

Penwortham Priory Post



South Ribble Sports Awards Winners!

Priory were crowned Secondary School of the Year at a glittering South Ribble Sports Award Ceremony last Friday night.

The awards, held at the Leyland Hotel and now in their fourteenth year, celebrated all the great clubs, coaches, sportspeople and volunteers from around the borough.

Priory's entry was strong, detailing all the sports events both in school time and extra-curricular activities as well as the work our sports team do with primary schools and the various refereeing courses we hold to encourage students to get involved with sport at all levels. We also host events, such as netball and football, on behalf of the South Ribble Partnership as well as strong links with Preston North End, Newman College and Penwortham Town, among others.

Head of PE and Sports Mr Bullock said: "We were honoured to win the award, Priory is very strong for sport and this reflects it. Our sports teams are always competitive and we have individuals who have excelled at their chosen sport such as Libby at synchronised swimming, Jazmin at football and Leon at BMX riding, among others."

Libby and Leon were both nominated for the Lewis Balyckyi Rising Star Award and, while they didn't win, everyone at Priory is proud of their achievements so far and knows they will have further successes.

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) -

No winning form
Not in school all week due to work experience

The Rest (Years 7-9) -

R7 (98%)

Well done to Miss Beesley's form.

Thank you all for the continuous support by reminding pupils of the importance of attendance and punctuality.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition & Camp

CANCELLED

Please note that, due to staff injuries, this weekend's planned DofE expedition and camp has had to be postponed.

This is expected to be rearranged for late Sept/ early Oct.

DofE Co-ordinator, Mr Watters, apologises for any inconvenience caused. Letter at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

KEY DATES

Rewards Trips

Tues, 9 July 2019

Mini Masters Event

Tarleton Academy
(Year 9, by invitation)
Weds, 10 July 2019

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 10 July 2019

Netball World Cup Trip

Liverpool
15 July 2019

Sports Day

16 July 2019

Last Day of Summer Term

Fri, 19 July at 1.30pm

Science Careers Fair

(in school)
Fri, 20 September

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 10 July 2019

We encourage parents of Year 10 pupils to attend this session to discuss your child's recent progress. It is imperative that your child also attends with you, in full school uniform.

Letters were sent home with pupils on Monday alongside an appointment sheet for pupils to book discussion time with their teachers and we would appreciate it if parents could monitor this. The letter can also be downloaded from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child maximises their potential.



Rewards Trips - Tues, 9 July

Next Tuesday, all pupils who have worked hard, had good attendance and have demonstrated the Priory standard over the past academic year will go out on their Rewards trips:

Blackpool Pleasure Beach | Trafford Centre & Cinema | Blackpool Zoo | Alton Towers (Year 10s)

Some trips will be returning after the end of the normal school day and therefore parents must ensure their child's safe passage home from Priory at the times provided.

Pupils attended assemblies on Wednesday to go through specific arrangements.

As with previous non-uniform activities, we expect pupils to dress sensibly and appropriately (no crop tops, short shorts/skirts etc). Pupils wearing extremes of clothing will not be allowed to go.

Please ensure that your child is equipped for the weather, has sun cream, plenty of fluids and a packed lunch or money to buy lunch. Pupils on free school meals should order with the dining hall the day before and collect on the morning before leaving.

Pupils not going on a rewards trip must attend school as normal.

There is a range of activities planned for pupils in school including talks with the police on 'Sexting', bullying and keeping children safe online, knife crime, and crossing the lines. Pupils will also enjoy STEM activities with the Science Department and various sports with the PE Department. In the afternoon, pupils will gather in the Assembly Hall to watch a film - Spiderman: The Homecoming.

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Year 10 pupils enjoyed visits by Initiate Theatre Company on Monday and Wednesday this week.

Following their English Language exam Monday morning, half of the year group sat down to watch a performance of 'The Strange Case Of Doctor Jekyll & Mr Hyde'. Q&A workshops followed enabling pupils to gain an full understanding of the text.

Organised by Mrs Gidden, the second half of the year group took up their opportunity on Wednesday when the theatre company returned to perform 'A Christmas Carol'.

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, commented: "The pupils found the visits both fun and helpful. Initiate are a fledgling company however their work was high quality and engaging."



Well done Katie!

Following her success at the Preston's College vocational awards in May, Year 11 leaver Katie has received further news this week.

The hardworking former pupil has now been awarded the Gifted & Talented Scholarship by the college.

