

Penwortham Priory Post



Class of 1970 Go Back To School

Former Head Girl Janet Edwards and Sports Captain John Bennett, the Class of 1970, visited Priory as part of our 70th anniversary celebrations as well as to meet the new Head Prefects.

Janet is believed to be one of the first pupils from Priory to go to university and enjoyed a successful career as a midwife. She stayed in touch with John, who was Sports Captain for Croft House and went on to be a Geography teacher, inspired by his teacher at Priory.

Janet (nee Clough), now 69, said: "Priory has changed a lot but there are some things which are still the same such as the same reception.

"I remember one of my jobs as Head Girl was to follow our then Headteacher Mr Summers, in his black gown, onto the stage for assemblies. We had to stand there while he spoke.

"I also remember organising the collection for the Poppy Appeal and, as prefects, we also had to stop pupils coming through the main entrance at break and lunch time but we were allowed to!

"I went onto Liverpool University to study Geography, inspired by our then Geography teacher Ernest Reynolds, his blackboard skills were incredible.

"I remember, pupils who wanted to go to university went to Penwortham Girls or Hutton Grammar School. I had done my O'Levels, as they were then, and I went to Penwortham Girls to talk about wanting to do three A-Levels as I wanted to go to university. I wanted to do History, Geography and Literature. As I had come

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, 9 October

DofE Information Evening for Year 9 & 10 pupils and parents, 5pm-5.45pm

Tues, 10 October

Year 10 Faith Day
Newman College Assembly (Year 11)

Weds, 11 October

Year 11 Faith Day
Year 7 Settle Factor
Parents Evening

Thurs, 12 October

Author visit (Year 7)
Preston College Lunch
Time Drop In (Year 11)

Mon, 16 October

Year 10 Parents Evening (online)

Half Term

Mon, 23 October - Fri, 27 October

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from Priory, they didn't think I was capable of doing three but I stood my ground and did all three!"

John said: "As Sports Captain, I had to organise all the team events and internal competitions. I was inspired by Mr Reynolds as I went on to be a Geography teacher at St Albans, now Albany High, and Stanley High School in Southport.

"I remember a trip to Hothersall Lodge at Priory and also not taking time over my homework and Mr Reynolds saying: "That was not worth wetting your pen for." I wasn't the most studious!

"Priory has changed beyond recognition but in a good way. My children came here and they have gone into the police and teaching."

Janet added: "It's superb that children in South Ribble have the chance to come to such a vibrant school."

Both had a tour around the school with our current Head Prefects Martha, Alex, Lewis and Cameron and laughed about the how punishments had changed.

John said: "We used to get the slipper if we had done something wrong and the girls were rapped on their knuckles with a ruler or had to write lines."

Janet had presented the school with her yellow summer dress, lovingly made by her mum.

"You could buy them but we didn't have a lot of money so my mum made it from a pattern and there was also a straw boater to go with it."

Following on from the visit, Janet wrote,

"Thank you for inviting John and I to come to Priory to meet the new head prefects. I was very impressed with Martha, Lewis, Alex and Cameron; they showed a genuine interest in our experiences and engaged with us one hundred per cent. Their enthusiasm for the school was very apparent hence needing more time to show us all areas that they were so proud of. Without being patronising they showed maturity and respect .

"I was a little apprehensive ahead of the visit as to how they would find two individuals from a different era approaching their seventieth birthdays, my apprehension was unfounded!"

We would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to the Head Boy of Class of 1970, Trevor Rainford, who sadly passed away earlier this year.



Summer uniform, Penwortham County Secondary School, 1970, kindly donated to the school by Janet.



Alex looking over the Admissions Book with John.



Good Luck Lewis!

Good luck to Head Prefect, Lewis, who will be competing in the UKA Dance Premier Festival at the Blackpool Winter Gardens this Sunday.

This is Lewis' first competition in the 16-35 year category having recently turned 16, placing him up against adults for the first time.

