World Cup Trip
Liverpool
Mon, 15 July 2019

Sports Day
Tues, 16 July 2019

Summer Arts Evening
In school from 6pm
Weds, 17 July 2019

End of Year Closure
Fri, 19 July 2019
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

GCSE Results Day
Thurs, 22 August 2019
9.30am-11.30am

Start of Autumn Term
Tues, 3 September 2019

Year 11 Aim & Ambition Evening
Weds, 18 Sept 2019
5:30pm-6:30pm

PSHEE Day
Weds, 25 Sept 2019
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

INSET Day
School closed
Thurs, 26 Sept 2019

Open Evening
26 Sept 4:30pm - 9pm

Notice for Year 10

Pupils: GCSE English Literature Set Texts

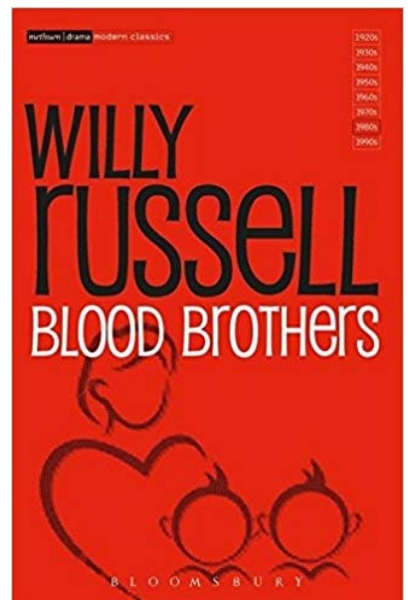
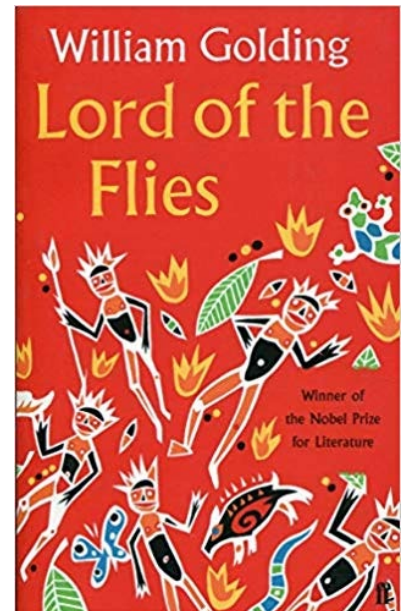
This coming Autumn pupils in Year 11 will study for the final components of GCSE English Literature. Pupils will be studying either *Blood Brothers* or *Lord of the Flies*, depending on their group.

It is in your child's best interest to purchase their own copy of their studied text. Whilst this is not compulsory, stock in the department is limited and having their own copy will mean your child can highlight and annotate, making the text a valuable revision aid.

Both texts can be ordered from retailers such as Amazon for usually around £6.00.

If you wish to purchase one of these texts, it is recommended that you do so ready for the start of the new academic year.

For further advice, pupils should speak to their English teacher.



Does Your Child Cycle To School?

Bikes may be brought to school and stored in the cycle racks providing that they have brakes and pupils wear a helmet. Anyone who fails this will not be able to bring in their bike. Regular checks by staff will be made.

Staff have recently noticed pupils riding their bike without a helmet or their helmet being carried on the handle bars.

Please note, the school is not responsible for the security of cycles and a strong lock is essential.



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Arts Evening

Next Wednesday night is the school's annual Summer Arts Evening which sees Priory's talented creative arts pupils put on a show of music, drama and dance for their families and school community.

**Come and join us in the Auditorio
for an evening of**

Music, Drama and Dance

Weds, 17 July 2019

Doors open at 6pm. Performances 6:30pm-8:15pm

(Interval at 7.15-7.30pm | Refreshments Available)

GCSE artwork by the Year 11 leavers
will also be on display in the Gallery.

Free Entry | Everyone Welcome

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Miss Lewis-Lavender Hangs Up Her Apron... *(continued from front page)*

"It's opened doors for me as well as I have had the chance to meet Ainsley Harriott, Mary Berry and Gordon Ramsey, among others - as well as James Martin who I have worked with the most."