Katie's mum told us, "We are so proud of her and thank you again for giving her the opportunity to attend college throughout her last two years of Priory."

At a ceremony in May, Katie was awarded 'Overall Winner for Childcare Development' at the 14-16 vocational courses presentation.

The Weekly Challenge (Week 34)

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 local history.

Parents - How would you get on?

1. What is a priory?
2. When was your school first opened?
3. Preston was a Guild town. What's a guild?
4. What is Preston's connection with KFC?
5. When did Preston become a city?
6. How long is the Guild Wheel?
7. What is the Guild Wheel?
8. Who was Sir Tom Finney?
9. Which famous Prestonian invented Wallace and Gromit?
10. The Deltic locomotive electric train was the most powerful train in the world when made in 1961 but where was it made?



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Italy Trip to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples



What a fantastic trip!

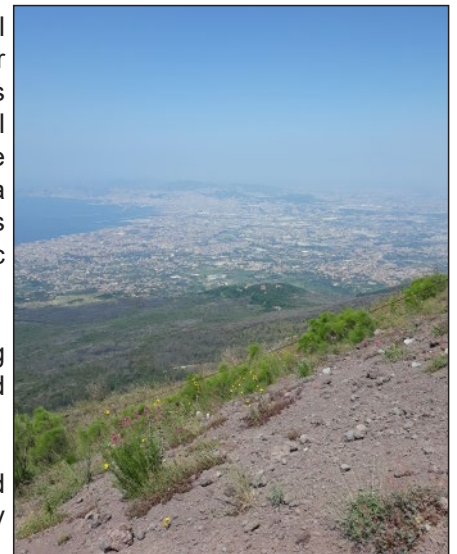
Report by Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography.

We left from John Lennon Airport, Liverpool, having met at school on the morning of Tues, 25 June at 3 am! With a great flight captained by one of our pupil's godfathers we landed safely at Napoli International. The heat was already rising, a feature which never left us for a minute of the trip.

We settled into our hotel, went by local train into Sorrento and had an acclimatisation meeting after the best pizza we'd ever had. We tried our Italian in the supermarket, one of two we visited.

We were under strict orders to keep our water levels topped up as temperatures hit record levels; two days were above 40 degrees! Thankfully there was a decent breeze coming in off the Bay of Naples.

Teachers, led by Mr Watters, took us up the active volcano Vesuvius. He kept us well informed about previous eruptions. In particular we heard about a former teacher whose father had served in Naples and witnessed the latest 1944 eruption from his Army bed. The climb up the flanks was tiring however incredibly rewarding. We all got to the crater and had spectacular views over Naples and the sites of what are now the exposed ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. The latter we visited after a stop at an amazing terraced topped restaurant. I don't think we had ever seen Mrs Clementson so rapidly devour her thirst quenched by a drink of the local volcanic spring water!



Well done to us all for keeping cool in such temperatures. Keeping out of the raging sun was essential. I can't tell you how many litres of water and diet drinks we had but being hydrated was essential.

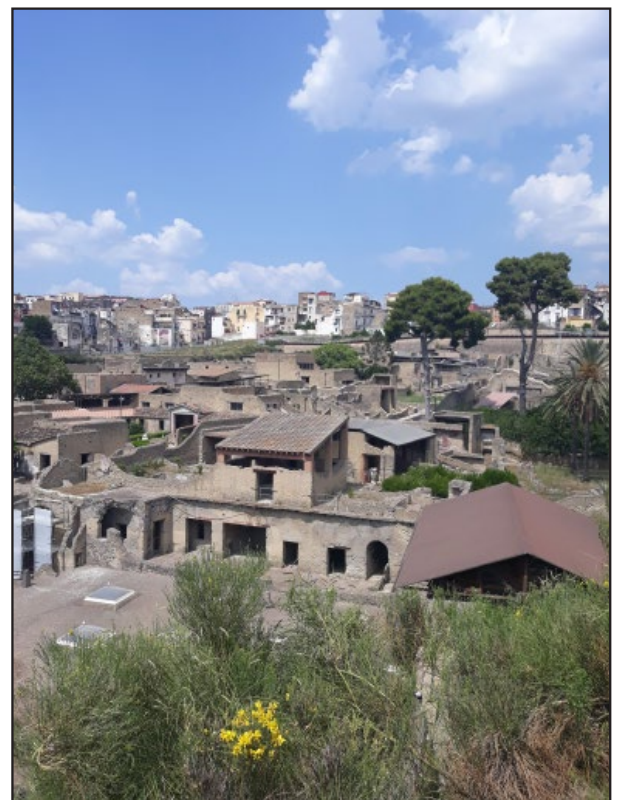
Herculaneum was incredible especially as it was hidden amongst some rather tired looking residential areas of the seaside town. Our special driver Matteo knew every back street and kept us safe from what can only be described as fascinating driving.

