

Penwortham Priory Post



Our Gardens Are Double Winners!

Priory's fantastic gardens were once again recognised as a blooming success!

The skills of gardener Mr Farron have won Priory numerous horticultural awards over the years including Penwortham in Bloom and South Ribble in Bloom recognition.

In 2019, the school won a coveted RHS North West in Bloom Award. Priory went one better this time when they collected a double award from the Royal Horticultural Society for 2023.

Mr Farron and Vice Principal Mrs Cowell were presented with the RHS North West in Bloom Secondary School 2023 Award and the prestigious 2023 Seedley and Langworthy In Bloom Schools Award at a lavish ceremony at Bolton Wanderers FC – and Mr Farron enjoyed it even though he is a Blackburn Rovers fan!

Mr Farron said: "These are recognised awards and I was shocked but proud Priory won."

The North West in Bloom Awards are highly competitive with growers, gardeners and horticulturists from a vast area in the North-West, from Macclesfield to Morecambe, from North to South and Rochdale to Blackpool and everywhere in between!

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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.

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

Christmas lunch served in
the dining room
Hamilton The Musical
Trip, Manchester

Mon, 18 December

Year 11 Parents Evening
(online)

Fri, 22 December

End of Autumn term
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 8 January 2024

Start of Spring term

Tues, 16 January 2024

STEAM Careers Fair (in
school)
Year 11 Preston College
interviews

Fri, 19 January 2024

Rewards trip

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"During one of the visits earlier this year, a local dignitary came to look around the school and when Mr Eastham pulled back the blinds of his office window, she burst into tears as she didn't expect to see the floral display outside".

"I have to say that human reaction was the best compliment I could have asked for and one I will never forget.

"North West in Bloom Chairman Bernard Pendleton then came to look around the school and he was extremely complimentary, praising the school for recognising the importance of the gardens.

"They look at the design, the symmetry, the choice of plants and if we had plants for all the four seasons, which we had.

"They also looked at all aspects of wildlife. They talked to science teacher Mrs Massey about the Eco Committee and what they are doing in school and, while they were in the Technology Department, Mrs Lawe and her Key Stage 4 classes were making bird boxes and they were impressed by the standard of work they had done.

"We have owl boxes and swallow boxes which are currently being nested in.

"We received an email to say we had been short-listed and then I couldn't believe it when Priory's name was called out not once but twice.

"It was a truly wonderful experience to be an overall winner in a competition attended by so many famous horticulturalists in the region.

"To win two awards was totally unexpected but I am exceedingly proud of the school."

Mr Farron would also like to thank the Estates Team at Penwortham Priory Academy for their co-operation throughout the year with several projects and contribution to the maintenance of the school's garden areas.

Mr Farron is now looking forward to the next competition which also includes judging the Penwortham and South Ribble in Bloom!



Learning for Life

Day 2



Monday, 27 November 2023

Don't forget, next Monday is a Learning for Life Day so school will close at 1.10pm.

Pupils should report to their Session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am unless their normal room is in the Hex or Technology block. These groups have been relocated into the main building and information is on Teams*.

Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.



The topics we cover on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices our children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well-informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

Sessions covered on Monday include:

Year 7 Self Concept

Getting to know me. A question of character. Preparing for life after Priory. Under my control.

Year 8 Media Literacy and Digital Resilience

Cyberbullying. Digital Footprint. Internet Safety. Social Networking.

Year 9 Diversity and Equality - Gender

What is gender and gender identity? Binaries. What is 'coming out'? Gender Roles and Legalities.

Year 10 Addiction - Impact

Risks (to others, self, socially and professionally). Strategies for dealing with addiction.

Year 11 Financing Life

Risk. Borrowing. Saving. Interest. Fraud Prevention. Security

All year groups will receive sources of help and support for themselves and others.

*9EW2 - MFL2 | 10EW1 EN5 | 10EW2 HU5 | 10EW4 HU6 | 10EW5 MA4

Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for
Personal Development

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HUMANITIES COMPETITION

Design a Postcard

Produce a new design for the Humanities reward postcards.



