Penwortham Priory Post



We're Britain in Bloom North West Winners!

Penwortham Priory Academy has now won local and regional prizes for our colourful and educational gardens – and next gardener, Mr Farron wants to help the school win national recognition.

Priory were proudly announced as the best in the North West at the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom North West award ceremony in Southport earlier this month.

The school won the prestigious Trevor Leese Award for the Outstanding School in the North West, with Trevor Leese the founder of Britain in Bloom. We were also one of six schools who were awarded the coveted Environmental Award for Schools.

The awards were presented to gardener Mr Farron, Headteacher Mr Eastham, along with former Food Technology teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender who helped with the hospitality while judging took place at school.

Priory has won Penwortham in Bloom awards numerous times since Mr Farron started volunteering at the school around five years before his hobby became a part-time job.

In 2016, we became the first school in South Ribble to win the RHS's Britain in Bloom North West Environmental Award for Schools - and have now been recognised as one of the best in the region again.

Mr Farron has transformed abandoned parts of Priory into scenic, colourful and educational areas and he has a number of students who help him and want to learn more about plants and the environment.

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Image: Mr Farron, Miss Lewis-Lavender, Mr Eastham & Mayor of Sefton, Cllr June Burns

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 (97.47%)

Rest - D2 (98.32%)

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Scott's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.

'GCSE Poetry Live' 2 December

Trip Cancelled

Due to a clerical error on the venue's part, the poetry trip is now cancelled.

Pupils can collect a refund from the finance office, which must be signed for, or parents can email j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk to arrange collection themselves.

Those who were due to go on the trip will attend lessons as normal on that day.

KEY DATES

Year 11 Mock Exams w/c 18 & 25 November

Universities Conference, Leeds

18 November 2019 (Sparks, by invitation)

Liverpool Field Trips
19, 20 & 22 November
(Year 10 GCSE Geography
pupils)

Year 11 GCSE pupils Mock exam revision session

Sun, 24 November 2019 9.30am-12.30pm

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

Weds, 27 November 2019 (Drama pupils by invitation)

Schools Will Rock You 10 & 11 December 7pm-10pm

Man United Europa League Match PE Rewards Trip

Thurs, 12 December 2019 (by invitation)

Christmas Lunch Weds. 18 December 2019

Horrible Histories Theatre Trip, Blackpool

Weds, 18 December 2019 5.30pm-10pm Year 7 pupils

Theatre Visit - An Inspector Calls - The Lowry, Salford

Weds, 15 January 2020 (Miss Thornton's GCSE class)

Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams

The first set of mock exams for Year 11 pupils will begin on Monday (18 November) for two weeks.

Copies of pupils' individual timetables, also containing their seating arrangements, have been given out during assembly today.

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 Sports Hall and the surrounding area 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.

Class of 2019 GCSE Certificates Collection

Class of 2019 can now collect their GCSE certificates from the school office.

Certificates will be available to collect during school hours by either the former pupil or their parents and must be signed for*. Those that attended the Celebration Evening on 6 November will still need to collect their AQA exam board certificates as these hadn't arrived in time for the event.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected. The certificates are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout the future and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, students will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay costs to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.

*If any other person is collecting the certificates on your behalf they must have a note, signed by the pupil, authorising your permission for school to release them.

Photo: Aarti Patel, Phoebe Marsh, Asha Green, special guest and former pupil, Jon Alty, Headteacher Mr Eastham, Iqra Hussain and Emily Ruscoe.



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There is a herbaceous garden, a Mediterranean garden, a memorial garden and he has big plans for other areas of the school.

"It was a huge honour to win these awards," said Mr Farron, a former engineer and building manager until his retirement.

"For the Outstanding School award, the judges praised the overall design of the gardens,

the variety of plants we have chosen, the longevity of the plants and the way the students respected the environment and the area.

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"They were extremely complimentary and, a person high up in the Royal Horticultural Society said if we had entered the gardens at the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park, we would have won gold.

"It's also the second time we have been presented with an Environmental Award which again is a huge honour for the school. The judges looked at things we have done for the environment such as building swallows nests around the school and making sure they are in the right place for the swallows.

"For Priory to win two prestigious awards is fantastic. It was a tough competition, against competitors who, shall we say, have better finances than ours so it is real kudos for the school.

