

Penwortham Priory Post



Meet Priory's New English Leaders

Priory's English Department has a fresh look with a new Head of English and Assistant Head of English.

Ms Beswick is leading the way in the department while Miss Hearn has come to Priory with plenty of experience to continue its success.

Ms Beswick is from Leyland and has spent the last 13 years at St Bede's Catholic High School in Lytham.

"I was Assistant Subject Lead there. I initially studied journalism at UCLan and worked in Marketing and Admissions at Newman College. I went into schools as part of this and enjoyed it and decided I wanted to teach.

"Here we want to ensure our English curriculum is challenging for everyone, engaging and pupils think about English in different ways. I am excited for the challenge ahead."

Miss Hearn completed her English Language and Literature degree in Leeds before actually going into a job in Marketing.

"I did it part-time when I was doing my degree and then I went into it full-time and didn't really enjoy it and teaching was something I had considered.

"I did my PGCE at Edge Hill University and have taught at Holy Cross Catholic High School in Chorley for the last five years where I was Assistant Head of Year.

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years are available too.

6–17 November

Year 11 mock exams

14 & 16 November

Year 7 trip Lancaster Castle

Sat, 18 November

South Ribble Cross Country Championships, Hutton Grammar

Tues, 21 November

Bedrock Parent Meeting (online at 7pm) Year 8 & 9

Fri, 24 November

Make Languages Work Day (Year 9)

Mon, 27 November

Learning for Life Day 2 Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Tues, 5 and Weds, 6 December 7pm

Legally Blonde

Weds, 13 December

Hamilton The Musical Trip, Manchester

Mon, 18 December

Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

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Miss Hearn continues, "As soon as I walked into Priory, I felt the community and family feel of the school which attracted me straight away.

"At Priory, I want to inspire a love of reading. Reading should be accessible for everyone, whatever level, and we want to show you can read in different ways, not just sit with a book. It's exciting to be here!"



Year 7 Are Ready For The Roads With Level 3 Bikeability



On Tuesday, 31 October and Tuesday, 7 November a selection of Year 7 and 8 pupils undertook their Level 3 Bikeability course.

Delivered by South Ribble Borough Council's Cycling Development Officers, the advance course equips pupils with the skills needed to stay safe in more challenging urban situations.

During the two hour session, pupils learned how to:

- Use the best riding position for any situation
- Ride alongside other cyclists
- Ride on more complex roads including busier roads, more complicated junctions and faster roads with speed limits above 30mph.
- Negotiate more complex roads such as junctions controlled by traffic lights, multi-lane roads or cycle lanes.
- Respond confidently when a situation changes. For example, when a vehicle pulls out in front of you.



Cycling Development Officer, David Boyle said, "*We focus on skills pupils might want to practice more, or a tricky road where they travel often.*"

He went on to say, "*All the pupils were an absolute credit to the school and represented it to an impeccable standard. Behaviour and application were second to none. The Level 3 will set them up for a life of freedom on wheels and I genuinely felt the pupils had grown in skill and confidence.*"

PE Teacher, Mrs Bullock, who organised the sessions at Priory, said, "*All the pupils commented on how much fun it was and would all like to do it again!*"

A particular well done to Callum M, Year 8, for his maturity and enthusiasm. Callum has been invited to support the Development Officers next week. Sessions will continue over the next two weeks.

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Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery



An enthusiastic group of Year 7 pupils joined Mrs Cowell and Mrs Lockwood in the kitchen on Thursday after school to celebrate National School Meals Week by making Chicken Wraps.

One of our most popular lunchtime choices; pupils made their own breaded chicken goujons served in a wrap, with salad and homemade dressing to enhance their dish.

Vice Principal and Food Technology Teacher, Mrs Cowell said, "Pupils learned how to bread goujons to make their own chicken wraps to celebrate School Meals Week. They enjoyed learning how to set oven temperatures, and how to clean knives carefully and thoroughly - Lots of fun and lots of learning!"



Well done to -
Dylan C,
Matthew C,
Henry H, Alyssia H, Lucy H, Corey H, Akemi K, Erin M, Amna M, Eli P, Archie Q, Ayana R-F, Jacob V-Z, Lilly W.

Remembrance Day

In remembrance of those that served and lost their lives in conflict. Lest we forget.

On Sunday, Head Prefects Martha and Cameron, and House Captain Abi, will attend Penwortham's memorial service on Liverpool Road and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Once again, the Head Prefects have been asked to read out the names of the fallen who lived within the parish. Head of Year 11, Mrs Bailey, will accompany them.



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Tickets Available Now!



Tickets for our Christmas production of Legally Blonde are now available.

Performances take place on **Tuesday, 5 December** and **Wednesday, 6 December** starting at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased via SCOPay for pupils to collect from the school office the next day, or they can be bought with cash from Reception. Adults £8 | Concessions £6.

Further details, and a peak into the rehearsals, can be found at >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-11-05-legally-blonde-tickets-now-available

Our annual productions have always provided a fabulous evening of entertainment so we really hope that you can join us. Thank you in advance for your support!



**Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents**

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**
The Musical JR.