The winning artwork will be used by the Humanities teachers to send praise home to parents. There are prizes to be won and you can win points for your House.

Your design must:

- Be A4 landscape
- Include at least one link to Geography, History and RE
- Have the word 'Humanities' on the front

Entries to Mrs Cauchi by
Friday, 15 December 2023

Don't forget to write your name on the back!



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 mtshows.com

Performances start at 7pm

**Tuesday,
5 December
and
Wednesday,
6 December**



Adults £8 | Concessions £6 (children 16
years and under / adults aged 65 and over)

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.

Members of the public, friends and extended family are
also extremely welcome. Tickets will also be available
on the door, subject to availability. Cash only, thank you.

Find out more at>>>

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

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South Ribble Cross Country Championships

REPORT BY MISS BEESLEY, PE TEACHER

It was a wet and soggy start to our Saturday morning for the annual South Ribble Cross Country Championships which were held at Hutton Grammar school last weekend.

Oliver G, Noah B and Jane W kicked off proceedings in the Year 10/11 race, and it was safe to say the theme of this year's championships was 'muddy'!

Jane stormed to an exceptional 4th place victory, not far behind her Year 11 competitors and bagged herself a place in the next stages.

The Year 8/9 races then got underway; a strong Priory team for both the boys and girls with over ten contingents. This year even included some sister rivalry with both Eliza G and Alexa G competing against each other. A number of pupils finished in the top 20, however it was Year 9 Taylor T who sprinted to the finish line in a very respectable 7th place.

Next, it was the turn of the Year 7s for their debut race however seeing the abundance of mud before them did not deter our team! Again with over ten pupils representing us, the fight for the finish line began in these challenging conditions. The Year 7s did not disappoint, with an outstanding performance from Owen T coming in 6th place, but it was Ethan B whose training paid off, as he triumphed for Priory finishing in the 3rd place position and proudly took to the podium for his medal.

Those who positioned in the top 10 will be invited to compete in the Lancashire stages early next year.

We would like to thank all competitors who attended on Saturday morning, to all parents who came to support, and for another fantastic competition - even if we did lose a few trainers to the mud!

Year 7

Emma N, Hollie L, Akemi K, Ada McM, Sienna T, Imogen C, Isaac H, Cameron D, Ethan B, Joe W, Archie G, Tyler S.

Year 8 & 9

Eliza G, Alexis G, Skye S, Harriet H, Alexa G, Millie D, Issy T, Callum G-V, Oliver C, Taylor T, Excellence I, Josh K, Felix D, Theo H.

Year 10/11

Jane W, Oliver G, Noah B



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Year 10 & 11 Girls Football Tournament

**SPORTS
REPORT**

Last Tuesday saw the second of the girls football 7-a-side tournaments held at Leyland St Mary's.

Priory's Year 10/11 team was raring to go with five games ahead of them.

PE Teacher, Miss Beesley said, "We took a few knocks at the start with some losses along the way. However this didn't deter our team. After a few switch ups in positions and some fierce goal keeping from both Olivia S and Ruby E, we were back in the game. A 4-0 victory over Wellfield followed with superb goals from Mia C, Molly S and Alessia S giving the girls a much needed boost "

The last game ended in a draw against Leyland St Mary's, with goalkeeper Ruby making some fantastic saves.

Well done to all girls who took part in the tournament.

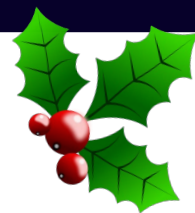
TEAM: Molly S, Olivia S, Ruby E, Taylor S, Mis B, Mia C, Eloise G, Caitlyn P, Alessia S.



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PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL



Penwortham Christmas Markets

6pm to 9pm

Liverpool Road

Wednesday, 13th December

Come and see us under the Priory gazebo where we'll be selling Christmas decorations and other wares lovingly made by the Technology department.

Kingsfold

Pope Lane & Hawksbury Drive
Monday, 4th December

Middleforth

Penwortham Sports & Social Club Car Park, Leyland Road.
Wednesday, 10th December

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms H'!