"We have been locally recognised, we have been regionally recognised and now my aim is to get Priory nationally recognised, which is what Headteacher Mr Eastham wants to do in all areas.

"It's incredibly inspirational for me to win these awards. I have been speaking to people who have suggested we enter the Tatton Park show next year and I already have ideas in place to do this."

Mr Farron will be on the judging panel for Penwortham in Bloom next year so Priory can no longer enter the local competition.







On Tuesday, the National Deaf Children's Society's big purple roadshow bus visited us to teach groups of Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils about deafness

and how they can support communication with people with hearing loss.

There are over 10 million people in

the UK alone that suffer from hearing loss or are deaf. This one in six figure compelled the parents of Year 8 pupil Scarlett, who wears a cochlear implant, to approach SENCo Mrs Holland to invite the Society into school.

Led by Mark from NDCS, who is deaf himself, with spoken translation, the interactive workshops aimed to improve pupils' deaf awareness and reduce communication barriers. The 30 minute sessions delivered on the bus itself involved myth busters and lip-reading games and expressed the importance of being patient, making eye contact and speaking clearly.

A game of Chinese whispers provided an understanding of the communication difficulties deaf people can face. Adding hand gestures, facial expressions or writing things down can enable hearing people to communicate easier and more effectively with the deaf community.

Mark went on to explain the two different types of technologies which help deaf people to hear; the cochlear implant and the hearing aid. Through a demonstration, pupils acted out how these work.

Priory's SENCo, Mrs Holland said, "A visit from the roadshow bus will start conversations about deafness and inclusion that pupils can continue after the visit. The workshops demonstrated that, by taking small actions, we can all improve communication with deaf people".

The National Deaf Children's Society is the leading charity creating a world without barriers for those with hearing loss and dedicates itself to providing support, information and advice for deaf children and young people, their families and professionals working with them.

Ending the session, pupils were given postcards so they could learn the finger spelling alphabet and they learnt to say 'Thank You' in sign language.







COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF CHILDREN

Every deaf child has different levels of deafness and ways of communicating.

- Find out how they like to communicate.
- Try waving or tapping their shoulder lightly to get their attention.
- Speak one at a time and make the topic clear.
- Make sure your face is visible and in the light.
 Speak clearly and don't shout.
- Try to reduce background noise.
- Try writing your message down or texting on your phone if you're struggling.
- Use gestures and facial expressions and don't give up!





Remembrance

Last Sunday morning Priory's head prefects, Colin and Sasha, took part in the Remembrance Day service at St Leonard's Church, Penwortham.

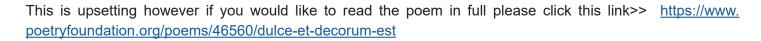
Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cowell accompanied the pupils to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in order to protect our freedom.

Following the service, they walked to the war memorial on Liverpool Road for a two minute silence and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. This year we were also asked to read out names of the fallen.

Every Friday, the Head of English, Mrs Gidden, circulates a personally chosen poem for staff to enjoy. This week she chose Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce Et Decorum Est'.

Many of the poems shared around this time of year mirror the patriotic jubilance of the consignment but few told the real story of the real horror of the war. Wilfred Owen did. Writing from the trenches, Owen

exposed the truth of warfare and helped us understand their commitment and for many, their sacrifice.



For our today, they gave their tomorrow.





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.

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

On the curriculum w/c 18 November:

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are harmful actions
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social media (part 1)
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' What is respect?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Performance
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' The 'echo chamber'

Learn to succeed

The Weekly Challenge (Week 9)

These challenges are added to Doddle 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 quizzes will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.



Here is today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

- 1. Define apiary.
- 2. When did the London Underground open?
- 3. What is a tonne in kilograms?
- 4. Why do we wear poppies on Remembrance Sunday?
- 5. Why are black cats considered bad luck?

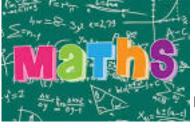
- 6. What is an observatory?
- 7. What does the word lunar refer to?
- 8. What is a lazy Susan?
- 9. Define condiments.
- 10. What are vertices in Maths?