In these competition's competitors dance against same grade level and same gender. Let's hope he can keep his record!



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Author Visit: Ruth Eastham

meet the
author



We are excited to confirm that multi-award-winning author, Ruth Eastham, will be visiting Priory next Thursday for an exclusive event with Year 7.

Ruth's debut novel, *The Memory Cage*, was a finalist in the Waterstone's Book Prize. Teachers voted it best story in the UK Literacy Association Book Award and it was nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Medal. Her second book, *The Messenger Bird*, was chosen as a Book Trust title to be read in schools across the United Kingdom.

For Year 7 Only: Orders via SCOPay for books with signed inscriptions have now closed however there will be a limited number of books available for pupils to purchase on the day at £6 each (cash only). Please note, these will not be signed.

Further information about the author and some of her books can be found here:

www.booktrust.org.uk/authors/e/eastham-ruth/



Textiles Club Off To A Great Start



Textile Club got off to a fantastic start on Monday. Whilst some pupils made Hallowe'en-themed drawstring bags, others began making their Christmas stockings. With the Penwortham Christmas Markets looming, some were thinking ahead with star-shaped fabric decorations to sell on the school's stall.

Technology teacher, Mrs Lockwood, said, "It was definitely my favourite 45 minutes of the week! A lovely start to Textiles Club 2023."

Here's Maisie and Emily (Year 8) with their first makes. Emily had made her bag to keep her book in which she had newly purchased from the book fair.

Well done all.



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Duke of Edinburgh Award at Priory



Humanities teacher Mrs Cauchi will lead the Duke of Edinburgh scheme in Priory now Mr Watters has retired.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a nationally and internationally recognised award, favoured by employers and universities alike. The programme builds confidence, dedication and commitment, attributes we all want to see in our young people, and demand for the DofE is greater today than ever before.

Mrs Cauchi said it made sense for her to do it as, in her spare time, she loves the outdoors.

"It's what I do out of school," she said. "I walk my dogs and go wild camping so it made sense for me to step up into the role.

"I didn't get the chance to do my Duke of Edinburgh in school so I want to make sure pupils at Priory have their chance.

"Hopefully it will be open to all pupils but the current Year 9, then Year 10, will have the chance to sign up this month.

"It's beautiful around here with the Forest of Bowland and Rivington Pike so I am looking forward to exploring with the pupils.

"We will start with bronze level but hopefully in the future we will offer silver as well."

The Bronze Award has been launched to Year 9 and Year 10 pupils during assemblies over the past few weeks. Those taking part will complete a programme of activities in four sections that involve volunteering, physical, developing a new skill and completing an expedition. Pupils will need to complete a minimum of three months in each and choose one to focus on for six months.

Before being enrolled onto the Bronze Award pupils wanting to participate are asked to fill out a preliminary activity sheet and have this signed by Mrs Cauchi before Wednesday, 25 October, to ensure what they are planning to do is acceptable.



There will be a parents and pupils information evening on **Monday, 9 October at 5pm** for those wish to find out more about what is expected before making any commitment. If you would like to attend the event, please email Mrs Cauchi at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk before 12 noon on Monday.

A copy of the letter which has been issued to pupils interested in the scheme is available from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Inter-House Cross Country

The PE & Sport Department commandeered last week for pupils' annual sprint through the Priory woods for the school's Cross Country event.



Despite the heavy rain the week before, surprisingly it held off on the whole although many pupils still came off worse for the mud! Pupils had to complete two laps of the 900m route in the fastest time possible and the House with the least number of points were the winners. Calder had a close call in first place, with Douglas in Second, and Ribble and Hodder pulling up the rear.

Some pupils were just too quick and had dashed off after completing the course however, here are some of the top finishers that PE teacher, Miss Beesley, managed to catch!

Year 8

Millie D, Eliza G, Issy T, Excellent I, Josh K, Oliver C

Year 9 - Top 12 Boys

Zane H, Oliver L, Josh B, Taylor T, Louis H, Ellis T, Callum G-V, Josh P, Felix D, Aaron H, Aaron W, Alan K

Year 9

Taylor T, Felix D, Callum G-V

10E Band

Noah B, Kendall McC, Declan W.