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
25 November

Penwortham
Priory
ACADEMY



1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



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- 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

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Year 11 Football Team into Lancashire's Third Round



Priory's Year 11 football team continued their impressive run in the Lancashire U16 Cup on Monday with a fantastic 3-1 win over St Augustine's RC High School.

Despite early domination and a number of chances, Priory found themselves 1-0 down midway through the first half. The goal didn't knock their confidence though with Priory hitting the crossbar and post before McKay equalized as half time approached.



Assistant Principal and PE Teacher, Mr Gee, said, "A strong second half saw Priory continue to dominate and create a number of good chances. McKay doubled his total midway through the second half before super sub Harwood came off the bench to put Priory into Round 3 with a delightful lob over the onrushing keeper."

Priory now has a winter break and will be ready for Round 3 in January.



Congratulations Millie!

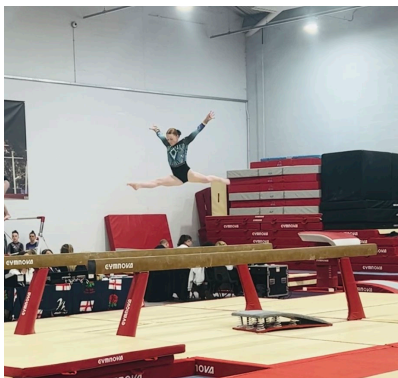
Year 8, Millie, took part in the Moss English Gymnastics Championships earlier this month.

Millie entered the Silver Intermediate category and claimed gold on 'floor'. She was subsequently crowned 'floor' champion in her category and came 4th overall.

Mum said, "Due to having to perform much bigger skills never competed previously and, at short notice, she entered with no expectations and competed just for the experience. She has worked so hard this year and has been recovering from a big injury. We are very proud of her!"

As is PE Teacher, Mrs Bullock, who added, "She is unbelievable, a real role model for so many young people."

We'll be catching up with Millie next month to cover her full story.



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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 9 Phoebe and Ezra love Maths:

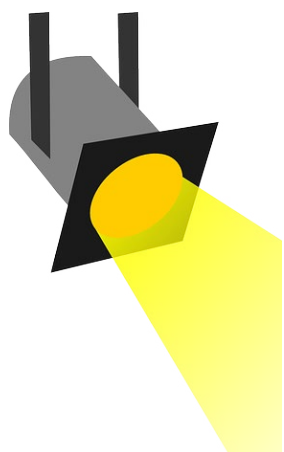
Phoebe... *because, I love answering questions, training my brain to work harder and everything about it*

Ezra... *because the thing I love most about maths is how enjoyable and easy I find it. Working with numbers is very relaxing for me, and I love the rewarding feeling you get when you feel like you can get your head around something tricky.*

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



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is you, please get in touch with your child's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 11 Football Fanatics Set Their Sights on Publishing Their Premier League Dream



Two Priory pupils are documenting following Preston North End home and away as they hope the season ends with a Premier League place.



Year 11s Oliver and Jayden are PNE season ticket holders and they have recorded their season so far on social media platforms, talking about the away grounds, the atmosphere, the result and more.

"We go to every single game home and away," said Jayden.

"We write all about our match-day experiences and take photographs and want to produce a book at the end of the season about it.

"It will be even better if we go up, and I think we will."

The pair travel on different fans coaches to make every match-day away trip a varied one.



Their current favourite players are September 2023 signing Milutin Osmajic and longer servant Ryan Ledson while both agree their all-time favourite is Joe Garner.

"We want to self-produce a book with photographs and we are also getting a website up and running with all our experiences on it," said Oliver.



Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery

Year 9 Only

Tuesday, 5 December

Christmas Cup Cakes

As Christmas is on the horizon, Mrs Cowell is running a cookery workshop exclusively for Year 9 pupils after school on Tuesday, 5 December.

Pupils will make six Christmas cupcakes to take home.

If you want to take part...

The workshops are free but there are only 12 places up for grabs which will be given to the first pupils to contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat.