Answers on page 13



MATHS:

Parallel Gifted & Talented Club



The club, run by Mr Hunter, is open to gifted pupils or those with a keen interest in mathematics.

Every Wednesday lunchtime in MA6 the group works through parallel maths,

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

The numbers represented by question marks are consecutive, ie) they can be written one after another, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
They are not necessarily in order on the picture however.

If the numbers add up to 80, what do the numbers in the circle add up to?

a website with different challenges each week, such as, 'What was happening one quadrillion seconds ago?'

The club also covers a question every week from the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust, as practice for when pupils from the club take part in the challenge in April.

Super keen pupils may like to create their own logins if they wish to as well so they can tackle the puzzles in their own time.

https://parallel.org.uk/

Year 7 Theatre Trip - Horrible Christmas - Weds, 18 December

We are pleased to be able to offer Year 7 pupils the opportunity to see Horrible Christmas, a show based on the Horrible Histories awarding winning series. The trip has a cost of £11 and is offered on a first come, first served basis.

The historical production takes the audience through the horrible and the grotty episodes of British history with a Christmas theme. Pupils will leave school at 5.30pm and return approx. 10pm, travelling by school minibus.

Letters were given out to pupils at break today and they can be downloaded from the school website at >> https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. Further details can be obtained from Humanities teacher, Miss Makinson m.makinson@priory.sch.lancs.uk









Watch out for Pastoral Manager, Mrs this Sunday as she Clementson, appears on Songs of Praise as part of the One Voice choir.

This Sunday and the following week, 24 November, One Voice is shown in the final rounds of the show's Choir of the Year competition.

Based at Priory, the choir is shown rehearsing at our school with our glorious gardens in the background.

Mrs Clementson said, "The BBC came to film us at Priory, to show the build up to our story, and it was superb to be able to show off our award-winning gardens and our school to them."

Mrs Clementson won't reveal whether they won the competition however we will be following their journey in further editions of the Priory Post.

Songs of Praise is on BBC 1 from 1.15pm this Sunday, 17 November.



Choir to battle it out in TV final

By Catherine Musgrove

Preston's One Voice Commu-nity Choir will battle it out on television this weekend for the title of Gospel Choir of

the Year.

The choir, which formed 18 years ago and has a 70-stong membership, is one of four outfits performing over two episodes of Songs of Praise on BBC 1.

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The performances were pre-recorded, and although the choir won't reveal whether they won or not, they can reveal that on the first show they sing How Excellent, and on the second show they sing Down By The Riverside.

Louise Gooch, spokesperson for the choir, said:

"We submitted a video for the competition in the summer and then were invited to film downin Reading after we were shortlisted.

"We were in the finals in 2013 and have followed the competition since it was launched.

It's a brilliant thing to be in-

It's a brilliant thing to be in-volved in. All the choirs mix together back-stage and sing together. It's a really nice atmos-phere. Number of members

"In fact we all sang a song together on stage as part of the show, and I'm keen to see that back."

To get competition-ready, the choir undertook work-shops with well-known con-

ductor Ken Burton.

The televised performances had a special significance as es had a special significance as they were conducted musical director Tyndale Thomas, who das been unable to undertake the duty recently because of ill health.

Louise said:
What makes us special is the people who people who make up the make up the choir, we're like a family. That really

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In our perform-ances.
"Tyndale also likes to get the audience involved, getting them standing up and singing."

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Watch the choir on BBC1 from 1.15pm on Sunday, November 17 and 24.

The choir

The choir was set up 18 years ago, initially as a six-month project, but now has around 70 members and a waiting list. Members are from a range of different backgrounds and ages, with some travelling from Yorkshire to take part. Rehearsals take place at Priory Technology College in Perwortham, and the choir describe their music as a blend of gospel and inspirational classics, with contemporary and original

inspirational classics, with contemporary and original compositions."
Achievements include being finalists in the BBC Gospel Choir of the year, recording the BBC Children In Need song for Lancashire and performing for the Queen.



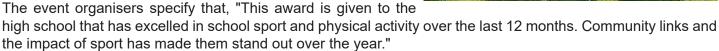
Following our win at the summer's South Ribble Sports Awards, next Friday we will attend the Lancashire Sports Awards.