10w Band

Lewis W, Max B, Oliver G



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Important Notice

SCHOOL SYNERGY



Good news! We're streamlining the way we communicate homework to both parents and pupils.

Here at Priory, we strive to ensure that parents and guardians have the best overview of any homework set. Therefore, after the October half-term break, all homework will be assigned via Synergy so that you can see the homework set, date due and the teacher instruction of what needs to be completed. We've listened to your feedback and feel that this 'one stop shop' is the best solution to giving you the most effective way to view homework.

The **Synergy Parent App** is a free, easy to use platform where you can easily find this information and support your child in the completion of any work that has been set. Although we may still use Microsoft Teams to set online quizzes or other work, this will be clearly identified via the Synergy homework instructions and point yourselves and students in the right direction to find the work.

To find out more about the Synergy Parent App, or if you haven't yet downloaded this, then please visit the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/synergy.

If you have any logon queries, please email the school at enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities
Lead Practitioner for Digital Transformation



THE RESULTS:

The house with the lowest points are the winners.

Top 3 Runners						
Position	Girls	Time	Year Group	Boys	Time	Year Group
1st	Jane W	9.30	10	Oliver C	7.01	8
2nd	Willow P	9.48	7	Excellence I	7.05	8
3rd	Eliza G	9.50	8	Josh K	7.09	8

BOYS							
HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	396	276	393	121	111	1297	1
DOUGLAS	417	127	519	159	160	1382	3
HODDER	617	429	709	161	137	2053	4
RIBBLE	403	252	392	103	172	1322	2

GIRLS							
HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	120	305	119	48	71	543	4
DOUGLAS	136	300	48	37	60	445	2
HODDER	132	137	93	18	45	293	1
RIBBLE	329	319	99	48	32	498	3

Overall Cross Country Inter house results

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	516	581	512	169	182	1960	1
DOUGLAS	553	427	567	196	220	1963	2
HODDER	749	566	802	179	182	2478	4
RIBBLE	732	571	491	151	204	2149	3

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Friday Fun with Inter House Water Relay

There was fun on the yard at lunchtime last Friday as pupils gathered to watch an Inter-House game of water antics.

For the first event of the new House Leaders' Lunchtime Challenges, each form had provided one representative to take part in a team event where pupils were challenged to complete a water relay in the fastest time.

Pupils worked together with others from their house to carry water along the course to raise a ping pong ball to freedom by filling a container with water.

Mrs Massey's Calder were the winners, seen here with ..

Harriet H (Y9),
Excellence I (Y8),
Aaron H (Y8),
Zane H (Y9), and
Danilo G (Y9)

Winners:


1st CALDER

2nd DOUGLAS

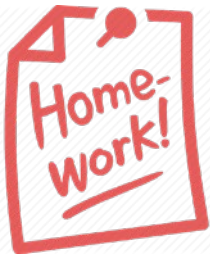
3rd = HODDER

3rd = RIBBLE



 LEADERBOARD	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Calder	2	1	1
Ribble	1	1	2
Hodder	1	0	3
Douglas	0	3	1

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Year 7 Seneca Club

Year 7 pupils are encouraged to go along to the Nucleus (the centre of the Science Department) on a Wednesday lunch time for extra support or practice with Seneca.



This can be a one off to help you understand how to use Seneca or every week if you would like to use the laptops to complete your homework. Teaching staff will be there to help you.

[Senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com) | For username and password - see your Science teacher

Support with Maths Homework

Sparx Maths homework is set every Friday and due in the following Friday.

During the week, students will be expected to complete homework to 100% completion. If help is needed to achieve this target, Maths teachers are available at break, lunchtime and after school every Monday and Tuesday. Students can also message their teacher for help via Teams.

