

# Penwortham Priory Post



## We're Penwortham in Bloom Winners!

Penwortham Priory Academy's gardener Mr Farron is again celebrating blooming success.

The school has won first place in the Best Community Area/Community Space category at Penwortham in Bloom 2018 – it's the second time we've entered this category and the second time we've won it. We were also highly commended in the Schools Challenge Category.

Mr Farron has transformed Priory over his four years working at Priory, turning unused areas into a herbaceous garden, a Mediterranean garden, a memorial garden and more.

"We have entered Penwortham in Bloom twice," said Mr Farron. "In 2016 we went through to the Regional competition and then the North West competition and won the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom North West Environmental Award for Schools – the first time a school in South Ribble had won the title.

"I am proud to win the Community Area again as this is the main one for me. We won it in 2016 and then had to take a break last year because of the building work at the school but we wanted to have another go this year.

"We have further developed areas around the school and they are open to the public in spring and summer. I have little helpers from the school in the morning and they are learning about botany and such like while the teachers have said the gardens do have a calming effect on the children.

"I started at Priory as a volunteer when I retired doing a few hours a week and now I probably do around 20 hours a week. I love it, the headteacher Mr Eastham is enthusiastic about it and the school is benefiting.

"To win awards is a huge honour, it brings Priory to the front and I have heard people coming into reception talking about Priory as 'the school with the lovely gardens' and wanting to look around which I take a lot of pride in."

## Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the winning form 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 -**

**C8, D8, H1, R1**

**Rest -**

**C2, H6, H7, R7, R8**

Pupils in these forms all achieved **100%** attendance and will receive passport reward points.



## Polite Reminder

Please remind pupils to ensure they bring their PE kits and other equipment in on the required days.

We have had many inconvenienced parents arriving at Reception with deliveries and we are not always able to get items to pupils in time for their lesson.

## Football Trials Year 7

The second Year 7 football trial will be on Monday, 17 September after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the 3G Pitch.

## KEY DATES

### **Blood Brothers Theatre Visit, Charter Theatre**

Mon, 17 Sept (after school)  
Open to Year 11 pupils initially.

### **PSHEE Day**

Weds, 26 Sept 2018  
(Early lunch followed by early  
closure at 1:30pm)

**INSET Day** (school closed)  
Thurs, 27 Sept 2018

### **Open Evening**

Thurs, 27 Sept 2018  
4:30pm-9pm  
Head Teachers Speech at  
5.30pm and 7.30pm

### **Open Days**

Thurs, 4 and Fri, 5 October  
9am-3pm. Tours on the  
hour except 1pm

### **South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships**

The morning of Sat, 6  
October at Hutton Grammar  
School (by invitation/qualifying  
time)

### **Year 7 Settle Factor Evening**

Weds, 10 October 2018  
3.40pm-6pm

### **Mid Term Closure**

22-26 October 2018

### **Year 10 Parents Evening**

Thurs, 1 November 2018  
3.30pm-7pm



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## Message from Lancashire Police Regarding Bicycle Thefts

Parents/Family/Carers/Children,

Unfortunately we have seen a significant rise in bike thefts across Penwortham and Western Parishes.

Whilst officers look to crack down on the offenders and the amount of crime in the area, we would like to encourage everyone, adults and children, to be more vigilant when using their bicycles.

Bicycles, particularly those of high value, have been specifically targeted when they have not been locked securely whilst not in use.

We are aware that this is a very frustrating time for members of the public, but please be patient whilst officers at Lancashire Constabulary attempt to combat the criminal groups involved.

If you have any information relating to the increase in bicycle thefts, or the groups involved, please contact your Local Neighbourhood Policing team.

Give us a call – 101.

Send us an e-mail – [Leylandnpt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Leylandnpt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk) | [cm.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cm.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Hopefully the issue will be eliminated in the near future, and this will be helped by any information we receive from members of the public.

Kind Regards,

South Ribble Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Tel: 01772 415855

Email: [Leylandnpt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Leylandnpt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

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# Immunisation Programme

The Immunisation Team works for IntraHealth delivering an NHS school-based immunisation programme.

The service is offered and delivered in every high school in Lancashire.



Current Immunisation Programme 2018/2019:

- Beginning in September - Year 8 girls first Human Papilloma (HPV) dose and Year 9 second HPV dose
- After Christmas - All year 9 students Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY
- After Easter - Year 8 girls second HPV dose

Consent forms are sent home with pupils prior to these sessions and should be signed and returned to school as soon as possible. There is an option on the form to accept or refuse the immunisation.

Please note, if your child is absent on the day of the immunisation session, the team offer catch up sessions throughout the year for any students missed. Alternatively, please contact IntraHealth on 0333 3583397 option 6 to speak to a member of the Immunisation Team.

