

Penwortham Priory Post



A Christmas Designed For Priory

“Absolutely stunning,” was how Head of Art, Mrs Hopes, described the winning entry of our Priory Christmas card competition.

The entry from Year 8, Agnes, blew the judges away with the brief for the design to be an original winter or Christmas-themed painting or drawing and incorporate a connection to Priory.

Agnes drew a Christmas tree, with Priory at the bottom and the four houses at the top and the card speaks for itself.

“Stunning,” said Mrs Hopes. “It’s the best I have seen in my years at Priory and at my other school before that. Agnes is extremely talented. She only joined us this academic year and her sketch work is phenomenal. It was a really high standard and, in other years, Fatima and Jessica, who came second and third, would have been in the running to win but Agnes’ entry was outstanding. It was far and away the best.”

Agnes, who came to England from Hong Kong this year, said she was shocked to win and to collect a £15 Amazon voucher.

“When I heard I had won I thought ‘Oh my gosh!’, it’s such an honour to see my design on a card. It’s very exciting. I want to do GCSE Art and see where it takes me as I enjoy drawing.”

Fatima finished runner-up with her bauble design and she won a £10 Amazon voucher. “I did it in about 40 minutes. I entered the competition last year and I enjoy art so it’s great to win a prize.”

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for this academic year, as well as the following two years, are available to view and download from our website?

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Tues, 14 December
Preston's College
Engineering Taster Day
Year 10 & 11 (invitation only) **CANCELLED**

Tues, 14 December
Year 11 Parents Evening
(online) from 4pm

Weds, 15 December
Come and see us at
Liverpool Road Christmas
Markets 6pm-9pm

Thurs, 16 December
'Game Over' auditions
DR1 3.20pm-3.45pm

Fri, 17 December
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Weds, 5 January
Start of Spring term
School open for Covid
testing only. Remote
learning via Teams

Mon, 10 Jan - Fri, 14 Jan
Rewards Trips (invitation only)

Weds, 12 January
'Matilda' rewards trip
Salvatores (evening / invitation only)

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Headteacher Mr Eastham, one of the judges, said: "I really liked Fatima's design, it was very professional."

Jessica, who came third and won a £5 Amazon voucher and achievement points, which all entrants were awarded, added: "I enjoyed designing a card and I am happy to win a prize."

Mr Eastham said: "Jessica's design had a lot of colour, good Priory representation and the Christmas message included."

All other runners up received a certificate, achievement points and a selection box for taking part. Well done to all our entrants: Agnes K Yr8, Fatima H Yr10, Jessica D Yr7, Aaron W Yr7, Jane W Yr8, Junaid Q Yr7, Freya Y Yr7, Evie C Yr7, Jack W Yr10, George F Yr7, Emily J Yr8.



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Parking At School: A Polite Notice

Following complaints from local residents, we would like to politely remind parents to park courteously, allow for clear passage of other vehicles and not to block driveways when dropping pupils off or collecting them at the end of the school day. Speed around Crow Hills Road and Crookings Lane has also been raised as an issue.

By parking in a legal and considerate manner, congestion will be reduced and safety increased thereby allowing for the least amount of disruption possible for parents and local residents. This may mean parking a little further away from the school.

We recognise that this may be one or two individuals and appreciate everyone's co-operation in respecting our community and keeping everyone safe.

*Thank you for
your support*



December 2021

Monday, 13 December

Year 7 Boys Football v Brownedge @ Priory

Tuesday, 14 December

~~U16s 5-a-side Girls Football @ All Hallows~~

Cancelled

January 2022

Monday, 10 January

Year 9 Netball Tournament @ Priory

Monday, 17 January

Year 9 Netball Tournament @ Priory

Monday, 24 January

Year 9 Netball Tournament @ Priory

Monday, 31 January

Year 8 Netball Tournament @ Priory

Please note that these dates are subject to change and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.



Year 7, 8 & 9

Creative Arts Rotations

There will be the usual rotation of classes in Art, Drama and Music from Monday, 13 December 2021.

Pupils in Years 7-9 will therefore have lessons and receive homework from their new subject from that date.

