

Penwortham Priory Post



Arriving 1st November 2022

A new and improved system for catering online ordering and payment at the point of sale.

We will be moving to a new catering system with effect from Tuesday, 1 November.

Details will be issued before the half term break.



New Catering System At Priory

In partnership with BlueRunner Solutions, we are pleased to announce that we will be moving to a new catering system from Tuesday, 1 November 2022.

Essentially, the new system will allow pupils to continue to purchase freshly prepared food and drink in the dining rooms as well as pre-order cold food online, as they do now. The facility to do this, however, will change from fingerprint recognition to an ID card scanner and the link to the online ordering site will change to the new provider's, BlueRunner. ID cards will be issued to all pupils on return from the half term break.

Business Manager, Mrs Barker said, *"What's great about the new system is that parents and pupils can each have an account, and families with multiple children at Priory can have one account with all children linked. So, parents can place an order for their children and monitor transactions, or pupils can order for themselves. The new system will also speed up the queues in the dining rooms."*

Parents and pupils should have now received full details and we are asking all parents and pupils to register on the new system in advance of the online ordering going live.

Copies of letters and guides, plus FAQs, are also available via the school website > www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2022-10-20-new-catering-system-coming-to-priory

To allow for staff training on the new system, there will be no food available at break or lunchtime on Monday, 31 October, the first day back after half term. We therefore ask that pupils bring a packed lunch on this day. Those pupils on Free School Meals who have completed their pre-order form will be provided for.

Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

24-28 October

Half term

Mon, 31 October

Pupils to bring packed lunch.

Fri, 4 November

STEAM Careers Event (in school)

Year 7 Creative Cookery Club after school (booking essential)

Tues, 8 November & Thurs, 10 November

Year 7 Lancaster Castle trip (two cohorts)

Thurs, 10 November

Year 8 Creative Cookery Club after school (booking essential)

Fri, 11 November

Sponsored Walk

Sat, 19 November

South Ribble Cross Country Championships Hutton Grammar School (selected pupils only)



Preston College Dance

PRESTON
COLLEGE

Next Monday, 24 October

For Year 10s & 11s that are interested in attending and studying Dance at Further Education.

Register at
www.preston.ac.uk/dance-opne-day

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Packed Lunches on 31 October



A reminder that pupils will need to bring a packed lunch on Mon, 31 October.

The dining room service will be closed for staff training as we transition over to a new catering system.

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals who have completed their online pre-order form can collect their food from the main dining room.




Year 7, 8 & 9

Creative Arts Rotations

There will be a rotation of Creative Arts classes - Art, Drama and Music - for Key Stage 3 pupils as we start the new half term, from w/c 31 October.

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

The staffing / subjects will be...

Miss Howell
E1 / W1 - Drama

Mr Taylor
E2 / W2 - Music

Mrs Hopes
E3 / W3 - Art

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Year 9 Rugby Tournament

SPORTS REPORT

On Tuesday, Priory's Year 9 boys took part in the PNE Community & Education Trust's high school rugby league tournament against South Ribble schools.

The team played four group games, winning three, and narrowly lost in the final match against Leyland St Mary's.

A spokesperson for PNECET said, "Some brilliant skills on show from them and our two other competing schools"

Well done to Ethan H who was recognised as the most valuable player by tournament officials.

All the action took place at UCLan Sports Arena, where the Wales Rugby League - Rygbi Cynghrair Cymru - national team are now training in this first week of the Rugby League World Cup.

TEAM: Will T, James S, Afnan S, Alex T, Logan S-G, Ethan F, Leevi F-W, Isaac D, Dillon N, Max B, Lewis W, Ethan H, Xander C.



South Ribble Schools Cross-Country Championships

Following our cross country trials at school earlier this term, our fastest pupils have now been selected to represent Priory in the South Ribble championships. The event will take place at Hutton Grammar School on Saturday, 19 November, and as in previous years, it is important that all our best runners attend this team event.

Letters have been given to pupils who impressed the PE department the most. Please complete the reply slip and return it to Miss Beesley (girls) and Mr Bullock (boys) as soon as possible. Good luck!