Tuesday 5th December
Wednesday 6th December

Starts 7pm

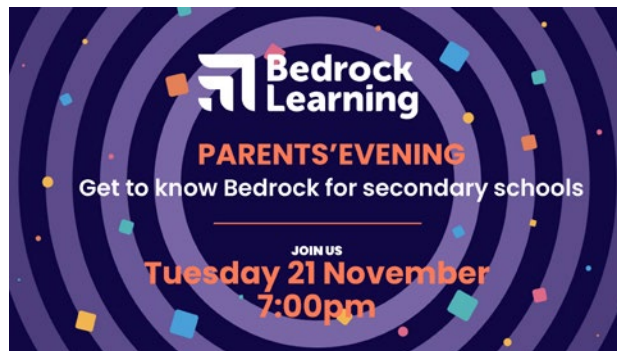
Adults £8 | Concessions £6

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown
And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

Director
Miss Howell
Music Director
Mr Taylor

Legally Blonde JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mitsshows.com

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Bedrock Information Evening for Parents of Year 8 & Year 9



To support your child's use of Bedrock at Priory there will be an online Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday, 21 November at 7pm. Please see the flyer below for details on how to register.

As you will know, Bedrock is an online vocabulary app which is used by pupils in Year 8 and Year 9. Its objective is to introduce pupils to a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary at a pace they can cope with. Each pupil is expected to achieve a minimum of 20 points per week. They may get the opportunity to do some of this allocation in class however pupils will mostly complete this as homework.

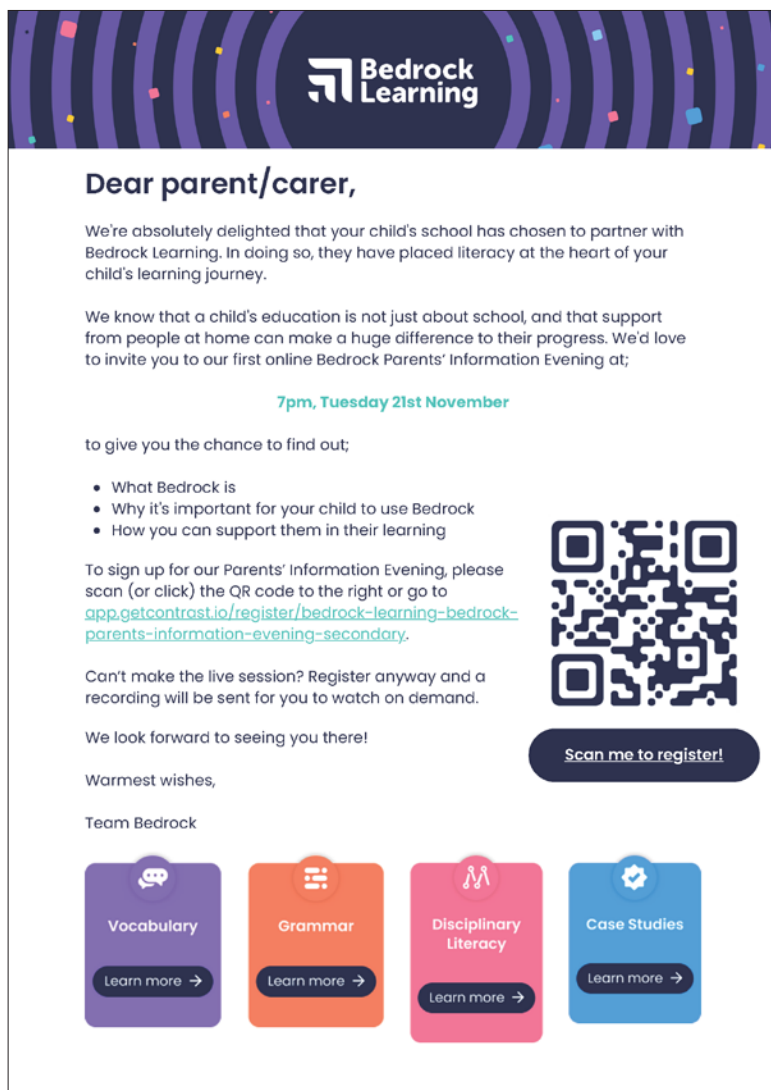
We really want to encourage parental engagement. Previously, parents will have received a letter with instructions on how to set up your Bedrock guardian account and log in (contact your child's English teacher if not). As their 'guardian', you can view your child's knowledge organiser, check their vocabulary and level of challenge expected. You will also receive weekly progress reports via email.

Bedrock's Parents' Information Evening will help you to get to know the platform a little more and understand why it's so important for your child's progress. If you can't attend the live session, please register anyway and a recording will be sent to you to watch on demand.