The staffing / subjects will be...

Mrs Hopes
E1 / W1 - Art

Miss Howell
E2 / W2 - Drama

Mr Taylor
E3 / W3 - Music

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Year 7 Pupils Mark Their Lines in Geography



The Year 7 pupils have been using cardboard, wood and paper to make contour models in the annual geography competition.

Lead Teacher for Geography, Mr Watters explained: "Every year at Priory we have a competition across the four houses and in individual classes. It's part of developing their map skills and they make contour models either in class or at home, or both, and try to get the scales and height as accurately as they can.

"It's about creativity and accuracy and they can revisit them in Year 9 and work on them and redevelop them. They will keep adding to them using Ordnance Survey maps and Arc GIS, using satellite images which can be drawn in 3D."

"We have hundreds of entries every year and the pupils enjoy it, planning their models, constructing them, and the best bit... winning prizes!

"It's always extremely difficult to select the winners as it's such a high standard. Pupils tend to use wood, cardboard, paper and fillers and paint them."

One of the winners, Year 7 Jessica, said:

"I made my model with wood and I am proud to win an award for it."



Jasper said: "I enjoyed the challenge of using different colours to show the height."

Caleb added: "It took me around three hours to make mine out of cardboard."

Mr Watters and Head of Humanities, Mr Metcalfe, selected six of the best from each of their Geography classes. The models will be showcased in the department.

Well done to Arrifa-Fatima B, Seth L, Shreya P, Finley K, Chloe R, Hiylie T, Caleb H, Jasper L, Ezra H, Evie C, Freya Y and Jessica D.

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography

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Christmas had come early in the Food Technology room when Mrs Cowell invited Year 9s to take part in her after school yuletide cookery club.

The Year 9 pupils were getting in a festive mood by making garlic croissant Christmas trees, stained glass gingerbread biscuits and melted snowman cupcakes. Head of Year 9, Mrs Bailey, even popped in to see how they were getting on and was impressed!



Despite all the flour, butter and icing sugar, the group was praised for leaving the room absolutely spotless but, we wonder, how much of their culinary delights actually made it home!

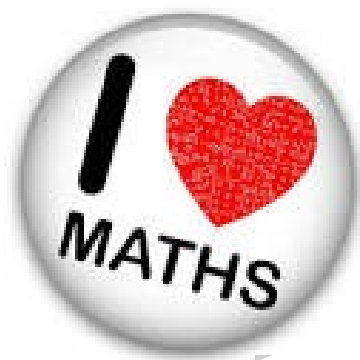
Hope you enjoyed taking part: Alex I, Jack J, Leon A, Theo C, Rhema M, Megan H, Lily McM, Grace D, Maycie T, Devon S, Elvi M, Ky-mani C, Lily F, Shannon T,

Mrs Cowell

Deputy Head & Food Technology Teacher



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Assistant Head of Maths Mr Henshaw, along with the Maths Department, ran a competition asking Year 7 pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about the subject. **Pupils were tasked with completing the following sentence, "I love Maths because..."**

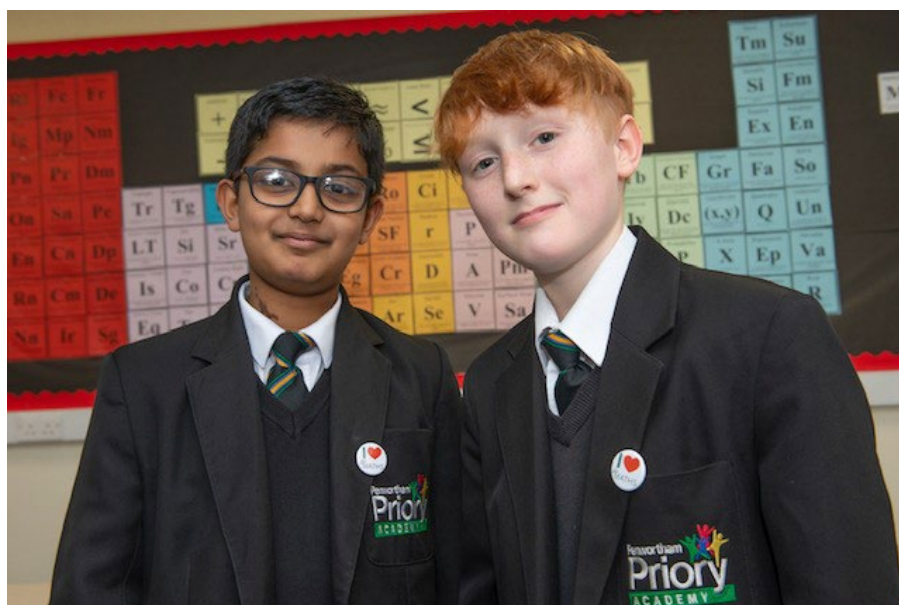
Here's why Junaid Q and Arron W love Maths:

Junaid ...

I love Maths because I love working with numbers and there is always a right answer. I can challenge myself and get better at it and when it is hard, I can break my problem down into smaller steps to find the solution.

Aaron...

I love Maths because of the equations you can solve and the different formulae you can discover. I see them as puzzles that need to be solved.



Voluntary, Community & Charity

Penwortham Christmas Markets

Next Wednesday we'll be taking the gazebo down to Liverpool Road for the Penwortham Christmas Markets. Once again we'll be selling handcrafted goodies created by Priory's Technology department.



PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL

Liverpool Road Christmas Markets

Weds, 15 December

From 6.00pm until 9.00pm

Priory's unique Christmas wares are always a sell out and our staff look forward to seeing some familiar faces, as well as meeting the community.

Come along and enjoy the festive atmosphere!



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Computing Christmas Codebreaking Competition



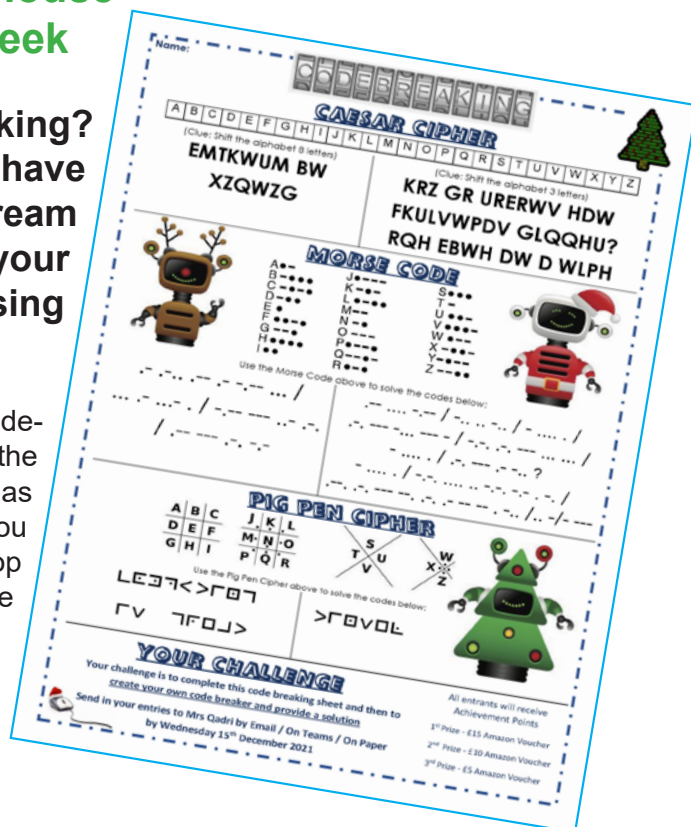
The Computing Department's inter-house competition has been launched this week

Do we have any Alan Turings in the making? Maybe you're a young super-sleuth, have ambitions to be the next James Bond and dream of being signed up by MI6. Well, here's your chance to prove your skills whilst exercising your grey matter.

Head of ICT & Computing, Mrs Qadri, has posted a code-breaking challenge sheet on the year group Teams as well as Computing class groups. If you want a printed copy, then pop down to the Hex to pick one up.