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South Ribble Primary School Athletics

SPORTS REPORT

A number of Year 9 pupils were asked to volunteer to help with the South Ribble Sports Hall Primary Athletics at Priory on Tuesday.

The pupils took part in a training session the week before to familiarise themselves with each event in preparation.



PE teacher, Mrs Bullock said, "Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed helping out and are looking forwards to any further events."

The organisers, South Ribble School Games said, "The leaders were amazing on the night and all schools seemed to really enjoy the competition. Congratulations to St Oswalds Catholic Primary School who came out winners and will go onto the South Ribble finals"

Mrs Bullock,
PE Teacher & Head of year 9

Central Venue Netball

On Monday evening, Priory's Year 11s played in a Central Venue A-league netball tournament. The team competed against a number of South Ribble schools at the event hosted by All Hallows.

PE teacher, Mrs Bullock said, "The girls played some extremely good netball, which was fantastic to see."

The player of the tournament was Fatima P for her outstanding defending skills.

TEAM: Fatima H, Paige H, Bryanny A-W, Sara T, Madi S, Kyra M, Olivia C, Martha McA



Mrs Bullock,
PE Teacher & Head of year 9

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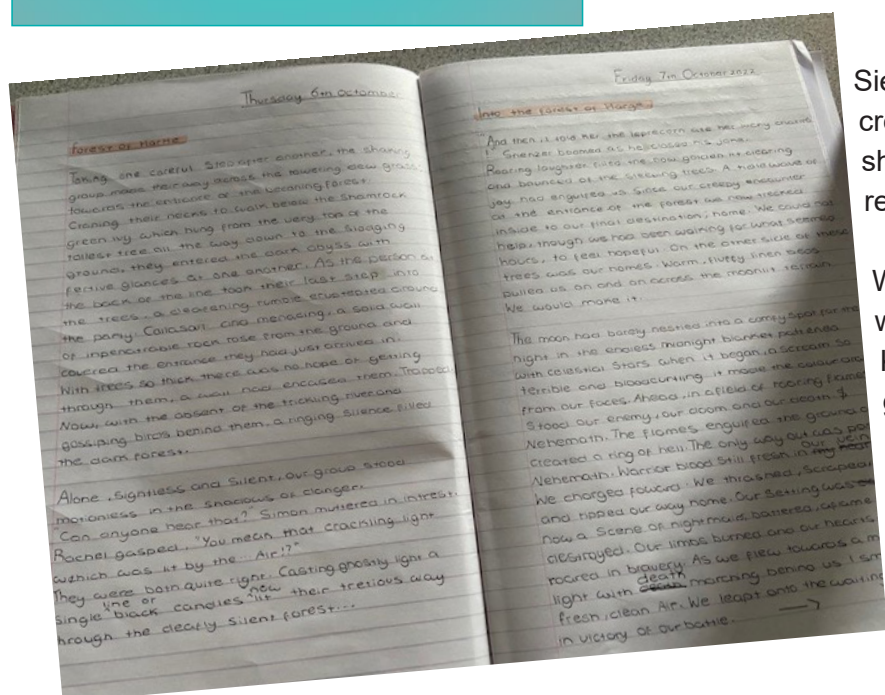


English Scholars of the Week

Every week, the English department looks for its 'Scholar of the Week'. To get nominated by a staff member is pretty prestigious given we see everyone in school for 5 hours a week!

Pupils who stand out in their effort, attitude to learning or presentation will make the cut. Then, the team choose the very best piece of work and photograph it.

Sienna G (Year 7)



Sienna's work really stood out to me as being creative, exciting and demonstrating the skills she had learned during her English class really well.

We have recently been studying creative writing through the topic of 'Escape from Kraznir' – a scheme based on the fantasy genre. Sienna clearly has an aptitude for writing and it is very apparent in this beautifully written example!

Miss Smeethurst
English Teacher



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future

On the curriculum w/c 31 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Introduction to 'My Life'
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Structure of debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Difference - managing and leading
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' From setbacks to success
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health Part 1

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

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

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, Finley...

Finley is enjoying 'Evernight' by Ross Mackenzie and admits the plot is gripping.