**The HPV immunisation consent forms and booklet was sent home with Year 8 girls yesterday (Thurs).**



## Attendance Matters - Feeling Unwell

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Children who miss school can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

Pupils should be encouraged to come in to school despite coughs, colds and generally just feeling unwell. Being resilient and coping with minor ailments is a good lesson for later in life.

If your child feels ill at school, or is injured, he/she should report this immediately to the lesson teacher, who will provide a note to be taken by your child to the House Progress Leaders' office. They will use their experienced judgement and exercise appropriate care in deciding whether your child should remain in school. The school office will then make contact with parents to arrange transfer home where necessary.

**Pupils should not contact a parent, during school hours, under any circumstances to ask to be collected due to illness.**

If you receive a message from your child directly, please call the school office immediately on 01772 320250.

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**At Priory, we like to highlight our pupil's successes and achievements, whether in or out of school time. Many of our pupils get involved in activities, competitions, volunteering and fund raising which we like to share.**

## **Priory pupil William has raised £450 for Muscular Dystrophy by scaling the heights**

The Year 8 pupil tackled the Yorkshire Three Peaks – Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough, 24 miles and 5200 foot of ascent. He also ran a one mile Wigan fun run, coming home in six minutes and 35 seconds to boost his funds.

"I did it for the Joining Jack charity, which is a charity close to our family as my mam worked as a teaching assistant in the additional needs department of a college and she worked with two young men with Muscular Dystroph", said William.

"We have always supported the charity and I wanted to do my bit.

"I did the Three Peaks when I was nine and finished in 11 hrs 59 minutes but I went ahead this time with two other walkers and completed the 24 miles in nine hours and eight minutes.

"It wasn't that bad. I wanted to run the Wigan 10k to raise more money but you have to be over 15 so I did the one mile, starting near the back and I think I got through to second place. I was delighted to raise so much."

Fantastic achievement and well done, William!



## **Extra Curricular Clubs - PE Timetable**

The timetable below is applicable for the half term - September to October and will start next week. Please note that, in addition, teams will have fixtures through the half term. This may result in some PE clubs being moved or cancelled.

Details of all departments' extra curricular clubs will be released next week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break – Sports Hall 10.50-11.15</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Basketball / Table Tennis</b>	<b>Basketball / Table Tennis</b>	<b>Basketball</b>
<b>Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.55</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Basketball / Table Tennis</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Basketball / Table Tennis</b>	<b>Cricket – Girls Only</b>
<b>After-School 15.20 – 16.30</b>	<b>Badminton</b> <b>Year 7/8 Netball</b> <b>Year 7 Football</b>	<b>Year 8 Football</b> <b>Year 9/ 10 /11 Netball</b> <b>Dance – Assembly Hall</b>	<b>Girls Football (tbc)</b> <b>Staff Meetings</b>	<b>Primary Football</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>Year 9 Football Practice</b>	

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## News From The English Department

# Word **of** THE Week

Each week form tutors will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM form time.

Pupils will be encouraged to use the 'Word of the Week' in their work and to check through their written pieces to ensure they apply the 'tip of the week'.

If pupils fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, they should write a sentence which includes the Word of the Week on a slip of paper and hand it to Mrs Robinson-Ali in Room En2.

### Literacy tip of the week...

## A lot

Shelley reads *a lot* of books on her way to school.

The word 'alot' does not exist (unless you mean the Indian town of Alot)

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**A lot**

### Word of the Week:

## facetious

adjective

treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant.

Eg. *My friend made a facetious remark.*

word  
week

## Celebrate Reading at our Book Fair!

We're really excited to announce that the Book Fair will be arriving in school on Tuesday, 18 Sept for one week, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. This ties in seamlessly with Priory's push on reading this year with all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 now benefiting from designated private reading time EVERY day. Reading is proven to benefit our children both academically and socially. It really is a win, win!

There will be over 200 titles for your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. Parents are also encouraged to visit the website where you can buy the discounted Gift Vouchers available at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/) parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library! And Mrs Gidden, Head of English, has promised that the form with the most purchases will receive a prize!



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English Department has organised a residential trip to London for all year groups.

Pupils will learn about the background of Shakespeare's life and works and, whilst in the city, they will also the opportunity to enjoy tourist attractions of London.

**The trip is for 2 nights and 3 days from Thursday, 9 May to Saturday, 11 May 2019.**

The trip includes return coach travel, 'Bed & Breakfast' accommodation, group insurance, a West End show, a flight on the London Eye, time at the Globe Theatre (including show, exhibition and tour), visit to the Natural History Museum, entry to the London Dungeons and packed lunches for two days.