Figure out the Morse Code, test yourself with the Caesar and PigPen ciphers, and then create your own code breaker - don't forget to include your solution too!



Send your entries to Mrs Qadri by Weds, 15 December either by Teams, on paper or by emailing s.qadri@priory.lancs.sch.uk

There are Amazon vouchers for the three winners and all entrants will receive achievement points.

Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT & Computing

A	B	C	
D	E	F	
G	H	I	
J	K	L	
M	N	O	
P	Q	R	

What is a PigPen cipher?

The PigPen cipher is a geometric substitution cipher, which exchanges letters for symbols which are fragments of a grid.

The Freemasons have long used ciphers to encrypt their ceremonies and messages. The PigPen, which is also known as the Masonic Cipher, you could say has some passing resemblance to pig pens.

Covid Testing On Return To School In January

All pupils in England must take an LFD test (Lateral Flow Device) in school before returning to classrooms after the Christmas break*.

In order to facilitate this, we will undertake the testing on Wednesday, 5 January, with pupils who test negative returning to school on Thursday, 6 January.

On Wednesday, 5 January the school will not be open for lessons; it will simply be open for pupils to come into school, get tested and go straight home. There will be no live lessons this day as pupils will be coming in and out of school over the course of the day however work will be set on Teams for them to complete.

Any pupil who cannot attend on Wednesday, 5 January will have to complete the test on their first day back in school.



We can only allow those pupils whose parents have previously given consent to be tested. If you haven't previously given permission but would now like your child to be tested, please email Mr Gee at n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk with your child's name, year group and date of birth.

Letters have been emailed to parents last week detailing the day's procedures. A copy of the letter can also be downloaded from the school website at>> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

*Pupils who have had a positive COVID PCR result in the last 90 days do not need to test and those pupils whose parents have refused permission also do not need to test.



Weds, 5 January Remote Learning Plan

Below sets out the home learning expectations for the first day of the Spring term, following the Christmas break.



On Wednesday, 5 January, pupils will be working on Teams from home apart from a short period of time where they'll come to school to do their lateral flow test.

Pupils are expected to access their year group Team page on Microsoft Teams, open the 'General' tab and then open the folder called '@Work for Wednesday 5th January'.

Once there, complete the English and the Maths tasks first. When these are completed, choose at least two more tasks from the other subjects you would normally have on a Wednesday. You can, by all means, do more however, leave time to come to school and do your lateral flow test too.

Before we break up for the Christmas holidays, you must make sure that your Teams account is working on a device you can use at home. Staff will not be available to reset these on the 5th January for you.

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

it's back!

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

They stopped when Covid hit but now they're back. These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing, Haniya..

Haniya admits she has picked a challenging book to read but it's one she feels passionately about.

The Year 7 is reading 'The 100 Years' War on Palestine' by Rashid Khalidi.

"It is challenging but I am interested in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the injustice of it all. My sister suggested I should read it.

"It is something I feel passionately about – it's about religion, land and humanity. It's been going on so many years and I went to a protest in town about it but these raise the awareness of it only for a short space of time and then it's forgotten while it's going on all the time.

"We have to make a speech in English and this is the topic I have chosen, it's just something I feel strongly about."

Haniya admits, while she likes non-fiction, she does read 'lighter' novels.

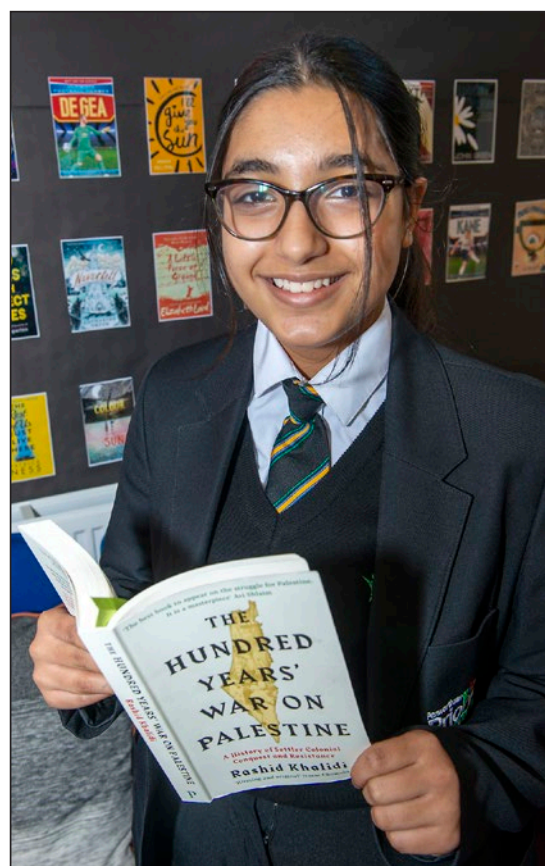
"One of my favourite authors is JK Rowling, I have read all the Harry Potter series, and Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, I have read a lot of his books."