"It's about a girl who is poor and she has a trinket and those that live in the shadows want to steal it. She runs away and hides in the sewers where she meets another kid who is hiding from bullies. Then the sewer gets flooded. That's where I am up to! It's quite heavy but I am enjoying it.



"I like a mixture of books. I like serious ones, fantasy books and funny ones as well."

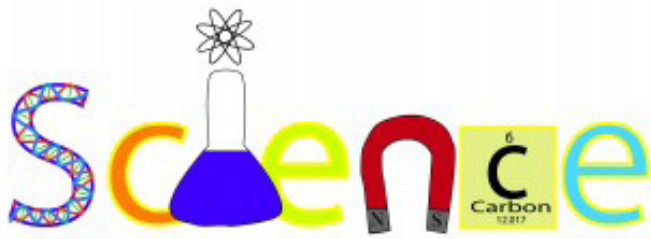
In school, Finley enjoys PE, Geography and English.

He is also a big supporter of Wigan Warriors.

"I play rugby league but my team has just folded so I am looking for a new club to play for."

Finley's English teacher, Mrs Elliott added, *"Fin is a great role model to the other pupils, and he fully deserves his nomination. Lovely to hear that along with his love of reading, he also enjoys English although I already knew this as it's evident in his enthusiasm during lessons and the quality of his work. Well done, Fin!"*

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

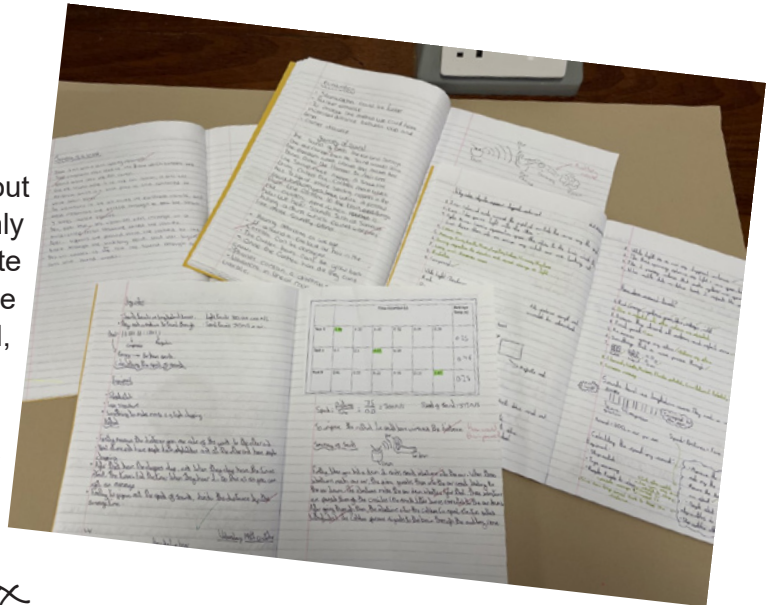


Work Of The Week

Class 8W1

Pupils in class 8W1 have enjoyed learning about sounds and hearing this week, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate and recreate Isaac Newton's speed of sound investigation on the school yard! Although we didn't get the exact speed, we came very close to the true value of 343m/s!

Pupils Kayalnilia A, Josh B, Shreya P and Chloe R all demonstrated particularly good scientific skills and understanding over the course of the week.



Mr Cox
Science Teacher

KIDS EAT FOR LESS

THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

M&S

One FREE kids meal worth up to £3.25 when you spend at least 60p

MORRISONS

Children under 16 can eat for FREE at Morrisons cafés when you buy an adult meal worth at least £4.99

TESCO

One FREE kids meal worth up to £3.25 when you spend at least 60p

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 - No minimum spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 - Download the App to retrieve voucher

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main from 4-6pm on Monday-Thursday!

HUNGRY HORSE

FREE Kids breakfast with any full paying adult between 9am - 12pm

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1 Monday - Friday between 3pm - 7pm when you buy an adult meal.

BREWERS FAYRE

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

WWW.SAVVYMUMUK.CO.UK



**KEEP
CALM
AND
ENJOY
HALF TERM**

We'll see everyone again on
Monday, 31 October.