The SPARX MATHS logo, with 'SPARX' in white and 'MATHS' in blue on a blue background.

If the 100% homework target is not achieved, pupils will then attend our compulsory intervention nights on Monday or Tuesday in IT2 to help them with those areas they struggled with, ensuring no pupil feels left behind and no pupil struggles with their learning in their next lesson.



BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Every Morning in LEAP 2
Time: 8.00am- 8.30am

AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
in LEAP 2
Time: 3.10pm-4.10pm



Just turn up!

All year groups welcome
Use of the computers
Support available

**Also open every
break and lunch**



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Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery

Be Quick - Limited Places Available Per Session!



Year 7

Thursday, 9 November
National School Meals Week

Here's your first opportunity to come and join in some making and baking fun....

To celebrate National School Meals Week 6-10 November, Mrs Cowell will be running a cookery workshop exclusive for Year 7 pupils after school on Thursday, 9 November. Pupils will create their own chicken wraps, one of our most popular lunch items at school. You'll make oven baked breaded chicken goujons and dressings to entice!



If you want to take part...

The workshops are free but there are only 15 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. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

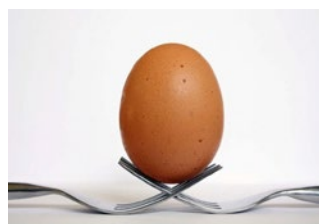
Make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm and bring a lidded tin, tub or lunchbox to take your cookery home in.

Mrs Cowell
Food Technology Teacher
and Vice Principal

Year 8

Wednesday, 11 October
British Egg Week

Running from 9-15 October, British Egg Week is all about discovering delicious recipes and learning about the benefits of incorporating more eggs into our diets.



Whether you like them poached, scrambled or fried, eggs are one of nature's most versatile and nutrient-dense foods.

Join the egg-citement with Mrs Cowell and her Creative Cookery Workshop just for Year 8s on Wednesday, 11 October after school where you'll be making egg fried rice.



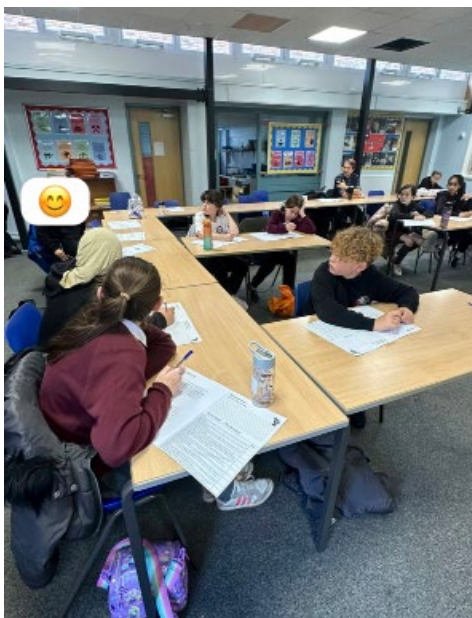
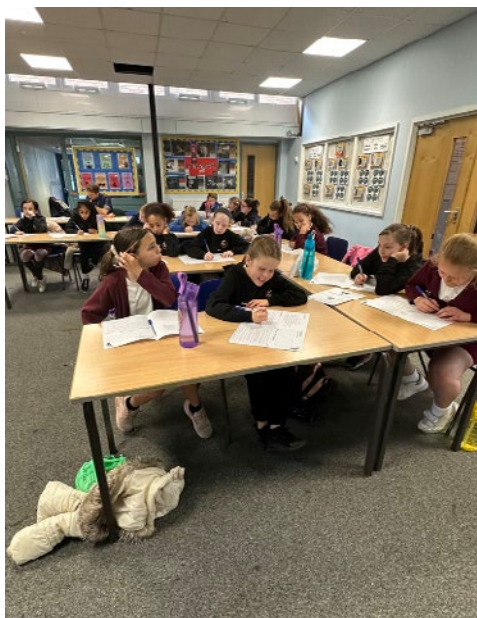
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This week we invited Broad Oak Primary School and Cop Lane Primary School pupils to experience a day at Priory.