Miss Lewis-Lavender's enthusiasm of her subject has inspired many students and she has taken part in some memorable events for Priory, always winning praise for her catering at various school events.

"For the Millennium our students took over Paul Heathcote's restaurant and he opened our new Technology kitchens. I have catered for the opening of our new school gym, for the various 'In Bloom' competitions where we have used produce from our gardens and helped to organise Macmillan Coffee Mornings.

"I also worked as the school's Community Engagement Co-Ordinator where I established links with the army, navy, police and ambulance which I am proud of as well as establishing links with our local colleges and businesses.

"Probably what I have enjoyed most is seeing my students enter competitions and go on to have careers in the industry. I entered the Rotary Chef competition for 15 years with different students.

"Emma and her sister Jane Rooke, when both were much younger than their counterparts, came second and third in the National Rotary Chef competition, and all the Rooke sisters enjoyed culinary success.

Emma, who now runs the Cow Shed in Penwortham, said: "Miss is the reason I am where I am. It's been my dream to have my own café. Miss had a massive influence on all the Rooke sisters. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have got into cooking and be where I am."

Other students, such as Charles Smith, have worked with the best such as Gordon Ramsey and Marcus Wearing.

Miss Lewis-Lavender lists her hobbies as gardening, interior design and shopping. Taking her dog, Treacle, on long walks is also keeping her busy but she is not giving up work yet.

"I feel like I am ready for a change and I may do something in event management or I might even start my own business."

Headteacher Mr Eastham said: "I have known Miss Lewis-Lavender for as long as I have been here and she is a well-established member of staff.

"She has always been very passionate about her subject and has pushed her pupils and highlighted their talents by entering them for competitions over the years.

"She always creates wonderful spreads for any functions at Priory and it's a well-deserved retirement after all her years of service."

Head of Technology Mrs Lawe said: "I have worked with Miss Lewis-Lavender for six years. In fact when I was a trainee teacher, she coached me and now I am Head of Department so it's quite an unusual situation!

"She is so enthusiastic about her subject and has encouraged students to launch careers in the food industry."



SPORTS REPORT

South Ribble Schools Athletics Championships

On Friday, 28 June, Priory's athletes travelled to Robin Park, Wigan, to compete against other South Ribble schools at the district's annual under 16s championships.

Overall the Priory team came in at 9th place across all South Ribble high schools. Here are our top positions worth noting:

Name	Year	Event	Position
J Saxton	Year 7	800m	4th
J Hodgkinson	Year 7	1500m	3rd
F Hussain	Year 7	Shot	2nd
A Wilks	Year 7	800m	3rd
C Middleton	Year 7	Long Jump	3rd
C Middleton	Year 7	Javelin	2nd
Girls	Year 8	Relay	4th
S Cowell	Year 8	200m	3rd
W Jones	Year 8	Shot	2nd
A Genther	Year 9	Long Jump	4th
D Shuttleworth	Year 9	100m	3rd
D Shuttleworth	Year 9	200m	2nd
D McPherson	Year 9	800m	2nd
H Williams	Year 9	Long Jump	2nd
Overall	Year 9		5th
Overall	Year 8		6th
Overall	Year 7		6th
Overall	Girls		9th
Overall	Boys		6th
Overall	School		9th



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Priory in 'The Hub' of MFL Excellence

Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs Scully, and MFL teacher, Mrs Bailey, attended NCELP's hub day on Wednesday.



The National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy (NCELP) helps to put into practice the recommendations of the Teaching Schools Council's MFL Pedagogy Review in French, German, and Spanish teaching across 45 secondary schools in England.

The overarching aim is to improve language curriculum design and teaching, leading to high uptake and greater success at GCSE. The NCELP approach helps pupils establish a robust knowledge of basic vocabulary, grammar, and the sound and spelling systems (phonics).

At the event, held at Archbishop Temple High School in Preston, both Mrs Scully and Mrs Bailey delivered a session to other MFL teachers on the benefits and their experience of teaching phonics in the Modern Foreign Language classroom. They worked alongside the lead teachers at Archbishop Temple and Dr Robert Woore, a phonics specialist from Oxford University.

Mrs Scully said on her return, "It was a great project to be involved with and hopefully our little linguists at Priory will reap the benefits!"