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School Performance Tables

You may have seen in the media that the Department for Education have released their provisional GCSE results for all schools in the country this week.

Unfortunately one of our exam boards sent 73 grades to the Department for Education late and these grades were therefore not included in the provisional data.

This unfortunately means that most of the data published on the official compare school performance is incorrect. This data will be corrected in February.

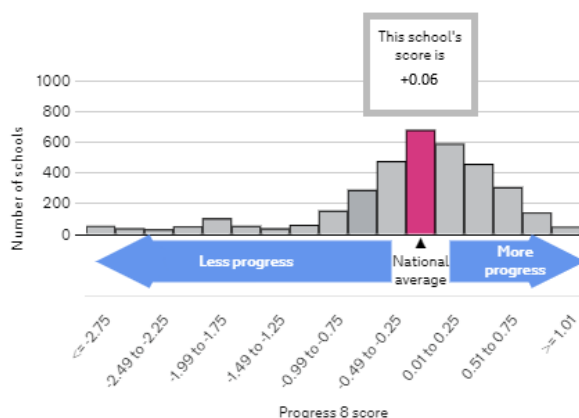
In the meantime the tables and graphs below show the correct headline data.

Progress 8 score

This score shows how much progress pupils at this school made across eight qualifications between the end of Key Stage 2 and the end of Key Stage 4, compared to other similar pupils nationally.

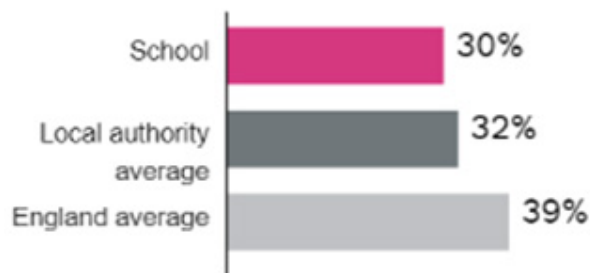
The local authority (Lancashire) average score for state-funded schools is -0.13

The average score for all state-funded schools in England is -0.03



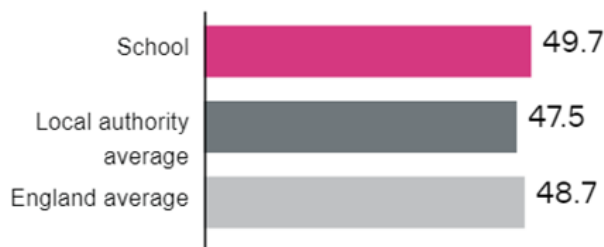
Entering EBacc ppen

A pupil is considered to have entered for the English Baccalaureate if they entered for qualifications in English, maths, sciences, a language and either history or geography.



Attainment 8 score

Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to eight qualifications.



Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs

This tells you the percentage of pupils who achieved grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs.



School Performance Tables

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Staying in education or entering employment

This shows the number of pupils who either stayed in education or went into employment after finishing Key Stage 4 (after Year 11, usually aged 16).



EBacc average point score

The EBacc average points score calculates a pupils' average point score across the 5 pillars of the English Baccalaureate.



Mr Gee
Assistant Principal



Do you have any spare wool or crochet needles we could have?

The Learning Support team are setting up a Crochet Club due to a rise in enquiries from pupils who wish to learn the skill.



To help them get started, the team are looking for donations of double knit wool (any colour) and crochet hooks, ideally size 4 or 4.5.

If you'd like to help, pupils can drop donations in a box in LEAP 2 or parents can leave at reception.

Please direct any enquiries to Learning Support Assistants, Miss Dixon or Miss Atkinson, who can be found in LEAP or message via Teams Chat. Parents can email s.dixon@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Details of the new club will be issued in due course.



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Diwali

Over the coming days, many of our families will be celebrating Diwali. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali symbolises new beginnings, and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.



When is Diwali?

Diwali is a five-day event beginning on Saturday, 22 October, with Dhanteras, but the main day is on Monday, 24 October.



Where does the word Diwali come from?

Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word deepavali, meaning 'rows of lighted lamps'. Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets too, so it's really popular with children.