If you get one of the places, just turn up to the food classroom in the Technology block at 3.10pm. All ingredients are provided.

Make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm and bring a lidded tin or lunchbox to take your cakes home in.

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Year 9 Pupil's Bid for the Community Becomes a Reality



Priory pupil Taejuan admits he is 'very proud' after he helped the Foxton Youth and Community Centre win a £2.2m funding bid.

The Year 9 pupil has been attending the youth centre since he was young but last year developed a more influential part, being on 'The Youth Forum.'

This involved talks about updating the building and developing the centre and Taejuan helped to apply for funding, playing a big part in making a presentation which helped to secure the £2.2m which will change the face of the centre.

"The Youth Centre is important, it provides activities for young people such as residential and days out," said volunteer Taejuan.

"The successful bid means we can now build a new centre with the funding which will be finished by 2025. It will have two floors, office rooms, a big sports hall and it will make a huge difference to what we can provide there.



"The facilities will be so much better and hopefully means more people will use them and there will be less hanging around on the streets. It's a big thing.

"My parents are really proud of me."

The existing building will be demolished later this year, but temporary facilities will be used during the redevelopment to ensure the Foxton's services don't close.

Cllr Jennifer Mein, Preston City Council, added: "We welcome the news that the centre has been able to secure the funding they need from the Youth Investment Fund and it can now move forward with their plans for a new youth centre in Avenham. The new facility will provide additional support, safety and resources for those young people that need it the most."

Read Blog Preston article here>>

www.blogpreston.co.uk/2023/08/the-foxton-centre-secures-2-2m-grant-to-re-build-youth-services-base-in-avenham/



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Mrs Elliott'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, Zach..

Drummer Zach has a mixture of talents as he looks to the future.

The Year 9 is currently in a race with his friend Connor to finish 'Wranglestone' by Darren Charlton (see last week's edition).

"There is only one copy of the sequel – Timberdark – in our school library at the moment so we are both reading quickly to get it first although another copy may appear!" said Zach.

"We both selected Wranglestone as it sounded interesting and I am enjoying it so far.

"I am one of those people who picks a book and if I like it, I will read it until the end. If I don't, I return it.

"My favourite author is probably Rick Riordan, who wrote the Percy Jackson series."

Zach's favourite subjects are Computing and English.

"I did consider becoming an author but I am also looking at computer programming as that will be very useful."

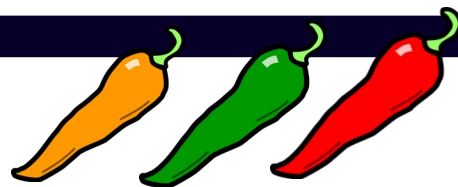
He plays drums with a school band 'Freezing Hot Water' and he also attends the Dungeons and Dragons Club at school.

"That's fun and interesting. It's working as a team."



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

Chilli Challenge Winners



Well done to Calder who had the most Chilli Challenge entries this week however there were wins for the other Houses too.

We had a lovely upsurge in entries for our first challenge of the academic year, which was great to see.

Year 7 Keigan G R6
Year 8 Reese L R6
Year 9 Finley K D3
Year 10 Ruby E H4
Year 11 Jayden B Calder



Mrs Cowell has distributed chilli tokens to pupils in Form time this morning for them to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining rooms.

English persist list



Address	Doesn't	Rhyme
Aggressive	Embarrassed	Rhythm
Because	Enjambement	Separate
Believe	Hyperbole	Successful
Caesura	Implies	Tension
Colloquial	Mischievous	Unnecessary
Connotation	Necessary	Weather
Definitely	Onomatopoeia	Weird
Disappear	Receive	Whether
Divide	Responsibility	Withhold

The leaderboard for the number of entries looks like this:

1st **CALDER**
2nd **DOUGLAS**
3rd **RIBBLE**
4th **HODDER**

Maths persist list



Alternate	Forty	Quadrilateral
Angle	Height	Rhombus
Approximately	Isosceles	Scalene
Chord	Metre	Similar
Circumference	Median	Simultaneous
Column	Ninth	Symmetry
Correlation	Parallel	Tessellation
Discrete	Perimeter	Translation
Enlargement	Perpendicular	Trapezium
Fibonacci	Prism	Triangle

Don't forget to pick up your next challenge sheet from the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete, each one with an increasing difficulty, and pop your answers in your year group post box.