The Year 5 & 6 pupils came along for a taster day on Tuesday and Thursday respectively where they got to sample lessons from the core subjects to History, Science, PE, Drama and Languages. Pupils were supported by familiar faces from their primary school who are now in Year 7.

Top images show pupils from Broad Oak who created internet safety posters in Computing and analysed interesting character descriptions in English, amongst other activities.

On Thursday, pupils from Cop Lane had a lesson in Science where teacher, Mrs Potter, said, "We made paper plates and put tea lights under them to model convection currents. The Year 7 helpers who were past pupils of Cop Lane did a fantastic job too!"



Thank you to our Priory
Ambassadors:

Harry W, Archie G, Larnajayne W,
Jess D, Erin M, Ethan G, Sandra B,
Wez Ashton-C, Max C, Ella R, Maci
H, Mali H, Alyssia H, Bob H, Elliot
W-McB, Zack E, Kayden C



Learn to Succeed

MaBaL (music at break and lunch)

Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch



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

We will focus on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school. Next week it's...

The 1950s

Next week will be the Music of the 1950s - an era when the first pop stars came into being, thanks to a combination of the teenager, the diner, a small piece of black vinyl and the jukebox.



This is the end of the Big Band era and the beginning of Rock'n'Roll, led by such as Fats Domino's Blueberry Hill, a song originally written in the 1940s then covered by such as Elvis and Led Zeppelin.

A couple of 1950's legends had tragically short lives, such as Buddy Holly (22) and Ritchie Valens (17) famous for such hits as Peggy Sue and La Bamba respectively. Sadly both were killed in the same plane crash.

This is the decade where the music of the deep south around New Orleans, migrated up the Mississippi River to appeal to a wider American public with stars such as Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis performing in their 80s up until their deaths in recent years.

Theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils should see Mr Taylor, message through Teams Chat or email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

You are invited to our
OPEN EVENTS

Saturday **23rd** September, **10.00am – 2.00pm**
Thursday **12th** October, **4.00pm – 8.00pm**
Tuesday **21st** November, **4.00pm – 8.00pm**

RUNSHAW COLLEGE
runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

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Year 7 Pupil Champions the BMX World



Year 7 Freddie is currently taking the BMX biking world by storm as National and British champion.

Freddie is a member of Preston Pirates BMX Club and said: "I got into it when I was riding around the Guild Wheel, aged around six or seven, and I saw some riders on a track. I stopped and watched and they invited me down and I have taken it from there."

Freddie has competed all over Europe, including France and Belgium, taking part in European and World BMX competitions.

"I am a bit of a risk taker so I enjoy the challenges of BMX riding," said Freddie.

"I also enjoy coaching and I coach some of the younger age groups at Preston Pirates."



Freddie was National and British champion for nine-year-olds, he was double champion aged 10 and has just won the 11-year-old National and British titles.

"The National title is won over a series of eight races in the UK and you pick up points over the series.

"The British title is a one-off day, it was in Derby, and you have to go through the rounds with eight competing in the final and I won.

"My dream is to compete in the Olympics."

Let Them Eat Cake (all for a good cause!)

We raised £125.78! Thank you to all the pupils and staff who baked, brought and bought, it was a great team effort. Pupils who donated cakes will gain points towards their Priory Plus Award as well as House points, so it's been a win-win all round.

Thank you for your support!



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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, Lucy...

Multi-talented Lucy enjoys reading about facts and figures but fires her imagination by taking to the stage.

The Year 9 admits she prefers books that have definite answers.

"I am reading a book that has lots of random questions which are answered in a scientific way," said Lucy.

"I don't like biographies and books like that, I like more random books, random facts which are conversation starters."

Lucy's favourite subject is English and, as well as playing the drums, she likes acting and singing.

"I play the drums. My dad got into it in lockdown and I could hear him playing so I had a go. I have taken a couple of exams.