Haniya's favourite subjects at school are English and science.

"I want to be a space engineer or a law secretary. When I retire, I would then like to be an author. I have been to the graveyard walk where JK Rowling got her inspiration from and she talks about sitting in a café for years coming up with Harry Potter, so I need a lot of time."

Haniya is also learning 'Tajweed', Arabic pronunciations, at her mosque.

"I have been doing this for years and it is tricky but I hope I can complete it then I can teach the younger children at the mosque. It does keep me busy and it is tough as it's a completely different language but I enjoy learning new things."



Mr Gidden
Head of English

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Checking For Head Lice

Please could parents be reminded to check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly and treat if you find lice. We have had several reports from parents who have asked if we can remind other parents so that repeated instances are not occurring. Pupils with short hair are just as likely to pick up these critters as those with long hair.

Getting into the habit of regular checking is advised. It is also emphasised that treatment needs repeating a couple of days later to catch any eggs that might have hatched since the initial treatment. Everyone in the household should also check and treat where necessary. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you're into architecture: Imagine having a bridge built to your design!

It has been nearly three years since the Old Tram Bridge was shut to the public.

The bridge, which spans the River Ribble and links Avenham Park with Penwortham, was closed by Lancashire County Council due to safety concerns.

Now, residents of all ages from Preston and Penwortham are asked to get involved in a competition to design a bridge to replace the one which dates back to 1802.

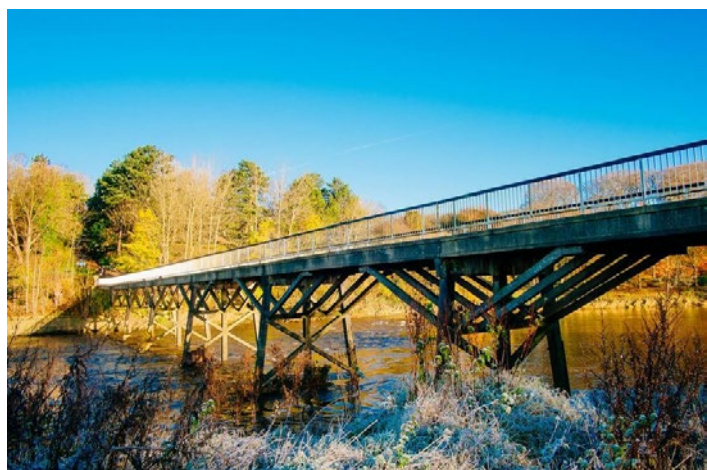
Former city councillor Daniel Dewhurst, who is leading the campaign, wants Preston City Council to launch a bid for funding from the government's Levelling Up Fund and is now inviting local residents to produce designs for how a new bridge could look.

The competition will be judged by an independent panel and the first prize winner will receive a cash prize of £1,000. Other prizes on offer include two-week internships with David Cox Architects and John Bridge Design Studio as well book vouchers for entrants aged under 16.

The competition is closes 31 January, with the winners announced in early February 2022.

Full details can be found at >> <http://studiojohnbridge.co.uk/old-tram-road-bridge-design-competition/>

If you want to take part, please see Mrs Hopes, Head of Learning for Life and Lead Teacher for Art, as this will count towards your PiXL Award.





"Great performances all round", "Brilliant show" and "A real treat!" were just some of the words used by those that came to see the school's production this week.