Traditions

- Many lights and oil lamps are lit on the streets and in houses
- People visit their relatives and have feasts
- Fireworks and festivities are an essential part of the occasion
- Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth, is worshipped as the bringer of blessings for the new year

Shivam Y, Year 7, said, "On Diwali, we celebrate how the Hindu god Ram comes home with Sita. I celebrate the first 3 days of Diwali. On Diwali we eat lots of sweets called *mitai* and celebrate by lighting our house top to bottom with lights."

Saachi R, Year 7, said, "Diwali honours the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. The lights and lamps are said to help Lakshmi find her way into peoples' homes, bringing prosperity in the year to come!"

Head of ICT, Mrs Qadri, asked some of our pupils how they celebrate Diwali.



Dev G, Year 8, said, "We light candles around our house and make some food like *Sev* which is like *Bombay mix* and we have some sweet foods.

We also go to the temple to pray and light fireworks and even family members can come. You can't eat meat or chicken or pork or beef but you can have fish and veg so we make lots of vegetarian food."

"We also make rangoli designs like a lotus. Rangoli is basically coloured powder and sometimes there can be a competition."

"Rangoli is a popular Diwali tradition — beautiful patterns made using colourful powders and flowers. People draw rangoli on the floor by the entrance of their homes to welcome the gods and bring good luck!"

"On Diwali we dress up in colourful traditional clothing, we light the inside and outside of homes with rows of lamps or other lights, and fireworks. We also go to worship at the temple and have a large traditional feast, and a gift exchange."



It's early but we need to get the (snow)ball rolling!



This is one that all pupils can get involved with and each year we always look forward to seeing their amazing creative work.

Agnes K (who was in Year 8 at the time) won last year's competition with her outstanding Priory-themed Christmas design, and Year 11 Fatima P's entry was too good to be left out so we included hers on the back of the card too! Art teacher, Mrs Hopes, deemed Agnes' artwork so good that she has invited her to be one of our judges this year.



So, when you're wondering what to do over the half term break, why not get your creative juices flowing and design the school's Christmas card for 2022.



COMPETITION

Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Monday, 7 November



The Brief:

Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2022

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised, win an Amazon voucher and House acclamation:

- Submit an original design **by Monday, 7 November 2022.**
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory.** Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself that can be used for the design.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3, and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the school office or passed to Head of Art, Mrs Hopes. Make sure your name and class are on the back! Photographs or digital artwork can be emailed to Mrs Hopes at t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 200 people across the county. This is also a House competition.

Two runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher respectively and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



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Apprenticeships Vs University

Why Choose An Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships have become increasingly more popular over the past five years, even more so now.

There is a wide range of different and diverse roles you can pursue through an apprenticeship, be that in engineering, health and social care, business or even science.

Benefits of an Apprenticeship

- Earn while you learn
- High quality training
- You can still get a degree
- Gain hands on experience in your chosen career and much more!

Apprenticeship Myths

"Apprenticeships are for those who do not perform academically."

FALSE - They are a fantastic opportunity for all kinds of people looking to expand their knowledge and upgrade their skill sets, by getting stuck right into a job.

"Apprenticeships are only for manual trade jobs."

FALSE - This is not entirely true, although there may be a wide range of apprenticeships in construction, engineering, IT services, which are very hands-on, there are also a vast choice of vocational trades such as law, fashion, media.

"Apprentices have no scope for progression."

FALSE - Approximately 65% of apprentices are hired on a permanent basis by their current employer after their programme has finished and a third who remain in the same company receive a promotion in their first year.

"Apprenticeships are only for entry level or low level workers."

FALSE - Whilst there are apprenticeships at lower levels, there are also a wide range of higher level and degree level apprenticeships. There is something for everyone.

"University graduates earn more than apprentices."

FALSE - There is a common misconception among young people (and parents) that university will set them up to earn more in the future. By the time a graduate has just qualified, an apprentice will have completed their End Point Assessment and will already have a year or two experience in the industry putting them ahead of fellow university graduates.

What Apprentices Say:

"I chose to do an apprenticeship as you gain qualifications and get paid while you're doing it as well as gaining relevant job experience."

Adam started his career as an IT apprentice three years ago. He has now progressed to Technical Analyst.