Register here:

<https://app.getcontrast.io/register/bedrock-learning-bedrock-parents-information-evening-secondary>

Ms Beswick
Head of English

A flyer for Bedrock Learning Parents' Information Evening. It features a purple background with concentric circles and colorful squares. The text reads: "Bedrock Learning Dear parent/carer, We're absolutely delighted that your child's school has chosen to partner with Bedrock Learning. In doing so, they have placed literacy at the heart of your child's learning journey. We know that a child's education is not just about school, and that support from people at home can make a huge difference to their progress. We'd love to invite you to our first online Bedrock Parents' Information Evening at; 7pm, Tuesday 21st November to give you the chance to find out; • What Bedrock is • Why it's important for your child to use Bedrock • How you can support them in their learning To sign up for our Parents' Information Evening, please scan (or click) the QR code to the right or go to app.getcontrast.io/register/bedrock-learning-bedrock-parents-information-evening-secondary. Can't make the live session? Register anyway and a recording will be sent for you to watch on demand. We look forward to seeing you there! Warmest wishes, Team Bedrock" Below the text are four buttons: "Vocabulary", "Grammar", "Disciplinary Literacy", and "Case Studies", each with a "Learn more" link. A QR code is also present.

Mrs Simpson's Long Service Award Takes Her Back To Former Pupil



Mrs Simpson was bowled over by her long service award – as it was a necklace made in the design of a bowler hat!

Learning Support Assistant Mrs Simpson chose the design which was made by former Priory pupil Guy Wakeling. Mrs Simpson has been at Priory since September 2002 – 21 years.



"I am a Preston North End fan and because of the gentry connection, I decided on a necklace with a bowler hat. I go to every home game and will treat myself to a half season ticket at Christmas!

"I knew Guy's dad Peter when he was a boxing coach and he was a bespoke jeweller. Guy has carried it on.

"Guy wasn't at Priory when I was here but obviously I knew of him and it's nice to have the Priory connection.

necklace is beautiful."

"I have a number of pieces from them and the

Mrs Simpson admitted: "I was a nurse before I came to Priory and I didn't expect to be here over 20 years but I have really enjoyed it.

"I live in Longton so I cycle to work every day in all weathers, it's four miles there and back so it keeps me fit.

"Priory has changed such a lot building-wise with the old B Block demolished and all the new buildings which have been introduced over the last ten years especially.

"I have been a Learning Support Assistant and a Cover Supervisor here and I guess my role has evolved as I have been here.



"I have enjoyed every single minute of it. Helping children has been a complete joy to me."

Guy Wakeling is a bespoke jewellery designer, based in Longton, with over 25 years' experience of making unique pieces of handmade jewellery. Visit him at 91 Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB or go to www.guywakelingjewellery.co.uk

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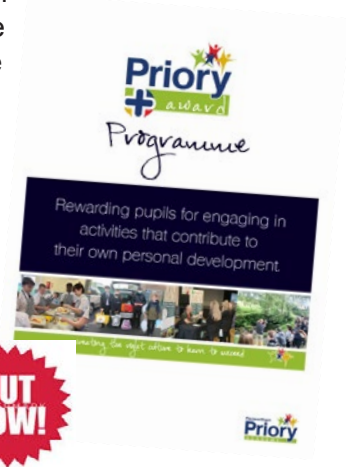


Personal Development at Priory

The Priory+ Award

This Award aims to encourage pupils to work on their own Personal Development and reward them for doing so. At Priory we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

All pupils should have had assemblies in recent weeks to inform them of this award so they can start providing their form tutor with evidence. Please read through the following information and have a look at the activities sheet on the opposite page, which provide some ideas of activities which count. We have also emailed parents an electronic copy of the associated brochure, sent a hard copy home with Year 7 pupils, and provide a link here to the website where you can download a copy >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on



Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:

Culture & Heritage

Growing up in Britain we benefit from learning about a wide range of cultural influences. We have an ability to recognise, and value, the things we all share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities. The activities in this strand allow pupils to explore different aspects of culture and heritage which are of personal interest to them.



Future Citizens

These activities shape understanding and attitudes towards the importance of community cohesion and how we can truly live together more harmoniously through activities. Pupils are encouraged to participate in volunteering, organising and participating in charity events, in school, at home and in the community.

Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will explore aspects of health and wellbeing that interest or impact them and their family. Activities cover themes such as mental and physical wellbeing, food, health, substance misuse, and relationships.

Skill Builders

Pupils will have the opportunity to develop key life attributes and skills which contribute to character development as well as being desirable by employers. Pupils will discover their own strengths and aptitudes, and inspire and develop themselves as individuals. Experiences gained through these activities can inform CVs, applications, and interviews, particularly to demonstrate use of soft skills.

Bright Futures

Preparing pupils for the next stage of their lives and giving them impartial information, advice and guidance, to shape their career path is important to us.

Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupil's Record of Achievement, and Achievement Points towards trips. On completion of activities which are LORIC in nature, pupils will also receive certificates towards the main PiXL Edge Award at Apprentice level.

Rewards

PLiX Edge

Criteria

Pupils will achieve a star when they: Complete one activity from each of the five strands, in each term. One activity must be a co-curricular club/activity/group from the timetable provided.

We are excited to see the activities our young people choose and will use this award to get to know more about them and their interests.