In the evening after another restaurant meal we met at Piano del Sorrento where our hotel terraces overlooked the St Peter's beach we had visited each late afternoon.

The volcanic sand was hot and a little abrasive however the sea was so clean and welcoming. The additional purchases made by Mrs Holland and Miss White of lilos and inflatable doughnuts made our afternoon swims even more relaxing.

Whilst we were on the terraces pupils planned their group's responses to the challenges they had been set by the staff. The last night's extravaganza will forever remain in our fondest and most comic memories!! Enough said.

The Thursday of the trip after another not too inspiring continental breakfast (at last supplemented by coco pops), we made our way very early to Pompeii. The vastness of the site took us by surprise, the range of open streets, the homes lost to the eruption was made more real by the casts of both adults and children curled up in natal position, all cowering from the pyroclastic flow which had brought such devastation in AD 79.



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Italy - What a fantastic trip! *Continued...*

The colossal size and detail of the Amphitheatre in Pompeii was outstanding. We stood in the footsteps of the many gladiators who had given all in each of their bloody encounters. You could hear a pin drop except when Mr Watters was trying to quietly teach us about the construction's significance. Pink Floyd's Dave Gilmour had played there and only Mr Watters seemed to know much about them! I think the other staff were too young?

The temptation to go into the new town of Pompeii was defeated by a quick vote as we had an impromptu picnic in the shade of a vast superstore where we purchased absolutely anything Italian, cool and tasty. Some of our concoctions defy description yet we enjoyed them. Another great trip to the beach meant we were able to use the cave lift which conveniently allowed us to cool when the temperatures soared all over Europe many hitting local and national records. We were constantly reminded about sun block.

Our last full day was spent in Salerno and the superb water park. T-shirts were an essential however we were less enamoured with the water park's insistence that we all had to wear hats in the water, not the most flattering aspect of our now non-colour co-ordinated costumes!! We then had our peace disturbed by the blues and twos of the ambulance which rapidly transported Miss White to the local hospital. After another helter-skelter taxi ride Miss White reappeared suitably and literally suited and BOOTED. Miss will forever be known as Madame Das Boot, a tiny slip had caused Miss to tear her ligaments. The evening was spent preparing for our extravaganza after a different terrace and singing happy birthday to two of our group.

The final day was as busy as usual. We found our way via the train into Sorrento itself and scoured the shops and markets for presents and great bargains; most of us sampled the lemon cake famed by the local bakers. A huge quantity of ice cream was devoured by us all, flavours and combinations to die for. Another group meal and we were on our way back to Napoli airport.

Each journey out from Piano was a chance to see the towering cliffs of the much famed Amalfi coast which in places deserves the tag of 'world famous'. Napoli airport was surprisingly calm, we arrived back at Liverpool and thanks to our staff and drivers we were back within minutes of our schedule.

We had a great time and many of us will return to The Amalfi Coast in the future. Thanks to our staff, it was a trip that will never be forgotten.

The staff wish to add that this group of pupils were amazing and exceeded every one of our highest standards. Their friendship as a group marked this Italy trip as extra special.

"We had the times of our lives, we came back having made great friendships, knowing and experiencing so much."

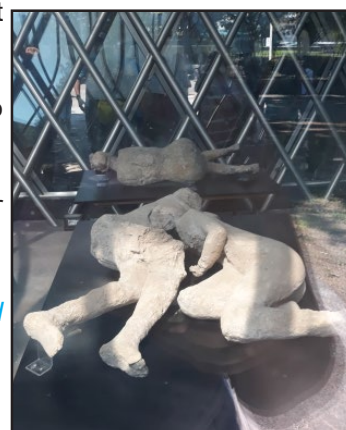
"I didn't think I could make it to the top of Vesuvius, I am so proud of myself and my friends."

"We were tired out at the end of every day and night, we packed so much into every day!"

"The views from our hotel were amazing, my favourite was the visit to Pompeii."