"I am Serena in the school's production of Legally Blonde and I also go to 'Stagecoach Preston', a club where I sing, act and dance.

"In the future though I think I want to do something with psychology or philosophy."

Lucy performed the Summer Arts Festival in July where she played drums to a backing track of Queen's 'I want to break free'.



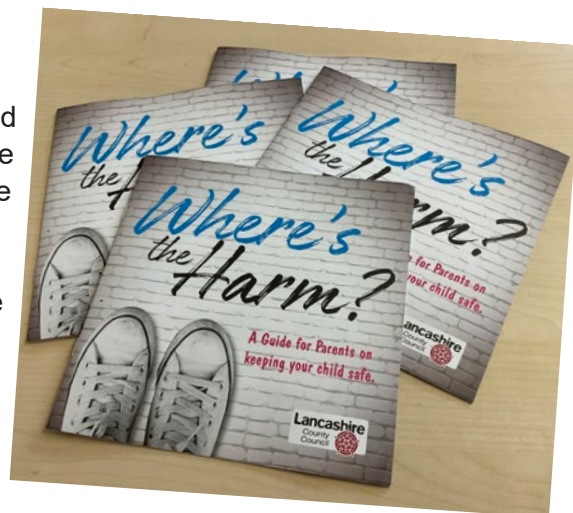
Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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Where's The Harm?

On behalf of Lancashire County Council, Trading Standards and Lancashire Constabulary, we have been asked to distribute the Where's The Harm booklet to all Year 7 & 8 pupils, and provide online access to it for the other year groups.

Where's The Harm booklet has been designed, for parents, to raise awareness of current health and well-being issues for young people and how to access further information and support. The booklet has been updated in response to a recent survey of Lancashire schools. It includes advice on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, vaping, nitrous oxide and knives.



The resource contains a range of strategies to approach and combat risk taking behaviours; all of which have been developed by working with local young people. [Download it here>>](#)



[www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancan/
educational-resources](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancan/educational-resources)

78% of Lancashire children surveyed said that their parents supplied them with alcohol. This short film based on a 'social experiment' looks at the issues of parents supplying alcohol to their children in Lancashire.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFVaCtywusw>

There are growing concerns about the numbers of young people using vapes; a recent survey of young people aged 14-17 years in Lancashire showed an increase in regular use to 17%, almost three times as many since 2020. Trading standards have also seen a significant increase in complaints about sales of disposable vapes to young people.

To report under age sales, contact Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0800 223 1133 or report them online at the Citizens Advice website.

Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for
Personal Development

Where are your
kids tonight?

sleepover + alcohol + unsupervised =
risks for your child
Know where they are

Help control underage drinking
#WheresTheHarm
www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancan

Lancashire
County
Council

Don't Forget Our School Lottery!

Next Draw
Sat, 7 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 W'!

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



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



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Pupil Job Vacancy



School Communications

Communications Reporter

We need help with newsletter stories, from prompting teachers to take photos of newsworthy activities in lessons, to writing articles and social media posts. Great journalism or photography experience by shadowing a real reporter.

Enquiries: Mrs Yates

Deadline: 13/10/23

Pupil Job Vacancy



Site Team

We would pupil assistants

Your duties would be:

- Putting chairs out and in for assemblies.
- Help with exam tables in exam season.
- Litter picking - Not glamorous but needed.

Enquiries: Mr Bolton

Deadline: 13/10/23

Pupil Job Vacancy



Food

We require two pupils on a Monday or Thursday break

Your duties would be:

- Unloading washing machines and dryers
- Weighing and bagging / preparing ingredients for upcoming practicals
- Cleaning sinks
- Tidying and cleaning fridges
- Other general light duties in the food room

Enquiries: Mrs Lockwood

Deadline: 13/10/23

Pupil Job Vacancy



Drama

Organisation of costumes and clothing

This will need to be after school say 3.10 – 3.40pm Mondays, Tuesday,

Thursday – You can choose just one day a week to do it or however best works for you but they are the available days.