LORIC | Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

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Priory+ Brochure Out Now

We have also emailed parents an electronic copy of the brochure, sent a printed copy home with Year 7 pupils, and provide a link here to the website where you can download a copy >>

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Parental Involvement

We would welcome parents' support by:

- encouraging their child to attend clubs in/out of school
- encouraging their child to consult the spreadsheets of activities (accessible via Teams)
- guiding them through completion of any home activities where necessary.
- encouraging them to write-up their learning on A5 for their Personal Development Journey files in school.
- reminding them to show this to their form tutor





Priory+ Award Activities

Awarded for achievements in Personal Development



Culture and Heritage	Future Citizen	Health & Wellbeing	Skills Builder	Bright Futures
<p>Visit to a;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ castle ➢ religious building ➢ museum ➢ art gallery ➢ theatre ➢ musical event ➢ dance event ➢ sporting event ➢ heritage site or building <p>Participate in or watch;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ a competition ➢ a religious event ➢ cultural event ➢ creative art event <p>➢ Join Culture Club</p> <p>➢ Learn about an aspect of another culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Give money to charity ➢ Put items in a charity bag ➢ Donate to a food bank ➢ Donate to the homeless ➢ Help organise a community or school event ➢ Volunteer to help someone ➢ Speak in public about an issue (includes assemblies) <p>Participate in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ an election or vote ➢ a community event or festival 	<p>Participate in an activity that keeps you physically fit and well;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Participate in a sport ➢ Ride your bike ➢ Go for a walk or jog ➢ Create an eating and drinking plan ➢ Sleep the recommended time <p>Participate in an activity that keeps you mentally and emotionally well;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Meditate ➢ Mindfulness activities ➢ Get organised ➢ Create a positivity book ➢ Plan your future ➢ Manage your money ➢ Pray 	<p>Continue or learn a new;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ skill ➢ craft ➢ language <p>Develop employment skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ leadership ➢ organisation ➢ resilience ➢ initiative ➢ communication ➢ presentation ➢ teamwork ➢ problem solving <p>Join a club or an activity in school which develops a skill.</p>	<p>Research;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ KS4 options, further or higher education ➢ apprenticeships ➢ T Levels ➢ colleges and universities ➢ careers and jobs <p>➢ Visit a careers fair or expo</p> <p>➢ Practice writing CVs and application forms</p> <p>➢ Regularly volunteer in and out of school as work experience</p> <p>➢ Careers interview</p> <p>➢ Year 10 work experience</p> <p>➢ Part time job</p> <p>➢ Working with an adult</p>

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After School Fun in the Science Department



This week, STEM Club has been busy investigating the colours made when burning metal ions.

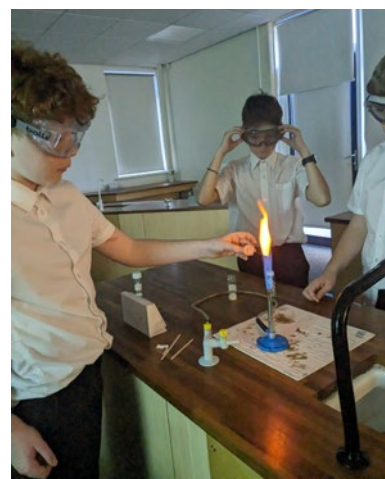
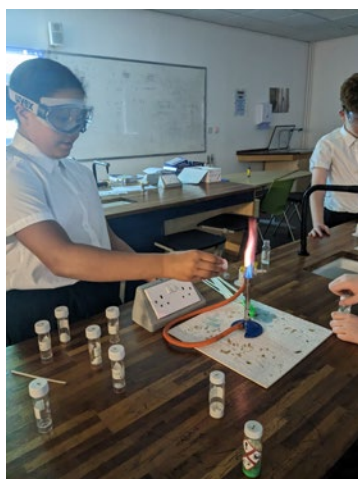
Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter, said, "We firstly started off with a distanced demo of the different metals on a large scale before trying out on a smaller scale on the Bunsen burners. Not only did this teach pupils the colours of the metal ions but they also got extra chance to develop their lab skills."

What's STEM Club All About?

In STEM Club, pupils will take part in a range of Chemistry, Physics and Biology-themed activities as well as STEM challenges. STEM stands for a collaboration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and will give pupils an excellent opportunity to develop skills such as perseverance and communication.

The club runs every Tuesday after school until 4pm and is open to pupils in Year 7 and Year 8. Pupils who would like to attend should see Mrs Potter in the Science Department.

Mrs Potter
Assistant Head of Science



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Textile Club



Mrs Lockwood's favourite time of the week soon comes around and 'sew' we popped down to see what's been happening in Textile Club over the past fortnight.

Here's Year 8 Junior who has made a drawstring bag for his family to pull out their Secret Santa names, and Ayana who had tackled adding a pocket to one of her makes. Meanwhile, Year 9s Holly and Anna had got to grips with another drawstring bag and a beautiful owl decoration.



During the club, more confident pupils may work on their own projects whilst there's close guidance available for beginners who can start with some more simple ideas. Thank you to our grandparent volunteer, Mrs Lazonby for her valuable support.



The Club runs every Monday after school in TE4 until 4pm. All year groups welcome and all resources are provided.

Mrs Lockwood
Technology Teacher

Spread a Little Kindness

Your House needs you to spread a little kindness and make someone feel good today.

As part of this term's theme of 'Kindness' we want pupils and staff to spread a little happiness by sending a postcard to a friend, teacher, support staff or member of our local community to recognise an act of kindness.



How it works....

- Ask your form tutor for a postcard.
- Write your postcard (this can be for any act you think showed kindness).
- Make sure you write the individual's name / details clearly on the postcard.
- Give the postcard back to your form tutor or form representative and, with your House Leader, they will deliver it.

