

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Welcomes Its 2025 Intake

**This week we were delighted to welcome our new intake of pupils and their families as they began their journey with us at Priory.**

Wednesday evening saw our New Pupil & Parent event, where families had the opportunity to meet key staff, ask questions, and gather essential information about uniform, transport, and the transition to high school. Mr Eastham addressed parents in the Assembly Hall, introducing the school's values, expectations, and support systems.

Meanwhile, in the Auditorio, Mrs Farley welcomed our new pupils and introduced them to their future classmates. Year 7 pupil, Angel, spoke confidently about her own experiences of starting at Priory, before the children spent time getting to know their Form Tutors in their new environment.

On Thursday, our new pupils returned for their official Transition Day. The day began with a welcome from Mr Eastham in the Assembly Hall, followed by some fun icebreaker activities – including a lively game of pupil bingo! Pupils then took part in taster lessons in English, Maths and PE, helping them get a feel for the school day and build confidence ahead of September.

Mrs Farley, who has been visiting pupils in their primary schools over the past few months, said: "It was such a joy to finally have the whole year group together for their Transition Day. There was a real buzz of excitement in the air, and although a few pupils arrived with understandable nerves, they quickly settled in and

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Diary Dates

## Key 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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

### Mon, 7 July

Year 10 Peer Mentor training (Session 2 of 2)

### Tues, 8 July

Prefect hustings Period 5  
Summer Arts Festival  
6.30pm

### Weds, 9 July

Year 7 Careers Day

### Mon, 14 July

Douglas House Reward (climbing wall)  
Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip

### Tues, 15 July

Inter-House Quiz

### Weds, 16 July

Year 8 National Grid Careers Day

### Thurs, 17 July

Sports Day

### Friday, 18 July

House colours non-uniform day  
End of Summer Term  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### 7-8 July

Bronze DofE Expedition

### 9-11 July

Silver DofE Expedition

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embraced the day. From exploring the school site to getting stuck into lessons and activities, they really impressed us with their enthusiasm and curiosity. I'm confident they'll make a fantastic start in September – and I know many are already looking forward to Summer School!"



Before heading home, our Year 7 helpers gave the new pupils a guided tour of the school, including our award-winning gardens, the Hex, Technology block, sports facilities, and more.



A huge thank you to our brilliant Year 7 and Year 10 helpers who supported both events – your kindness and leadership made a big difference!

All parents should now have received a 'First Day Arrangements' letter, which is also available to download at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition)

We look forward to seeing many of our new pupils again at Summer School on 19 & 20 August, and welcoming everyone officially on Tuesday, 2 September.



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## Term Dates

**Term dates are now out for the academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.**

You can find them on our website along with the upcoming new academic year beginning September 2025.

Please scroll down to the bottom of the page to open and download the PDF.

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)



**Well done to Year 11 leaver, Rosie Statters, who was spotted in this Farmer's Weekly Facebook post.**

Arriving in style at last Thursday's Prom held at Bartle Hall, Rosie appeared twice in the post which currently has over 8.1k likes!



## Chili Challenge Winners

**This week saw **Calder** with the most entries!**

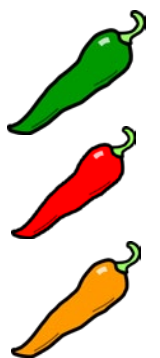
Year 7 Payton D (Mrs Kursitis) **Calder**  
 Year 8 Eric W (Mr Taylor) **Hodder**  
 Year 9 Naeem K (Mrs Scully) **Ribble**

There were, however, a number of incomplete entries submitted which had to be discounted.

These three pupils have now received their chilli tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

**GET INVOLVED!**

Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.



**The leaderboard remains like this.**

<b>Douglas</b>	1st	<b>Ribble</b>	2nd
<b>Calder</b>	3rd	<b>Hodder</b>	4th

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# Year 10 Business Pupils Find Enterprising Ways You Can Support Them To Support Our Charity

**Derian House Fundraising Week: Monday 14 July – Friday 18 July**



Our Year 10 Business & Enterprise pupils are taking part in the Derian House £50 Junior Business Challenge – a fantastic initiative that helps develop entrepreneurial skills while raising funds for a very worthy cause.

During the final week of term (Monday 14 – Friday 18 July), the group has organised a range of fundraising activities, with all proceeds going directly to the charity.

Some require a contribution via SCOPay however, some activities will require cash, so we are asking parents and pupils to please do check which events you may wish to take part in. Alongside the events on the poster (see back page), students are also hosting a staff car wash during our last week, with Halfords donating the equipment.

**Parents can pay for some of the activities via SCOPay:**

- Raffle tickets - £1 per strip
- House colours face painting on sports day (inc permission slip) - 50p
- House colours non-uniform day - £1

**Pupils will need to bring cash if they wish to take part in:**

- Guess the name of the teddy - 50p a guess
- Guess the number of sweets - 50p a guess
- Bake sale
- Pupils vs staff penalty shootout (donations bucket)
- Confectionery stall (sports day)

May we thank all families in advance for your support towards our pupils' business challenge and the work they are doing to raise money for Derian House.