Developed in partnership with each of Lancashire's local authorities, the event celebrates sporting achievement and showcases best practice throughout the county. In June, Penwortham Priory Academy were awarded Secondary School of the Year, with two of our pupils, Leon and Libby, making it to the finals.

The awards pay tribute to those that show dedication to perform at the highest level or those who work tirelessly to support individuals or clubs week in, week out, for the love of sport. The winner of each category in every local authority is automatically put forward to the county awards, with the winners being announced at the Lancashire Sports Awards.

During the evening at The Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton Le Moors, Priory will battle it out against four other schools for the county's Secondary School of the Year accolade.





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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!

Work out the answer to the following sum. You will probably need to use the internet to look up some information, as well as use a calculator!

$$(B + S) \times (P \times F) \times (C - K)$$

C = Official Constellations

P = Cards in a pack, ignoring jokers

F = the 4th Fibonacci number

B = The number that in binary code is 111

S = The number of Platonic Solids

K = Keys on a grand piano

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Connor Kickboxes His Way To Victory

Priory's kickboxing star, Connor, won a bronze medal at the World Martial Arts Organisation's 5th World Championships in Blackpool last week.

Year 7 Connor, has been kickboxing for nearly seven years at the NSKA (National Sport Karate Association) in Leyland.

He admitted he originally took it up to help with anger issues and has been dedicated to it ever since, training five times a week.

He has won the British Championship at both -35kg category and his latest title was in -40kg, which won him a place representing England at Blackpool.

"I came third in the points category, which is more stop-start. I wanted to win but missed out by a point for second place to another English competitor.

In his 'points' category Connor took a knee to his ribs and was injured quite badly but he still carried on.

The next day he fought in the 'continuous' and did really well, wining a fight, but his ribs were bothering him and it affected his breathing.

He had a guaranteed third place but his coaches took the decision to pull him out of the section to protect his ribs from any further injury, getting fourth by default.

"I competed in continuous kickboxing category which is like boxing but you can use your legs, I came fourth in that.

"I am the smallest fighter at my category so I was happy to win a medal.

"I got some England clothing and when I stood on the podium and they played the national anthem - the winner was a fighter from England - it was really cool.

"I just love kickboxing, it channels my emotions, it helps my flexibility and it helps my fitness."





Answer to Maths Challenge:

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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, Issac.

Issac likes reading and games - although he admits he may play on his X-Box too much!

Issac is reading 'The Last Wild' which is a trilogy by Piers Torday.

"It's about a boy who can't speak and he is in a world where there are no animals, only vermin. I am only on Page 34 so I have quite a way to go," said Issac.

"My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, it's just filled with so much description, it's the longest book."

In school, Issac's favourite subject is Creative Arts and he can also be found every Friday

at Priory's Dungeons and Dragons Club.

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"I like games, I like my X-Box but I do probably play on it too much!"





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 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.

Pupils could also win the chance to go on a FREE TRIP!

Here's how to participate >> https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2019-10-28-the-english-department-challenges-you-to-book-a-roo

All pupils have been given their own Book-a-roo grid and can collect stamps for donations up to Friday, 6 December.

From Primary to Priory: The Maths Department

Pupils from nine of our feeder primary schools took part in our Mathematics Gifted & Talented day last Thursday.

Led by Maths teacher Mr Raynor, the pupils were set to the challenge on arrival. With no time to waste pupils were asked to fill in a class seating plan based on a set of clues and using compass points. This led onto

a numeracy 'Countdown' style challenge requiring pupils to create calculations that would give certain answers.

A fictitious account of life on the Titanic, with plenty of facts and figures weaved in, got pupils thinking about problem solving as they advanced through the activity.

After resting their brain power with a wellearned break, the group moved to the assembly hall for a collective memory competition where pupils were numbered 1 to 4 and in turn tried to memorise and recreate the fact sheet with the help of their teammates. Points were awarded for accuracy and precision.

Later, back in the classroom, pupils were given the chance to use Plickers cards to answer multiple choice questions and have their answers instantly scanned into the computer.