It's simple, so go on, make someone's day!



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Eco Committee Round Up

REPORT BY MRS MASSEY



The Eco Committee has had a productive start to the new school year.

We have now provided each work space in school with a plastic box in which to recycle paper. The Committee hopes that having a consistent approach across school will encourage staff and pupils to recycle. It also lets us all see how much paper we may be wasting!

We also now have a permanent battery collection box in school. Staff and pupils can leave batteries in the box which is located at the front of school and they will be periodically taken to the recycling centre.

The Committee is always on the look out for new members and ideas for improving the local and wider environment. Contact Mrs Massey if you would like to get involved.



Lancashire Cup Success for Year 11



The Year 11 football team started their Lancashire Cup run with a fantastic 3-0 win against Armfield Academy, Blackpool, in Round 1 on Thursday night.

Team coach, Mr Gee, reported, "A thoroughly dominant performance saw Rhema head home from a Collinson corner followed by a second goal from McGovern to give Priory a 2-0 lead at half time.

"Priory's dominance continued into the second half with the Armfield goalkeeper making a number of great saves from the ever-dangerous McKay and Missell. 'Super sub' Harwood came on and almost scored on his Lancashire Cup debut before assisting McKay who completed the scoring to give Priory a 3-0 win."



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Diwali

Over the coming weekend, 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 Hindu New Year plus the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.



When is Diwali?

Diwali is usually celebrated in October or November - the exact date is determined by the Hindu lunar calendar.

This year it will fall on **Sunday, 12 November** and will last for five days around that date, starting on Friday, 10 November and ending on Tuesday, 14 November.

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

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

Shreya P, Year 9, has put together this presentation graphic to share with everyone>>



Arjuna P, Year 7, said, "On dhanteras, we wash coins and we apply a red dot using vermillion powder to show gratefulness that we have money and show respect for it."

"We also light fireworks and sparklers in our garden to celebrate the festival of light to bring in the new. Traditionally, we invite friends and family around to celebrate by eating special Diwali treats."



Arjuna also sent us two photos of his family's decorations and a PowerPoint explaining more about the five day festival.



Diwali

the hindu festival of light. Celebrated on the 12th November!

Why is it celebrated?

People celebrate diwali because it celebrates Rama's (an indian god) defeat of the evil spirt Ravana and their return home.

How is it celebrated?

People celebrate diwali by lighting candles ,making rangoli designs and much more. Most people put candles near the doorways of there houses which represents the path of candles Rama took to find home. Also on the night of diwali,fire works are lit up and at temples they sing and pray.



Year 10 Pianist Hits The Top Notes



Talented Agnes is a Grade 7 pianist.

The Year 10 pupil has been playing the piano since she was three-years-old in her native Hong Kong.

“You have to do extra-curricular activities so my mum thought I might have a talent playing the piano so I tried a keyboard and enjoyed it.

“I have carried it on in England and have private lessons three times a week. The Grade 7 exam was tough and I would like to get to the highest Grade 8 but it is only a hobby for me.

“I enjoy geography, maths and triple science in school and I am not sure what I want to do in the future.”

Image below shows Agnes playing to an audience at the Summer Arts Festival in July.



School Mascot: Pupil Volunteers needed

You may not know this, but we have a school mascot - Pedro the Puffin.

Pedro needs to visit at House events. Ms Smith is therefore looking for willing volunteers to dress up. The costume is suitable for pupils in Years 10 and 11 or taller Year 9s. Even staff can volunteer!

If you are interested in becoming Pedro's inner being, please see Ms Smith or contact her via Teams Chat.



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Synergy Parent App

SCHOOL SYNERGY
Doing the right thing... Making a difference!

Synergy enables parents and carers to have an immediate overview of many aspects of school life including homework, behaviour, attendance and communication.

When a pupil starts at Priory, a letter is sent home with a Parent Portal Code so that parents/carers can register. If you require a reminder, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Synergy web login link for parents and pupils - <https://penwortham-priory.schoolsynergy.co.uk/>

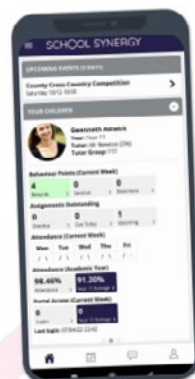
The Parent App

Synergy has launched its Parent App and for more information please go to this video link <https://vimeo.com/506028955/89e980e50f> which showcases the app's advantages and functionalities. In addition, there is a Parent App guide which can be located on our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/synergy

By updating to the latest version of the Parent App, parents, and carers will have access to a range of features, such as:

- **Real-time notifications:** parents and carers receive instant updates on their child's academic progress, attendance, and important school announcements, ensuring they always stay well-informed.
- **Secure communication:** The app provides a secure platform for two-way communication between parents, carers and school, fostering an environment that encourages open dialogue and collaboration.
- **Timely access to information:** parents and carers can conveniently access homework, school calendars, events, and timetables, helping them stay organised and actively participate in their child's educational journey.