After months of rehearsals, Matilda: The Musical, finally made it to the stage this Tuesday and Wednesday as our doors opened to pupils, parents, extended family, friends and members of the public. It was also great to see so many of our former pupils return to watch their younger peers under the spotlight.

It has been a while since Priory has been able to put on one of our fantastic shows and a lot of hard work and dedication has gone into making Matilda a success. 45 pupils took part – either on stage or backstage – with Drama teacher, Miss Howell, leading the talented bunch.

Lines, dance routines and songs had to be learned, props made and lighting perfected - all of which delivered a superb performance - but we think you'd all agree that it was Miss Trunchbull that stole the show!

Well done to everyone involved for providing us with the most perfect evening entertainment; from cast and crew to the teachers Mr Taylor, Mrs Hopes and not forgetting Miss Howell for taking charge.

The ensemble will meet at Salvatores next month for their end of show 'wrap' meal.



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And that's a wrap!

I want to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to see 'Matilda'. The dedication from everyone has been amazing. I want to thank all the parents and guardians for doing the late pickups and putting up with tired teenagers but I'm sure you'll all agree it was worth it.

On the last night I stood backstage and watched the faces of our students as they performed, and I felt blessed and privileged to be a part of their journey in life. These are memories we will all take and keep close to our hearts.

We have so many talented students in our school and I'm glad that they feel safe and secure enough to be able to showcase their talents. Our stagehands and technical team were also made up of our amazingly talented students; without them we wouldn't have had the show we had.

For our Year 11s, this was an emotional one as it is their last performance at Priory but boy what a show to go out on!

However, for the rest of our students it is not time to sit and relax as we have an exciting new project coming soon.

Auditions for 'Game Over' will be held next Thursday, 16 December after school. Please put your name down on the sheet outside DR1 if you are interested.

Once again thank you to all involved, thank you to all the staff who helped - we couldn't have done this without you!!

Miss Howell

Lead Teacher for Drama



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Monday's dress rehearsals: Drama teacher Miss Howell adding last minute direction with Favour who played the title role, 'Matilda'.



PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S
PRODUCTION OF

Book by
DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN

Musical Numbers

Miracle.....	School Kids, Parents
Naughty.....	Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat
Acrobat Story 1 (Part 1).....	Little Kids, Big Kids
School Song.....	Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Little Kids
The Hammer.....	Matilda
Naughty - Superglue (Part 2).....	Little Kids
This Little Girl.....	Miss Honey
Bruce (Part 1).....	Kids, Trunchbull, Miss Honey
When I Grow Up.....	Kids, Miss Honey
The Smell of Rebellion.....	Trunchbull, Kids
Quiet.....	Matilda
Revoluting Children.....	Kids
Boys.....	All

Cast

Eric.....	Aimee Whelan
Tommy.....	India Pileggi
Amanda.....	Emily Bonney
Bruce.....	Damen Sayler
Lavender.....	Jose Martin
Alice.....	Geetha Dyanmurali Reddy
Hortensia.....	Emily Chabich
Nigel.....	Paige Cooper
Matilda.....	Favour Agbomah
Mr Wormwood.....	Kyle Tossy-Sanders
Mrs Wormwood.....	Holly Elmer
Michael.....	Scarlett Pinner
Mrs Phelps / Cook.....	Estelle Srinivasan
Escapologist.....	Josh Taylor
Acrobat.....	Ebony Statham
Miss Honey.....	Darcy Cartwright
Agatha Trunchbull.....	Dominic Collinson
Rudolph.....	Lewis Tatham
Little Kids.....	Lucy Belling Chloe Weigand Emily Jones Connie Belling Emily Peacock Lauren Cherry Ella Graham
Big Kids.....	Elize Wilson Cora Prasad Grace Trickett Elizabeth Fuller Nani Fong Aisha Boshuq
Big Kid 1.....	Maya Poley
Big Kid 2.....	Daniella Gilman
Big Kid 3.....	Paige Carrington

Director/Choreographer..... Miss Howell

Music Director..... Mr Taylor

Prop Designers..... Hannah Yellin | Paige Cline | Tyler Pittman

Sound Design..... Oskar Coffey | Abbie Cherry

Lighting Design..... Erin Ward | Jack Nemes | Troy C

Stage Hands..... Jessica Miley | Paige Cline

Matilda was first commissioned and produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company and premiered at The Courtyard Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, England on 9 November 2010. It transferred to the Cambridge Theatre in the West End of London on 25 October 2011 and received its US premiere at the Shubert Theatre, Broadway, USA on 4 March 2013.