The Weekly Challenge (Week 35)

These weekly challenges which pupils are asked to think about are made of content that will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary. This week, it's all about numeracy.



Parents - How would you get on?

1. If I have a 'score' of something, how many do I have?
2. How many items are in a 'baker's dozen'?
3. How many is a 'gross'?
4. When we say we have a grand, how much money do we mean?
5. A 'ream of paper' refers to how many sheets of paper?
6. If there is a trilogy of books or films, how many are there in the series?
7. How many years in a semi-centennial?
8. If someone lived for fourscore years and ten, how old were they?
9. What number do we mean my 'the deuce'?
10. If I have a 'heptad', how many of something do I have?

Answers on page 13.



Primary School Liaison

SPORTS REPORT

At this time of year we are invited to help our feeder schools run their sports events. The first of these was this week when, on Thursday afterschool, pupils marshalled a primary cross-country event on our fields. Pupils have also volunteered to assist with the running of Penwortham County Primary School's sports day, although this has had to be postponed.

Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sports, commented "These pupils have represented the school in various sporting activities during the academic year and have been chosen as proven ambassadors for Priory."

Thank you to Abbey B, Tilly Mc, Erin W, Amy G, Abi J, Caitlin W, Eleanor L, Robyn W, Courtney KW, Jasmine R, Maisie, Tom P, Josh M, Kurtis K, Ben R, Ben B, Logan M, Harry W.

Sports Day - Tues, 16 July

House colours at the ready!

Next Tuesday is Sports Day and the weather is looking good. Team sheets have now been completed with House Progress Leaders and those taking part will know what events they're competing in.

Athletes and spectators must come to school wearing their full PE kit* however they can bring something representing their house colour to wear whilst in the supporters' areas. Pupils may like to bring ribbons, sashes, scarves or other appropriate items in their House colours.

May we remind pupils to bring a refillable water bottle, sun cream, caps, waterproof mac etc to protect themselves from all weathers whilst on the field - see letter attached or download from <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

Remember - The idea behind sports day is to have fun and participate in physical activity ...winning is a bonus!

Who will take Hodder's crown from last year? But more importantly, who will win the teacher's race!

*Spectators can wear a t-shirt in their house colour.



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Priory's Sparks Become Mini Masters

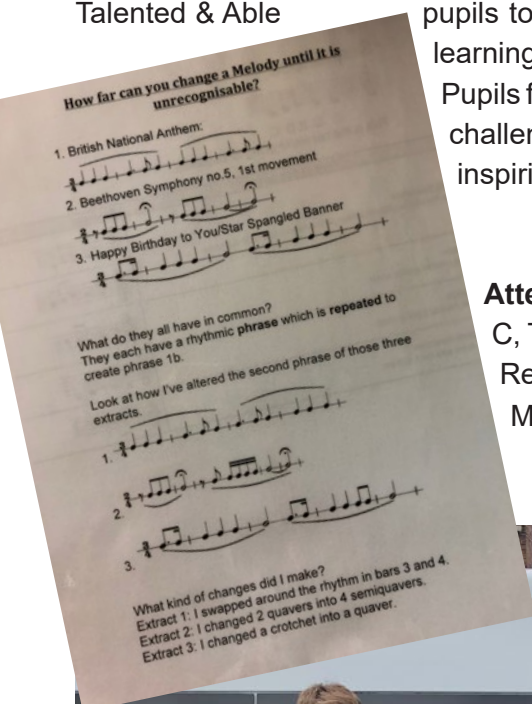
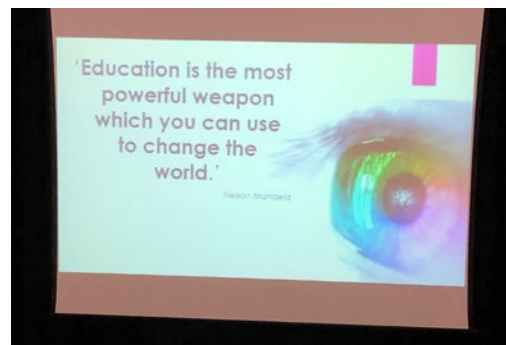
On Wednesday, our Year 9 Sparks pupils were treated to a Masterclass day hosted by West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale. Pupils chose three workshops to study on the day, according to their areas of interest.