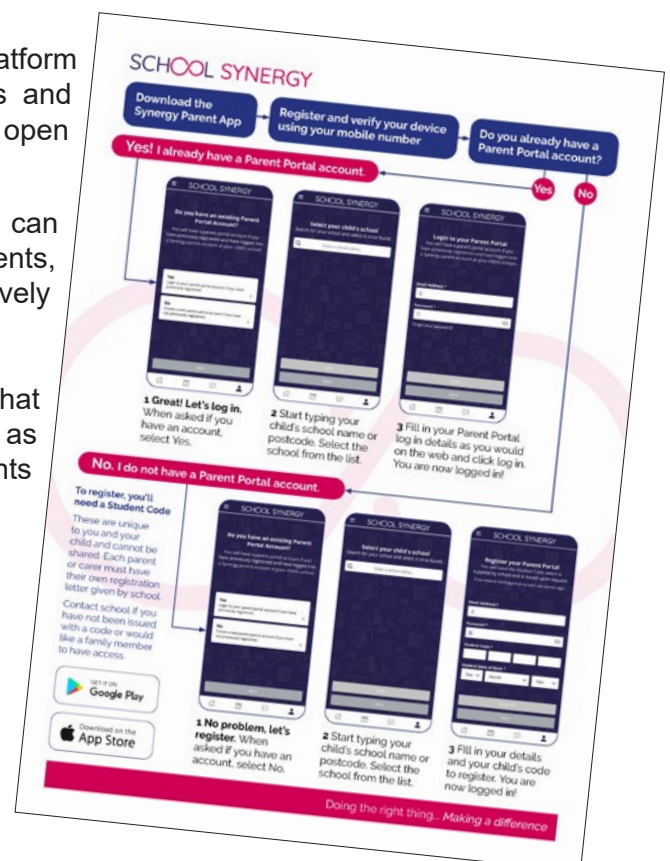
Please note, there are various functions within the app that Penwortham Priory Academy do not currently use such as Parents Evening. We are looking into these developments and further updates will be announced in due course.



Welcome to the Parent App - Your quick, one-stop access to school information!

Available for Android and Apple devices

Your one-page dashboard displays your messages, upcoming events and parent letters. Below this is a summary of recent behaviour, punctuality and assignments/homework for each of your children.



Pupils

Pupils should log into Synergy via the website link as above and use their school email address to log in. The app is for parents only.

<https://penwortham-priory.schoolsynergy.co.uk/>

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Penwortham Food Bank Collections and House Competition Results



A big thank you to all staff and pupils who contributed to last half term's collection - it was the biggest collection we have had for a long time!

Congratulations to **Hodder** who donated the most food, followed by **Calder** (2nd), **Douglas** (3rd) and **Ribble** (4th).

The food bank collection will remain in place as we lead up to Christmas so please continue to bring your donations to the Nucleus and put them in your house basket.

If parents would prefer to donate money, rather than food products, they can put cash in an envelope instead which can then be handed in at reception or we now have an option on SCOPay to make a voluntary £5 donation.



Tippy Toes Baby Bank Christmas Campaign

Alongside the food bank appeal for Christmas we will be collecting for a local charity called Tippy Toes Baby Bank.

Tippy Toes is aiming to provide a Christmas Eve gift for disadvantaged families and are looking for donations of tubs of chocolates (Roses, Heroes etc), new copies of any Christmas story book such as 'The Night Before Christmas' and a Christmas Eve Santa treat plate.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please take them to your Head of House (Mrs Cauchi, Mr Hunter, Mrs Massey or Mr Raynor) by Friday, 24 November.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Massey
Science Teacher



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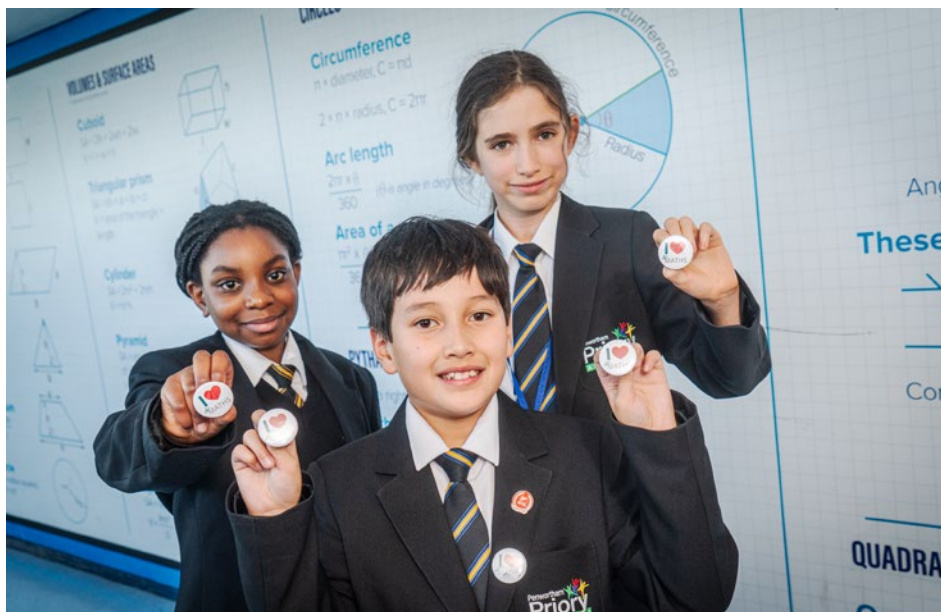
The Assistant Head of Maths Mr Sneddon, along with the Maths Department, is running a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about their subject.