What Levels Are There?

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training. Some apprenticeships also require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in the role.

Intermediate - Level 2 - Equivalent to five GCSE passes at grade A* to C or 9 to 4

Advanced - Level 3 - Equivalent to two A level passes/ Level 3 Diploma/International Baccalaureate

Higher - Level 4, 5, 6 and 7 - Equivalent to a Foundation degree and above

Degree - Level 6 and 7 - Equivalent to a Bachelor's or Master's degree

Don't Forget Our School Lottery!

Next Draw
Sat, 22 October
and every Saturday

The school's 'Your School Lottery' is part of the Gatherwell Ltd lottery group which was established with a core value of being an ethical lottery provider to help schools facing growing financial pressure.

By taking part, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. There is a guaranteed cash winner for the school each week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

You can choose to set up a direct debit, a recurring card payment or a one-off payment by card (the minimum term for this is 5 weeks at £5). If you're able to take part, please visit our 'Your School Lottery' page to purchase your tickets >>

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy

For further details and FAQs please see below or visit our website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-lottery

Good Luck!

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms B'!

By taking part in our lottery, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. Tickets are only £1 and there is a guaranteed cash winner for one of our supporters each week plus the chance to win £25,000 in the national jackpot!

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Next Draw
Saturday
22 October



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and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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EnglishDepartment



Our Bedrock Blasters

As many parents and carers will know, Bedrock is a staple English Language homework that is completed online at home once weekly with a view to boosting our Key Stage 3 learners' vocabulary. It runs exclusively in Years 8 and 9 only.

All Year 8 & 9 learners are expected to complete two online 'lessons' a week but those who go over and above and make good progress will feature in our 'Bedrock Blasters' weekly.

Most lessons completed this month

Sehr A	Year 7	25 lessons
Yaseen W	Year 8	25 lessons
Charlie N	Year 9	23 lessons
Umar H	Year 9	20 lessons
Maisie C	Year 8	18 lessons
Dev G	Year 7	17 lessons
Harry B	Year 8	17 lessons
Eleanor B	Year 8	14 lessons
Connie B	Year 9	13 lessons

That's an extraordinary and consistent effort with improving your vocabulary and Blasting Bedrock!



Highest points this month

Yaseen W	8W2	271
Sehr A	8E2	253
Umar H	9W2	218
Charlie N	9W2	216
Connie B	9W2	196
Maisie C	8E3	189
Kaycee M	9W3	169



Our AR Racers

Here's our top word bankers in the last week alone meaning some cars have nearly come skidding off the track!

There seems to be no stopping 7E1 who have left other classes eating rubber but here's some individuals who have been awesome drivers in the last seven days:



Oliver C	Year 7	257,584
Oscar G	Year 7	116,863
Emily C	Year 7	95,577

Just in a week! We don't know how they've found time to sleep with all that reading!

Well done! Keep reading over Half Term - the quizzing platform will remain open.



Did you know:

Parents can sign up to Bedrock too to monitor their child's progress?



You need to register your account and log on with your unique parent access code. Keep your eye out for these soon.

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Hot Food Menu

Fresh home cooked meals and snacks available daily.

We have a three-week rolling menu which will be displayed around school and in the weekly newsletter.

Autumn Half Term - November to December 2022

Week 1

Monday

Chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce and cheese served with new potatoes and beans or sweetcorn
Cheese and broccoli pasta served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Beef lasagne served with garlic bread
Fish fingers served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Spicy chicken burger served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Fish | Pizza | Sausage Roll
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 2

Monday

Sausage and mash served with beans or peas
Vegetable curry served with rice and naan bread

Tuesday

Meat and potato pie with puff pastry lid and veg
Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato calzone pizza served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Chilli con carne wraps served with nachos

Thursday

Roast dinner
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Fish | Pizza | Beef Burger
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 3

Monday

Sweet chilli chicken stir fry
Cheese whirls served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Tuesday

Chicken curry served with rice and naan
Mediterranean pasta served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato calzone 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

Fish | Pizza | Steak and kidney pudding with gravy
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Chicken wraps, jacket potatoes with various fillings, and paninis are available every day.