Sessions touched on all areas of the curriculum such as Incredible Minds (how the brain works), Game Theory (analysis of making strategic decisions) and Literature as a Form of Social Protest. Each was delivered by staff from the schools in attendance including Priory's Sparks Co-ordinator, Mr Taylor's Experimenting with Melodies.

Mr Taylor said, "This event was an opportunity for our Gifted, Talented & Able

pupils to experience a flavour of learning beyond that of GCSE. Pupils found the day interesting, challenging and engaging; an inspiring day for all!"

Attendees: Adam B, Erin C, Taylor D, Louis F, Dan G, Rebecca J, Zack L, Logan M, Robyn W, Jamie W.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The school library is now closed for development and extension. We are holding a book amnesty where all reading material can be returned to the library without sanctions. Students should have now chosen one book to last them through the summer break.



Messages for pupils:

- a) **BRING BACK** all reading material - look high and low at home and take any 'lost' stock to the Library.
- b) Select a book that you can read for the remaining week of term AND for over the holidays. If you don't read all summer - your literacy WILL get worse - this is fact!

The school library is integral to teaching and learning and ensures every student has fair access to resources, irrespective of home opportunities. It also plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure and enriches students' intellectual growth so I hope you can appreciate that the library must be able to maintain its stock for the benefit of all pupils.



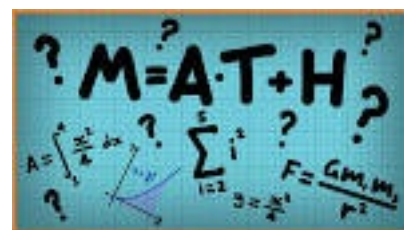
Please support your library!

Thank you to our pupil librarians - Rhianne L, Dominic C, Scarlett Emily B, Violet S, Erin M, Josie M, Cora P, Lily H.

Mrs A Gidden
Head of English

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!

Imagine you have the numbers 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7 and 7.

Arrange them in such a way that:

- Between the 1s is 1 digit
- Between the 2s is 2 digits
- Between the 3s is 3 digits
- And so on.....

Answers bottom of page 13.

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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 lately and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 8 pupil, Emily.

Emily wants to be a primary school teacher boosted by her love of English.

"I never get scared giving presentations in English," said Emily, 13.

"In fact, I enjoy standing up and teaching even though my fellow students may not enjoy my teaching in class! I want to be a primary school teacher, I have always wanted to do that."

Emily loves reading and is currently halfway through 'Into The Water' by Paula Hawkins, who wrote the bestseller 'Girl On The Train.'

"It's a murder-mystery about someone found in a pool of water. I don't usually like murder-mystery books but I am hooked on this one.

"My favourite book is 'The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night' as it's just so different from other books, written by someone who is autistic. It's really well done.

"I also like the Geek Girl series by Holly Smale, they are funny as Geek Girl gets into loads of adventures and you can see what is going to happen but the character can't!"

When not reading, Emily takes part in ju-jitsu with Nippon UK.

"I have an orange and white belt and I want to become a junior leader."



School closes next Friday, 19 July at 1:30pm

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Class of 1989 Reunion



Former Priory student Tom Jones is holding a reunion for the Class of 1989, 30 years after they all left.

It all came about after Rosalind Smalley put a photo on Facebook and Tom saw his best friend Kenny from school, someone he hadn't spoken to for 18 years.

"I felt compelled to get in touch and it's snowballed from there," said Tom.

Tom and Kenny met for a drink in The Fleece pub and unexpectedly bumped into a couple of other old school friends. "Ros reminded me it will be 30 years since we left school and we all agreed it seemed like a good time to create a reunion particularly as some of us unfortunately have passed away.

"I have met with our former PE teachers Mr and Mrs Rhodes are willing to attend to do a guided tour of the school as well as it is completely different to when we were there.

"Hopefully Mr Tinsley will come too as all the PE teachers were great at supporting our sporting achievements.

"One of our English teachers called Mr Hunter has cropped up in our chats as well as he was famous for shouting 'YOU LAD! What do you think you're doing?'