Pupils were tasked with completing the following sentence, "*I love Maths because...*" and qualifying responses were rewarded with an *I love Maths* badge.

Here's why Year 7 Vivien, Ada and Marshall love Maths:

Vivien... *because it's an amazing subject, is very interesting and I think personally that Maths is very '?!'. If we think about it, we actually use Maths in everyday life because it's helpful in life. So many words you can describe Maths in. Think about it, we actually use Maths in everyday life because when you go to the shop you have to estimate how much money you're going to need. That's why I love Maths!*



 **Ada...** *because it can be very helpful for cooking and baking and all sorts of things like measuring, cutting and weighing. Another reason why I love Maths is because it's either right or wrong, like in English it's always opinions and in Science it's always predictions yet Maths is really precise. Finally, I like figuring out sums, and learning if I get them wrong.*

Marshall... *because of the facts and numbers. I like the shapes of the numbers and solving problems.*

Now, It's YOUR Turn... Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link below to access the online form and write Mr Sneddon a few sentences or paragraphs explaining why they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cAKzEBpP1H>

Mr Sneddon
Assistant Head of Maths

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Priory's Houses Are Challenged To A Game of Paper Golf

During Wednesday lunchtime the four Houses went head to head once again.

At this 'just for fun' event, the contender's aim was tested as they were challenged to complete the Crazy Paper Golf course.

Pupils could use a paper ball or plane of their choice and attempt to reach each hole in the fewest throws possible.

The illusive Priory mascot, Pedro the Puffin, made his first showing after a prolonged break in the far southern hemisphere.

Mr Raynor, who organised the event, commented, "Pedro's presence must have inspired the golfers as three players achieved hole in one shots!"

The final team scores were:

1st - Gold - **Douglas** - 23

2nd - Silver - **Ribble** - 25

3rd - Bronze - **Calder** - 27

4th - Bronze - **Hodder** - 32

Special mentions for the top scoring players from each team.

Douglas - Will B, Lucy J, Alex I, Jake L, Ossian H, Ben K, Myles N and Henry B

Ribble - Josh, Matthew, Isa, Joe, Naeem, Yusuf

Calder - Mackenzie, Reece, Oliver, Harry, Harriet, Amelia

Hodder - Dexter, Salahudeen, Akemi, Will



The scoreboard has been updated and we have a clear leader so far, however, there's still plenty of time to challenge Hodder before the academic year is out.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Hodder	4	0	4
Calder	2	3	3
Douglas	1	3	4
Ribble	1	2	5



Learn to Succeed



Can you help at our careers fair?

We're looking for parents, friends of the school and local businesses from a wide range of STEAM* careers to inspire the next generation.

Would you be willing to come to Priory to represent your business or speak to our pupils about your occupation?

Tuesday, 16 January from 8.50am-1.15pm

Whatever your profession, knowledge of your career pathway and experience of the world of work, you will be most valued and welcomed. This is a great opportunity not only for our pupils but also for local employers to promote career opportunities and engage with the young people who may be their future workforce. Some employers, therefore, allow their staff to attend these events as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

By taking part you will help to:

- Raise pupils' career aspirations
- Educate and enthuse pupils about the wide range of career opportunities there are in STEAM*.
- Enable pupils to engage with people in employment

The Details:

The event crosses four lessons with a break in between. Volunteer visitors will be allocated a table to set up whatever information they wish to bring ie, literature, models, interactive activities and demonstrations. Pupils from Years 7 - 11 will be escorted to the hall by staff and encouraged to interact at stands, pick up information and ask questions.

***Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths (STEAM)**



If you are able to get involved or have any questions, please contact Mrs Massey, Science teacher and House Leader, at

c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Learn to succeed

Hot Food Menu

Fresh home cooked meals and snacks available daily.

We have a three-week rolling menu which will be displayed around school, on our website and in the newsletter.

Autumn Half Term 2 - November to December 2023

Week 1

Monday

Sweet & sour chicken served with rice **H**
GF
Macaroni cheese with garlic bread **V**

Tuesday

Sausage and mash with beans or peas
Veggie curry served with rice and naan **V**
GF

Wednesday

Spicy chicken burger with wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V** **GF**

Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**
Jamaican jerk vegan burger, skin on wedges and beans or peas **V** **GF**

Friday

Fish | Pizza **V** **GF** | Hot dog **H**
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 2

Monday

Fish goujons with skin on wedges and beans or peas
Vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread **V**
GF

Tuesday

Chicken meatball stroganoff with garlic bread **H**
Veggie burrito with nachos **V** **GF**

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato calzone pizza with wedges and beans or peas **V** **GF**
Chicken tikka pasty with wedges and beans or peas

Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**
Onion bhaji burger on folded naan with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V** **GF**

Friday

Fish | Pizza **V** **GF** | Beefburger
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 3

Monday

Savoury mince with mash and Yorkshire pudding **GF**
Tomato pasta with garlic bread **V** **GF**

Tuesday

Chilli con carne with rice **GF**
Onion bhaji burger with sweet potato fries and beans or peas **V** **GF**

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V** **GF**
Vegetable ravioli with garlic bread **V**

Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**
Cheese and onion pasty, diced potatoes and beans or peas **V**

Friday

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



*Chicken Wraps With New Chicken Flavours **H**
Southern Fried Chicken Every Day | All Served With Salad and Sauce.
Mon - Lemon & Herb | Tues - BBQ | Weds - Mediterranean
Thurs - Chinese 5 Spice | Fri - Southern Fried Chicken only

Baguette Fillings: Tuna, Prawn, Chicken & Bacon Mayo, Egg Mayo.