Enquiries: Mrs Howell

Deadline: 13/10/23

Pupil Volunteering Opportunities at Priory



Volunteering to help staff in school regularly is classed as work experience and can be particularly beneficial for pupils who are not yet old enough for paid work.

Staff have been asked to provide opportunities for all pupils across the school.

Volunteering, whether in school or in the community, also counts as evidence towards pupils' Priory Plus Award, the PiXL Edge Award and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The job adverts opposite have been posted on the Year Group Teams this week and the Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith, is also intending to set up a 'jobs board' similar to what you may find in a Job Centre.

Community Opportunity just in: If you fancy some time out of school helping to clear leaves in Penwortham on a dry day then see Ms Smith. This will count towards your Priory Plus Award as well as an opportunity to assist the local community which you can include on CVs. You will also get a break/lunch queue jumping pass for a week! If you'd like to help, message Ms Smith.

What is volunteering?

Volunteering is when someone spends unpaid time doing something to benefit others.

Helping your close friends or relatives isn't volunteering. But doing something to benefit a community (and through that, other people) is. Volunteering can be formal and organised by organisations, or informal within communities. It should always be a free choice made by the person giving up their time.

Every volunteer has their own reasons for volunteering. These include:

- gaining experience to get into work or change career
- supporting a cause that's meaningful to them
- meeting other people
- contributing to the local community
- changing something for the better
- using their skills or experience to help others
- learning new skills

PUPIL PREMIUM PARENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best**.

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.

Remember: Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

What's On Next Week

Please see below the activities running next week in PE

Monday

Year 8 Football – Lancashire Cup vs St Mary's Catholic Academy, Blackpool (A) 3.15Ko
 Year 7 Football vs Lostock Hall (A)
 Year 11 Football vs Lostock Hall (H)
 Netball practice cancelled

Tuesday

Year 9 Football vs All Hallows (H)
 Year 10 Football vs Lostock Hall (A)
 Badminton Club – cancelled
 Primary School Multi-Skills Competition – Young Leaders – Sports Hall

Wednesday

GCSE PE Badminton Practice – Sports Hall

Thursday

Girls Football Club – 3G

Do you want your voice to be heard?

We are young people in Lancashire passionate about improving the NHS for other young people.

- We meet on a monthly basis on a Wednesday at Education Centre 1 in Royal Preston Hospital
- Develop your skills whilst volunteering
- We meet for 2 hours from 6pm to 8pm
- For ages 11–18yr

Everyone is welcome, come along if you want your voice to be heard.

@LancsHospYV

Excellent care with compassion
 Youth Voice
 Email: Youth.Voice@LTHTR.nhs.uk

Preston Teaching Hospital

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

has two youth participation groups in collaboration with Power group Lancashire County Council youth service. They are looking for new members who are interested in improving the services and opportunities offered to children and young people attending hospital or outreach services in the local area. However, it is an open forum and would welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

This is a good opportunity to build volunteering for CVs and college and university applications. The forum has previously supported improvements in the facilities of the ward, changes to the way some services run and changing the way in which transition through services happens.

They are looking for a range of young people who would like to be involved, those who have lived experience of the services they provide as well as anyone wanting to make a difference to the services we can improve.

The sessions will be held in Health Education Centre One at Royal Preston Hospital in seminar room 5.

Have Your Contact Details Changed

We send direct communications to our parents/carers in various ways such as email, text and letters. We may also need to get in touch with you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. It is important, therefore, that the school holds up to date contact information.

Parents/Guardians...

If you need to update any personal information such as change of address / contact numbers / email addresses it is important that you only do this directly with school as below. Please **do not** provide updates solely via any online channels you may have access to such as SCOPay, BlueRunner or Synergy.

If your contact details change you can update us with the necessary information in various ways:

- Email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk
- Send a note or email your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor
- Contact the school office by telephone or in person



Important Notice

In the case of an emergency, we need to contact you urgently. It is important, therefore, that the school has more than one contact name and number for your child and that any changes to these are also advised as soon as they occur.