"There was also Food Tech teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender who used to pull your ear if you'd been naughty!"



The reunion is on 14 September at Penwortham Priory Academy - 2.30pm for 3pm start.

Then it's onto Fleece pub in Penwortham and Black Bull at Longton where local landlord and '89r leaver Neil Thompson is landlord.

There is a Facebook page called 'Priory 89 leavers' for anyone who wants more information. <https://www.facebook.com/Priory-89-Leavers-Reunion-Group-298616504146113/>.

Former pupils may also contact Priory's alumni administrator, Mrs Yates, to be put in touch with Tom. Email j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Image left:

Tom, Anita and Emma trawling through the Priory archives earlier this year in preparation for their reunion.



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Word of the Week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM Prep time.

Progress Leaders will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week in Prep time and teachers will be challenging pupils in curriculum time and awarding achievement points for correct use of Word of the Week.

Pupils: Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly. Pupils must learn that 'alot' is not a word! This is seen far too often.

If you fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, write a sentence which includes the 'Word of the Week' on an entry slip and pass it to Mrs Gidden (via your form tutor or directly). Synonym of the Week entries can be written on the back of the slip.

There were over 30 entries last week. The winner with the correct definition and sentence using the word, 'Rustic' was Hannah P (D6) and Paige H (D1). There were no entries to last week's Synonym challenge so it is repeated again this week.

Who will the winners be?

Word of the Week: JUDICIOUS



Adj: Meaning very well or very sensibly chosen, well judged.

'The panel made a judicious choice and selected the winner from a strong and talented field.'

Literacy tip of the week...

A LOT.

This is TWO WORDS
when we say 'I've a lot to do' we mean a great deal.
So, it's two separate words.

There is NO SUCH WORD
as 'alot'

We don't say I bought 'adrink' or she had 'ababy' writing 'alot' is the same as doing this!

After the meal, there was a lot of food left.
I care about my friend a lot.

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 me a super synonym for the word: 'think'

Each student may only enter with **ONE** word.

The best synonym will **WIN!**



Do you have any old books we could have for our library? Classics | Non Fiction | Fiction | Young Adult |

We're looking to top up our library. Do you have any books that you are wondering what to do with next? Are they suitable for our young adults? Could we have them?

Our library plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure as well as enriching students' intellectual growth.

Pupils can drop books off directly with Mrs Elliott in the library or parents may leave them with Reception.



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SUMMER SPECIAL

**AGES 3+
FREE MARTIAL ARTS
LESSONS FOR 6 WEEKS!**

**Dragons (ages 3-7)
Cadets (ages 7-10)
Adults (ages 11+)**




TUESDAY
Dragons (ages 3-7) at 4:30pm
Family Taekwondo (ages 7+) at 5:00pm

SUNDAY
Dragons (ages 3-7) at 4:30pm
Family Taekwondo (ages 7+) at 5:00pm

Unit 1, Oxheys Industrial Estate, Greenbank St, PR1 7PH Preston
*T&C apply, subject to availability *Offer until 31st august

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0845 057 3733

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ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. A 'score' means 20 of something.
2. There are 13 items in a 'baker's dozen'
3. A gross means 144 or twelve dozen.
4. We mean £1000 when we say 'a grand'.
5. When we say a 'ream of paper' these days it refers to 500 sheets.
6. A trilogy means there are three.
7. A centennial means 100 therefore a semi-centennial means half of that i.e. 50.
8. A score means 20 therefore fourscore years (4 x 20) and 10 means 90 because $20+20+20+20+10 = 90$
9. We mean 2 when we say 'the deuce' – 2 on a dice or playing cards, a throw of two dice or the point in tennis when each player needs two points to win the game.
10. If I have a heptad, I have seven of something.

ANSWERS TO THE MATHS CHALLENGE

Some possible answers:

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W/C 15 July 2019

Monday

Penne arrabiata served with garlic bread

Cheese pasty served with potatoes and beans or peas

Tuesday

Chicken curry served with rice and naan bread

Tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza

Fish fingers

Both served with potato wedges and beans or peas

Thursday

Tomato pasta or spaghetti bolognese

Both served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |

Steak Pudding

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

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