Pasta Pots:
Tuna, Red Pesto & Cherry Tomato.

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

V = Vegetarian **H** = Halal **GF** = Gluten Free **GF*** = Gluten Free Option Available - See Below

Where there is a gluten free option available, pupils will need to pre-order either via email to enquiries@priors.lancs.sch.uk or by speaking to the catering team before 9am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).



We're Recruiting!

Level 2

Teaching Assistant

Closing date: Monday, 13 November

Teaching Assistant

WE'RE HIRING!

31 hours per week

8.30am - 3.10pm

Fixed term (to support individual pupil whilst on roll)

We are looking to appoint a Level 2 Teaching Assistant (TA2) to support learning, monitor pupil progress and provide feedback to the class teacher as well as establish supportive and constructive relationships with both pupils and parents/carers. The role will involve providing short term cover for classes when the teacher is unexpectedly unavailable.

The successful applicant will work under the instruction and guidance of teaching staff.

A Teaching Assistant qualification is desirable but not essential - there will be an opportunity for the right candidate to gain a qualification once in post.

For an application pack please visit >>
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Enquiries can be directed to Mrs A Holland, SENCo, via email at a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Closing Date: Monday, 13 November at 12 noon

Interviews: Monday, 20 November

New Longton ~ Youth on Stage Charity Group Proudly Presents

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

~Raising money for Brain Tumour Treatment~

~ New Longton Village Hall ~

Thursday 14th Dec 7pm - Friday 15th Dec 7pm and Saturday 16th Dec 2pm and 7pm

Tickets: £10 Adult, £5 children

Box Office: 07779022986

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This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Mr E'!

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!

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



Next Draw
Saturday
11 November

Penwortham
Priory
ACADEMY

YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY

£1 TICKET

2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

the
national sleep
helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

Runshaw College Open Event 21 November

Booking for the college's next open event on Tuesday, 21 November from 4pm-8pm is now open. Go to >> www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent/ to register



College Open Day 18 November

Come along and meet the staff, tour the campus and find out more about the College and our courses.



Myerscough
College

Myerscough College has more than 30 different subjects, covering a wide range of land-based courses from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing. There's also a choice of Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

There are options at various levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes. Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects.

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at the Preston centre) is available here: www.myerscough.ac.uk/students



Myerscough
College & University Centre
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

COURSE ADVICE MORNING

Saturday 18th November
Starts 10.00am

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships



CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON

Learn to succeed

PRESTON
COLLEGE

REGISTER FOR OUR

YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER, 10AM-2PM

www.preston.ac.uk/nov23

SCAN TO
REGISTER



FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm

GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

PRESTON
COLLEGE

A limited number of scholarships are available to Year 11 applicants on eligible T-Level/Level 3 courses.

BENEFITS:

£1,000
Over 2 years

FREE
Travel Pass

FREE
College Gym
Membership

Ambassador
HOODIE

Support from our
extensive range
of employer
links

Evidence to
support your
UCAS application

www.preston.ac.uk

WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIP?

- > Accountancy
- > Aeronautical Engineering
- > Applied Science
- > Business Studies
- > Digital (IT) / Media (Film & Photography)
- > Early Years
- > Engineering
- > Health & Social Care
- > Performing Arts - Acting
- > Performing Arts - Musical Theatre
- > Professional Construction
- > Professional Dance
- > Public Services
- > Sport
- > Travel & Tourism with Event Management

CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should apply for a scholarship if:

- > You are currently in Year 11
- > You are applying for one of the T-Level/Level 3 courses listed
- > You meet the entry requirements
- > You have a skill or talent in your course choice

(For example, if you are applying for a sport course, you may volunteer at a local sports club or represent your school/county/country.)

Note: each subject may have additional entry requirements - see the online Scholarship Application Form for more details.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a Scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

- > All sections of the form must be completed in FULL
- > A Personal Statement section is included within the form. It is essential that you clearly justify why you are suitable for a Preston College Scholarship - make sure you reach the 300 word count
- > Applications must be submitted before Friday 26 April 2024.

WHAT DO COLLEGE EXPECT IN RETURN?

If your application is successful, Preston College expects:

- > Excellent attendance and punctuality
- > Performance at or above your target grade
- > Support to promote your course to potential learners
- > Any additional requirements as outlined in your scholarship agreement

IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP, WILL THIS AFFECT MY APPLICATION TO STUDY AT PRESTON COLLEGE?

No. If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, this will not affect your application to study on a full-time course.

APPLY NOW

www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

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