*Mrs Swire
Attendance & Family
Support Manager*

Food Bank Collection Inter House Competition

This House competition is all in aid of a good cause and for once, organiser Mrs Massey's Calder isn't in the lead!

Staff and pupils are asked to bring in food to be donated to the Penwortham Food Bank whilst at the same time we can see which House is fairing the best - currently **Hodder** are leading!

Supporting this term's theme of kindness, each House has a set of baskets to fill. The baskets can be found in the Nucleus and will be there until the end of the half term. Pupils will also be rewarded citizenship points towards their Priory+ award.

Donations will be dropped off at the food bank on Friday, 20 October so any items will be gratefully received before then.



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Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents Evenings

Year 7 & 10

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

Year 7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's form tutor in person, whilst the Year 10 parents evening will take place with subject teachers online.

Year 7 **Wednesday, 11 October**

Year 10 **Monday, 16 October**

Copies of the letters to Year 7 and Year 10 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link for parents to book their slot is now open.



**BOOK
NOW**

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, the appointment slot will be six minutes for Year 7 parents to meet the form tutor, and four minutes for each appointment with Year 10 teachers. For online appointments, they will automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via the link below.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

Mrs Farley & Mrs Bullock

We're Recruiting!

Catering Assistant

Closing date: 9 October

Catering Assistant (Part Time)

Grade 2 Scale Point 2

16.25 hours per week (Mon-Fri), term time only

10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

All applications should be on the Penwortham Priory Academy application form (CVs not accepted).

For job description, person specification and application form, go to>> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closes: 12 noon on Monday, 9 October 2023

Interviews: 16-18 October 2023



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Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport



Department for
Science, Innovation
& Technology



Please read the Secretary of State's open letter to parents, carers and guardians.

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

An incredibly important piece of legislation - the Online Safety Bill - is currently working its way through Parliament. At its heart is the protection of children, and so I wanted to set out exactly what we are doing to keep your loved ones safe online through this legislation.

Under this bill, TikTok, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and other social media companies will finally be held legally responsible for the content on their sites. They will be forced to protect their users, or face billion-pound fines and the potential blocking of their sites in the UK.

The strongest protections in this legislation are for children and young people. This Bill will protect them by:

- Removing illegal content, including child sexual abuse and terrorist content
- Protecting children from harmful and inappropriate content, from cyberbullying and pornography to posts that encourage eating disorders or depict violence
- Putting legal duties on social media companies to enforce their own age limits - which for almost every single platform are set at age 13, and yet are rarely enforced
- Making tech companies use age checking measures to protect children from inappropriate content
- Making posts that encourage self-harm illegal for the first time - both for children and adults
- Ensuring more transparency on the risks and dangers posed to children on the largest platforms, including by make tech companies publish risk assessments

Adults will be covered by their own separate 'triple shield' of defence. You will be protected from posts that are illegal; from content that is prohibited by the social media companies in their own terms and conditions; and you will be given more control over the content you see on your own social media feeds.

I know how worrying it can be as a parent or guardian trying to protect your child online, when you cannot always see who they are talking to or what sites or apps they are visiting.

So I want to reassure every person reading this letter that the onus for keeping young people safe online will sit squarely on the tech companies' shoulders. You or your child will not have to change any settings or apply any filters to shield them from harmful content. Social media companies and their executives in Silicon Valley will have to build these protections into their platforms - and if they fail in their responsibilities, they will face severe legal consequences.

Finally, given that there has been a bit of confusion on this point, I also wanted to make it clear that - as shown above - we are not just shielding younger users from illegal content. We are also protecting them from material that is not strictly illegal or banned by platforms, but that can cause serious trauma nevertheless.

We have already seen too many innocent childhoods destroyed by this kind of content, and I am determined to put these vital protections for your children and loved ones into law as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Media, Culture and Sport

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