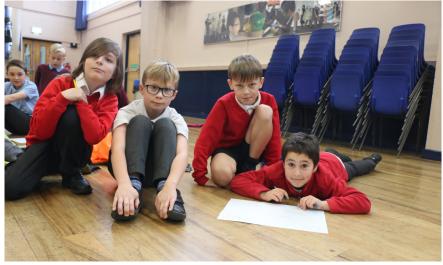
After lunch pupils investigated three dice games to see if they could work out if they were mathematically fair or not, considering the probabilities of certain numbers being rolled.

Mr Raynor said: "The pupils were enthusiastic and gave everything a try even when working on activities they hadn't tried before. Even in the breaks the pupils wanted to try out our Puzzle Club activities and games".

Thank you to our Year 8 pupil helpers:

Tom S, Lucas T Archie M, Eliza W, Ruby H, Elinila A.











This is their final open event of the calendar year, after which there won't be another until March. The majority of students apply before Christmas or early in the new year

so this could be a final opportunity for those students who haven't yet applied to go to have a look around the college.



Women in Games Careers Sat, 23 Nov | 9.30am - 2.30pm

University of Central Lancashire The free event celebrates the achievements of trail blazing women within the industry and identifies different routes into its careers. You will also learn about the workings of the industry through presentations, panel discussions and talks.

Register via Eventbrite https://uclanwomeningames.eventbrite.co.uk

This is a **free** event aimed at female and male students aged 13+. The theme is: 'A look behind the door of games design careers'. This is one of the fastest growing creative media industries, with the facility to offer inspiring, creative, diverse and rewarding careers.

If you need any further information on the event prior to the day, please contact: abbush@uclan.ac.uk



WOMEN IN GAMES CAREERS

Celebrating the achievements of trail blazing women and showcasing career pathways for young people wishing to be part of this dynamic and creative industry



Join us for an inspiring day at the University of Central Lancashire to hear about fantastic career opportunities available to young people within the games industry.

UCLan | Women in Games Careers

23 November 2019 Saturday, 9.30am - 2pm

We are celebrating the achievements of trail blazing women within the industry and generating a visible career pathway for young game design enthusiasts. Confirmed industry speakers • Catherine Woolley Designer Media Molecule • Veronica Heath Talent Ambassador Rare • Saija Wintersun Senior Artist Rebellion • Sarah Akers VFX Artist Lucid Games • Katie Clague Gameplay Artist TT Games • Viki Freeman Talent Acquisition Partner & HR Team17.

DISCOVER how students can get involved in the industry LISTEN to our panellists discuss 'Reality v Expectation' WATCH Media Molecule's innovative 'Dreams' come to life MEET the designers and artists CREATE vour pathway!

This is a <u>FREE</u> event aimed at students aged 13+ and academic staff from secondary schools and colleges.

With just 80 student places available get your tickets here https://uclanwomeningames.eventbrite.co.uk

We have a number of spaces for secondary school/college academics and parents/guardians wishing to accompany students.

VENUE Creative Innovation Zone | UCLan Media Factory | Kirkham Street | Preston PR1 1JN







ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

- A place where bees are kept; a collection of beehives.
- 2. Originally called the Metropolitan Railway it opened in 1863 using gas-lit wooden carriages hauled by steam locomotives.
- 3. It is 1000kg (kilograms)
- 4. The poppy's origins as a symbol of remembrance lie in the First World War poem In Flanders Fields by Canadian officer John McCrae, first published in December 1915. Its opening lines refer to how the flowers grew from the graves of soldiers across Western Europe during the conflict. See the poem here:
 - http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems/john-mccrae-in-flanders-fields.htm
- 5. It dates back to the Middle Ages when people associated them with the devil.
- 6. A room or building housing an astronomical telescope or other scientific equipment for the study of natural phenomena such as stars and planets.
- 7. Of, determined by, or resembling the moon.
- 8. A revolving stand or tray on a table, used especially for holding condiments.
- 9. Condiments are substances such as salt, mustard, or pickle that is used to add flavour to food.
- 10. They are points where two or more line segments meet e.g. at the corner of a shape.

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



W/C 18 November 2019

Monday

Sausages served with hash browns and beans or peas

Pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Meat lasagne served with garlic bread*
Vegetarian lasagne served with garlic bread*

Wednesday

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

Chicken tikka pasty 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*

*Gluten-free option available

If you would like a gluten-free option pupils must
order in advance with the kitchen staff, the day prior
preferably. Thank you.