*"As a parent, I would like to thank you and your staff for the best trip, *pupil*, had a fantastic time and hasn't stopped talking to us about what *pupil* has done and seen"*

*"Just to say *pupil* really enjoyed the Italy trip! Thank you to you and the other teachers."*



Welcome New Pupils

On Wednesday night we welcomed our new intake of pupils and their parents, with the children returning yesterday in their primary school uniforms for their full sampling day.

During the evening parents were introduced to key staff in the Assembly Hall whilst pupils headed to the Auditorio to meet their Progress Leaders and future classmates. Year 7 pupils Sara and Maya spoke about their first year at Priory and how they felt on their first day which helped to settle the new starters.

Thursday saw over 170 new pupils return for their induction day looking apprehensive, perhaps nervous, however after ice-breaker 'getting to know you' activities, smiling faces soon began to appear.

First on their timetable was sampling lessons in core subjects English, Maths and Science.

Mrs Farley, Transition & Integration Manager said, "In the morning we had some very nervous children but by break time there were lots of smiles which was also due to the fantastic support from the Year 7 helpers who all made the pupils feel very welcome."

The afternoon saw the Year 7 helpers take them on a tour of the school before the new starters regrouped to the Assembly Hall for a 'wind-down' quiz and a final talk from Headteacher, Mr Eastham.

There were some exhausted but more relaxed young people by the end of the day!

Pupils were each given a 'first day' letter from Mrs Farley to take home. Parents have already been sent an induction handbook. Further copies are available to download from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition>

We look forward to meeting the children again when they begin their learning at Penwortham Priory Academy on Tuesday, 3 September. Further enquiries in the meantime can be emailed to l.farley@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Thank you to the Year 7 pupils who welcomed our new pupils so warmly yesterday:

Lily T, Connie G, Maya P, Paige G, Libby K, Macy W, Alfie C, Jack T, Connor M, Bessy F, Sara T, Kayla W, Ben M, Lewis C, Zayd V, Paige H, Connie J, Scarlett J, Aaron W, Louis W.



Sporting Pupils Support Heartbeat

Arranged by Sports Events Co-Ordinator For Charities, John Gibson, South Ribble and Preston schools took part in a number of sporting events to raise money for Heartbeat.



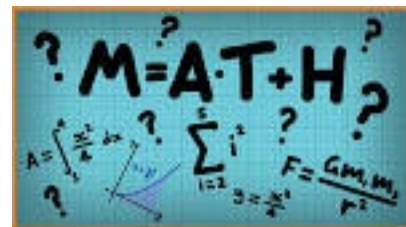
The charity's purpose is to contribute to a reduction in cardiovascular disease through the delivery of services aimed at existing heart patients and those identified as at risk of developing it.



During Priory's Healthy School Week, pupils made a donation to take part in interhouse sporting events including football and athletic challenges. The money raised from three lunchtime activities brought in an impressive £150.

Pupils B Aubrey-Williams and L Cawood accompanied Head of PE, Mr Bullock, to Heartbeat's headquarters at Preston North End where PNE's manager Alex Neil was present for the schools' prize draw.

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!

There are 5 bowls with some sweets in each. There are 60 sweets in bowl 1 and 2 combined. Bowls 4 and 5 have 19 sweets in total. In bowls 3 and 4 are 31 sweets and in bowls 2 and 3 are 49 sweets. If there are 100 sweets in total, how many are in each bowl?



Bowl A
_____ Sweets



Bowl B
_____ Sweets



Bowl C
_____ Sweets



Bowl D
_____ Sweets



Bowl E
_____ Sweets

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Priory's In Full Bloom For Local Competition

This morning we welcomed the judging committee from Penwortham Town Council for Penwortham in Bloom 2019.

Penwortham in Bloom is a community competition to bring brightness and civic pride to Penwortham. This year's theme asked entrants to incorporate the 50th anniversary of the moon landings into their floral designs.

Our gardens have won 'Best Community Space' for the past two years and have gone on to win 'South Ribble in Bloom' too.

Priory's gardener, Mr Farron, is regularly complimented by staff and pupils for his floral displays, imaginative planting, landscaping and growing projects. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful, serene views from our classroom windows.

On 18 July we will also receive judges for North West in Bloom.

Well done Mr Farron! We would also like to thank Food Technology teacher, Miss Lewis-Lavender, for her homemade refreshments, assisted by Year 10 pupil, Olivia.