Orchestrations and Additional Music - Chris Nightingale

Thanks to all of the parents and teachers who have made this production possible!

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY. (212) 549-4664 roaldhowe.com

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Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as this week's production, Matilda.

Next week it's all about: *Christmas*

Next week sees the most requested genre, with some suggestions that it should have started just before the clocks went back!

Christmas carols were collected and printed widely by the 19th century and in 1880, it's believed the Christmas carol service was invented in Truro, Cornwall by an Edward White Benson, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury. Many of today's most popular carols date from the 19th century.

Christmas pop songs have aimed to reach the top spot on the UK Singles Chart on the edition preceding Christmas. These songs develop an association with Christmas or with the Advent season from their chart performance, but the association tends to be shorter-lived than for the more traditional Christmas carols.

Longer-lasting examples include Band Aid's 'Do They Know It's Christmas?', Slade's 'Merry Christmas Everybody' and Wham!'s 'Last Christmas'.

Equally, the music producer Phil Spector, has produced some classics by American groups like the Ronettes and the Crystals in the 1960s and 1970s; 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Sleigh Ride' and 'Santa Claus is coming to Town' to name but three.

Future weeks' theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams.

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music



Annual Pupil Admissions Consultation

CONSULTATION

Penwortham Priory Academy is consulting on its admissions policy for 2023 onwards and has commenced a 6 week consultation period from 25 November 2021 to 5 January 2022.

If you would like to submit a comment, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk and include the subject line of 'Annual Pupil Admissions Consultation'. All responses received will be considered by the Governing Body once the consultation has closed on 5 January 2022.

The proposed policy is available to view and download from the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/admissions/annual-pupil-admissions-consultation



South Ribble Active Health's Dave Hankin is based at Priory in the PE department every Wednesday. This half term he has arranged for the Year 4 pupils from Broad Oak Primary School to come into Priory and take part in number of activities. These have so far included curling and trampolining.



The pupils have absolutely loved both new activities and seeing smiles on their faces every week has been super.



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LEADERBOARD



This week's Bedrock leaders are:

Points (overall)

Abigail M	9E3	2078
Emily P	8E2	1797
Jake L	8W2	1360

Points (this week)

Emily P	8E2	146
Abigail M	9E3	144
Jessica M	8E1	79



Moving on up the board are...

Lilly McM 9E2 and Olivia S 8E2

This week pupils were learning these words ...

Frontier - a line or border separating two countries. *"international crime knows no frontiers"*

Decontextualise - considered in isolation from the context. *"coffee-table photo books with their beautiful but decontextualized photographs"*

Languish - be forced to remain in an unpleasant place or situation. *"he has been languishing in jail since 1974"*

Deprive - prevent (a person or place) from having or using something. *"the city was deprived of its water supplies"*



Well done to Emily, Abi and Jess who have the top spots for highest points this week for Bedrock. Jess, it's lovely to see that you have been working hard to climb the board! Also, making the way up the board for overall points are Olivia and Lily - keep up the good work!

Well done to Emily, Alex and Imogen, all from 9W2, who gained the top 3 spots for highest word count on AR this week. A special mention to Jad who has the highest word in school this week and is now a word millionaire!



LEADERBOARD



Accelerated Reader™

Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps teachers guide pupils to books that are on their individual reading levels. Pupils take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. Further information at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning-platforms

Here are this week's leaders:

Year 7

Jad H	7W1	283,632
Jessica D	7E3	255,438
Junaid Q	7E1	231,565

Year 8

Kayleigh I	8W3	190,858
Emily P	8E2	137,243
Leach, Jake	8W2	129,725

Year 9

Emily C	9W2	137,891
Alex I	9W2	117,080
Imogen E	9W2	88,418

Year 10

Amelia B	10W2	160,531
Ben M	10W4	124,305
Yoshimi H	10W4	98,561

Mrs Webster

Acting Assistant Head of English

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Headteacher Special
Have your say about uniform.