There are only 50 places available and these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Parents can download a letter from our website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters) or email:

[a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

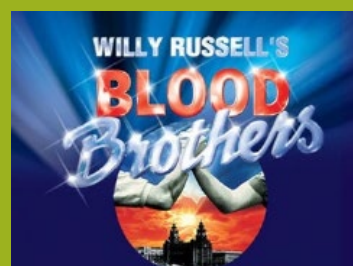
Pupils can see Mrs Gidden for further information or a letter.



## FILM CLUB

Film Club will begin again in the library after the Book Fair has finished. It will take place on alternate weeks at lunchtime. This will mean that the library will be closed during Film Club.

Notices will be issued during Prep to confirm dates and films.



On Monday evening a group of KS4 pupils will visit Preston's Charter Theatre to see Blood Brothers, a set text for KS4 students studying AQA Literature.

Blood Brothers is affectionately called the 'Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it brings the audience cheering to its feet. Enjoy!

## Revision guides

### English Literature Key Stage 4 - Revision Guides and Work Books

To support learning in English Literature, which involves the close study of several texts, we have secured a limited stock of revision guides through CGP.

The guides, endorsed by the examining board AQA, normally retail for £6 each however we have managed to secure these for just £4 each. The guides explain the whole text in a clear and easy to understand way, as well as offering close analysis of certain sections of the text.

If you would like to purchase any of the guides please return the reply slip by Friday, 28 September.

Letters containing full details have been sent home with pupils and are also available on the school website at: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

**English Language revision guides will be available soon.**

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**Open Days**  
Thurs, 4<sup>th</sup> &  
Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> October  
9am - 3pm





**OPEN  
EVENING**

**Thurs, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept from 4:30pm**  
Headteacher's speech at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.



# We're Hiring!

## Welfare Assistants

Due to increased pupil numbers and Priory's new ICT building ready for completion in the Autumn term, the school is looking to take on further Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties. See advert opposite >>

**To apply, please send a letter of application to Mrs S Spencer, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.**

**Email: [s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk)**

Full details can also be found on the school website at  
**[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies)**



**We're  
Hiring**

### Welfare Assistants

We are seeking four Welfare Assistants (three permanent positions and one maternity cover) to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 Gross salary £16,394 per annum Pro-rata £2,483

Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Academy Manager, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

**To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.**

[s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | 01772 320252 | Croft Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE  
or visit our website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies)

\*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.




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# Community and Volunteering



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Age Concern is all about volunteers. From the people who shift socks in our shops to those blazing a trail as trustees they're absolutely everywhere within the charity.

We live and breathe volunteering and love it that way!

If you'd like to volunteer for Age Concern, no matter in what capacity or no matter the hours then get in touch and we'll have a chat. Join the Age Concern volunteer army and make a difference! Remember; volunteering feels good.

Our current volunteer age range is 14 – 94, we have an opportunity for everyone, including under 18s within our retail outlets.

The application process is really simple contact Claire, Volunteer Manager, on 01772 552865 or email [clairehewitson@55plus.org.uk](mailto:clairehewitson@55plus.org.uk)

*We have the cause and you have the effect...*



**MOBILE HOME TOUR**

**BROADFIELD**  
14-16 SEPTEMBER

**KINGSFOLD**  
21 - 23 SEPTEMBER

**AVENHAM**  
28 - 30 SEPTEMBER

**LARCHES & SAVICK**  
5-7 OCTOBER

**GRANGE**  
12-14 OCTOBER

**GET HANDS ON AND HELP US BUILD OUR MOBILE HOME!**

**GET CREATIVE AND DO WORKSHOPS**  
Photography, creative writing, performance, growing, cooking

**BE HEARD IN OUR TALK TO ME**  
Have your say & 5 minutes of fame in our video booth

**SHOW US YOUR AREA, WALK WITH US**  
Take us on a tour – foraging walks

**PLAY THE ULTIMATE AGENT GAME**  
A 5 day game, a bit like Manhunt

To get involved, get in touch!  
Email: [sally@theyeatculture.org](mailto:sally@theyeatculture.org)

See more on Facebook @theyeatculturemobilehome

[www.theyeatculture.org](http://www.theyeatculture.org) // @theyeatculture

**THEY EAT CULTURE**

Activities take place all next weekend, 21-23 September at Kingsfold Library, The Pumpkin Patch and Penwortham Community Centre.

**POP UP** - The mobile home wooden pop up is a temporary shelter where ideas are tested out and different activities and events are hosted.

**TALK TO ME!** - Get your 5 minutes of fame in the Talk To Me booth in the Library all weekend! Chat to The Big Brother of Preston where you can have your say on issues that are important to you.

**TELL US** - Show us your area and what you do on our giant, bespoke maps, created for you to show your area and what you get up to.

**GIANT ART WORK** - Create art in word with giant letters

**WORKSHOPS**

Board games

Sat, 22 Sept 2pm - 4pm

Live sign writing workshop Sun, 23 Sept 12pm -2pm

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