How does it work?

Here's a reminder of how the challenge works:

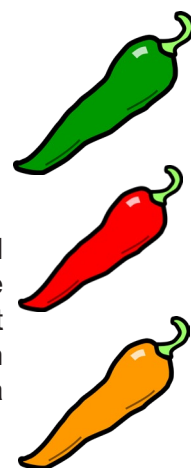
The challenges vary in complexity and all of them reference something called the persist lists. These are 30 words from maths and 30 words from English that we would like our pupils to persist in knowing how to spell and understand.

The challenges are set on paper that pupils can find above a special postbox that is in their year group dining room area (one for each year). They take a paper challenge, reference the two persist lists that are displayed beside each postbox, and then have a go at answering all three questions. They put their names, forms and house on the piece of paper, and then post their answers into the boxes.

Every Thursday at the end of school, Mrs Cowell empties the boxes and selects a random winner for each year group. She will also count how many entries per house have been made, irrespective of whether their answers are correct or not, and she will tot up that score and added it on to previous week's.

The winners are awarded each Friday morning and given a red plastic chilli shaped token. They take this to the front of the queue in the Bistro (Year 10 & 11) or Restaurant (Year 7, 8 & 9) that Friday breaktime and can exchange it for a snack such as toast, fruit, a drink, hash browns, etc.

The interhouse element is a year long competition to see who will have the most entries per house and there will be a trophy presented at the end of the summer.



Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal

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Ofqual Student Guide 2024 Now Out

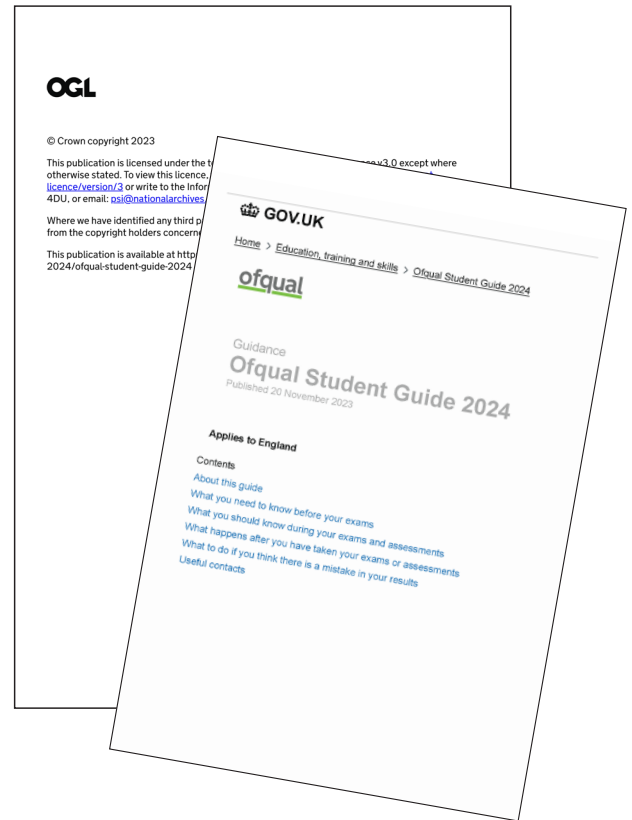
The OFQUAL Student Guide for pupils taking exams in 2024 has been issued to Year 11 pupils and their parents this week.

Ofqual is responsible for making sure that qualifications and assessments meet high standards. They monitor awarding organisations and make sure that qualifications do what students, higher education institutions and employers need them to do.

The guide provides pupils with information about this year's arrangements. It also explains what support is in place when taking exams and assessments.

Year 11 pupils should ensure they read this information.

A copy has been sent via email to pupils and added to their Year 11 Teams.




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