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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, Pat ...

Pat admits he reads and reads ... and then reads some more!

Year 8 student Pat enjoys reading so much he is thinking about writing books himself in his future career.

"I am currently reading Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan. It's about a ranger who is trying to save someone stuck in a tower.

"It's based in the medieval era and I like mythology as well. My favourite subject is history so I like books like this. After reading a few words I am usually hooked and I imagine myself in that world watching everything.

"I enjoyed reading The Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins about a boy called Gregor who falls into the Underworld where rats rule.

"I read every day and I read three big books in Year 7 and am already reading my fourth in Year Eight. In the future I would like to be an author."



...and we also spoke to Year 7 pupil, Ally.

Ally is reading 'Head Kid' where the student becomes the Head Teacher – he might want to be Mr Eastham next!

Head Kid is by comedian David Baddiel.

"It's about a boy, Ryan Ward, who is the naughtiest student at the school and a new head comes in who is very strict. They end up swapping bodies and Ryan takes over the school, the new head becomes the student, and he tries to make it fun.

"I like fantasy books and this is really good so far."

Away from reading, Ally plays football for Penwortham St Theresa's, he has just joined.

At school, he enjoys PE and Maths.



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Leon's Racing To The Top!

Rider Leon is already a British and National BMX champion – and he is now ready to take on the world.

The Year 9 Priory pupil won the British Championship and National Series for the 13 Boys in 2018 and his performances last year meant he qualified to represent Great Britain for 14 Boys in the World BMX Racing Championships in Belgium in July.

“It will be tougher but it’s exciting to be competing on tracks abroad,” said Leon, who rides for Preston Pirates BMX Club and has already competed in America.

“I train three times a week and have been competing on the BMX since I was seven-years-old.

“In 2017, I finished second in the British and National 13 Boys Championship and last year, I came first in both. The British Championship is a one-day race in Derby and I will compete in the Boys 14s this year. The Nationals are 12 races over a season and you count your best seven.

“The Worlds in Belgium will be tough, I want to get to the final and will probably have around seven races on one day if I do get there.

“The final race is down to eight. It is a contact sport and once you start, anything goes. It’s about being physical as well and the Worlds will be brutal. You can cut people up, get pushed off and end up off the track, so you have to have good balance.

“I am just coming back from a broken elbow when I was practising on my bike in Manchester but it’s healed well.

“If I get to the final at Belgium, I will be proud as all my training will have paid off.

Leon was shortlisted last Friday at the South Ribble Sports Awards having been Highly Commended in 2018.



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Word 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.

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 20 entries last week. The winner with the correct definition and sentence using the word, 'Truant' was Isaac D (R8). Last week's synonym challenge was won by Lucy W (R8) who suggested 'retrieved' instead of 'got'.

Who will this week's winner be?

Word of the Week: rustic



- 1/ Relating to the countryside.
- 2/ Made in a simplistic fashion.

'The house had mismatched furniture and was full of rustic charm'

Literacy tip of the week...

Too/to

They're different words.

To- Part of a verb'

We walked to the pet shop.

Too- Indicates addition or excess- It's too expensive

Don't use 'too' randomly- only when you're indicating excess or adding.

My cat is too greedy.

'I'm going to feed my cat

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!**

ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. A priory is a type of monastery.
2. Penwortham Priory Academy first opened in 1953.
3. A guild is an organisation of craftspeople, merchants and businessmen.
4. It had the first KFC ever built outside of North America.
5. It became a city in 2002.
6. It is 21 miles long.
7. The Guild Wheel is a 'greenway' that circles the city and is used for walks, cycling, etc.
8. He was an English footballer who played for Preston. Widely regarded as one of the best.
9. Nick Park invented Wallace and Gromit.
10. It was made on Strand Road in Preston.

MATHS CHALLENGE: Bowl A = 32, Bowl B = 28, Bowl C = 21, Bowl D = 10, Bowl E = 9

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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.

Enquiries can be emailed to Deputy Head, Mrs Cowell at l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk



W/C 8 July 2019

Monday

Sausage roll or fish fingers served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Tuesday (Rewards Trips)

Break - Dining room closed, please use vending machines
Lunch - *Only chicken wraps, sandwiches, cakes, popcorn, fruit, yoghurts and drinks available

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza
Spicy chicken burger
Both served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |
Chicken Tikka Pasty
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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