Debate Club

**Monday, 13 December
Lunchtime in HU6**

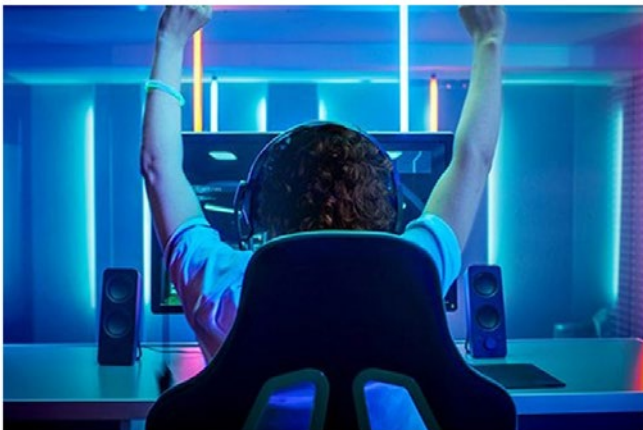
**Discuss with Mr Eastham : Have your say
about school uniform.**

**Must be willing to state your point in a manner that
will get your voice heard!**

All years welcome, the more the merrier. Just turn up! Eat lunch at the club.

Miss Achers & Mrs Hanu

GAME OVER BY MARK WHEELER



**Auditions to be held in the
Auditorio on
Thursday, 16 December
3:20pm – 3:45pm**

This production will take place in March 2022.
Please put your name down on the sheet
outside the Miss Howell's classroom (DR1)

End of Term



**School closes
next Friday, 17
December at
1.10pm for the
Christmas break.**

**School buses
have been
arranged for this
earlier time.**



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COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY

Priory's Reverse Advent Calendar

From **Mon, 6 December to Thurs, 16 December**, we will be collecting for our reverse advent calendar. This year we're supporting Penwortham Food Bank and the homeless. We also want to help local children by giving them decorated shoe boxes filled with goodies.



We are asking families to bring in items over the two weeks, ready to distribute before we close for the Christmas break.

Our local community has been very grateful for our donations in the past in supporting those who have less than us. This part of our Culture Focus for the term: Kindness.

What is a reverse advent calendar?

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate who are struggling at Christmas time.

In terms of the homeless, this year they are in need of the following:

- Hats, gloves, scarves
- New underwear and socks for both male and females
- Toiletries or toiletry gift sets they can give out as presents, baby wipes, lip balms
- Non-perishable food (anything in a tin or packet), along with bake at home bread, longlife milk
- Selection boxes and Christmas type chocolates/cakes/mince pies

Who do I leave my donations with at school?

In form time, please take your items to Mrs Massey's room, SC1.

Here's a list of what the food bank is asking for...

Anything in a tin or packet -

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| • Coffee, tea, sugar | • Men's and women's deodorants |
| • Longlife milk | • Shampoo, conditioner |
| • Cereal and breakfast bars | • Toothbrushes, toothpaste, |
| • Biscuits, cakes, mince pies | • Soaps, lip balm |
| • Selection boxes, chocolates | • Gift sets |
| • Packets of dried food | • Washing powder/ tablets |
| • Pasta/noodles | • Towels |
| • Tinned pies | |
| • Soup | |
| • Jars of pasta sauce | |
| • Tinned vegetables (inc potatoes, tomatoes) | |
| • Tinned rice pudding, custard | |
| • Beans and spaghetti | |
| • Corned beef | |
| • Men's and women's underwear | |
| • Hats, scarves, gloves | |
| • Shower gel, | |



Fill a shoe box with goodies suitable for children age 11 and under.

Make sure you label your box with approx age and whether your gift is suitable for a boy/girl or either. The boxes will be given to local children.



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