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## HOUSE COLOURS DAY

### House Colours Non Uniform Day Last Day of Term 18 July

Pupils who choose to take part will not be required to wear their school uniform on this day but should wear a top or bottoms in their house colours alongside their own clothes. A hair bobble, wrist band, socks etc on its own will not suffice and garments worn must be sensible and appropriate for the school environment. We look forward to your support with this from home. Those not wishing to participate should wear their uniform as normal.

For the non-uniform day, we would ask for a donation of £1 from each pupil. There is an option to donate more if you wish via the donations section on SCOPay. Using SCOPay would be our preferred method of donating, however, donations can be made in cash on the day to form tutors or the school office.

In the forthcoming week, pupils will learn about the vital work Derian House undertakes for providing respite and end-of-life care to babies, children and young people across the North West, so they become more informed about this charity prior to donating.

### Sports Day House Colours Face Painting



SCOPay is now live to purchase facepainting. The payment incorporates the permission slip which must be completed by parents if pupils would like their face painted in their House colours on Sports Day.



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO DERIAN HOUSE

# RAFFLE

**THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2025**

Tickets can be purchased by  
SCOPay or at an advertised pupil  
event  
**£1 per strip**  
**20p a ticket**

# How many SWEETS?

## Two jars to choose from

**Auditorio: Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July  
& advertised pupil events**

**Winner revealed on  
last day of school**

**50p a guess**

# Year 8 Can Look To The Stars With GCSE Astronomy in September



Priory is hoping more pupils will be seeing stars and signing up to GCSE Astronomy.

Year 8s can now sign up to the Astronomy Club, with a view to sitting GCSE Astronomy in Year 10, which will start in September and runs after school for one hour a week during term time until 4.10pm.

Science Technician Mr Evans will take pupils through Cosmology, Exploring Starlight, Stellar Evolution and Planetary Motion.

He said: "This is for any Year 8 (going into Year 9) interested in astronomy to just come along and find out what it's all about. If you decide to do GCSE Astronomy, it's great practice for Year 11 as you sit it in Year 10."

"We cover a lot of topics, such as looking at galaxies, and the maths involved in the motions of planets around the sun. We overlap with physics in parts."

"There is coursework and an optional exam and, I will be honest, it is quite tough – a few people start it and drop out. It is an enjoyable course to teach though and a lot of pupils thoroughly enjoy it. It's just an added extra – a bonus GCSE if you will."

Year 10 Freya has just sat her Astronomy GCSE. She said: "I took it because I like physics and it's interesting looking at the stars and space."

Wictoria said: "It's an extra GCSE, it's something different and I have enjoyed it."

Evie added: "I really like physics, I want to take it at A-Level, and it has got a lot of astronomy in it. I found the part where we studied alien life really interesting."

"To anyone thinking of taking it I would say give it a go. You have nothing to lose. It's an extra GCSE and it's an impressive one as not a lot of schools do it."



*There is only a limited number of places so if you're currently in Year 8 and would like to take part make sure you pick up a letter from Mr Evans (you'll find him in the Science Prep Room) or see your Science teacher.*

*Letters will also go out in Science lessons in the first days of September for pupils to sign up.*

*Parents can email [j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk) with any enquiries.*

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# From Primary to Priory The 2025 Science Competition



Last week, Year 5 pupils from our partner primary schools joined us for our annual science competition. Pupils went head to head in a range of activities to see which school would come out on top.

The afternoon began with a science quiz on an array of topics before moving on to identifying adaptations of organisms and how these adaptations helped them to survive.

For the practical round, pupils tested some very similar looking white powders and had to carry out scientific experiments on them to deduce the identification of each one. There was fierce debate between salt and sugar before deciding!

After a round of identifying hazards in a science lab, each group was given a maze, a magnet and a metal object. This was a relay to see how quickly the four members of the team could successfully navigate their way around.

Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter, said, "This was a close-fought battle to the end with New Longton All Saints and Lostock Hall Primary School in a tie-break situation."



With one question on the periodic table, Lostock Hall Community Primary School was declared the overall winner and left with the accolade.

Both schools have now been invited to return with their class to have an afternoon of science with us. These will be planned individually to meet the needs and interests of the schools. Notably, with last year's winners requesting a session on dissections!

"The feedback from the school was very positive and has given me some great ideas to start planning next years' event", Mrs Potter concluded.



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## The great big School Uniform pop up shop and advice services 2025

**Donations**  
Please donate unwanted uniform at the Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH. Donations will only be accepted between 21 July to 25 July 2025. Donations should be clean and in good condition.

**Year-round service**  
The shop will mark the launch of our year-round school uniform service. This means you can access school uniform donations throughout the year when you need it most.

For all queries contact:  
[communities@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southribble.gov.uk)

If you would like to access the application form please contact  
[householdsupportfund@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:householdsupportfund@southribble.gov.uk)

**Opening Times**  
The pop-up shop will be open at the Civic Centre on the following dates:  
Sunday 3 August - 10am-3pm  
Monday 4 August - 10am-3pm  
Tuesday 5 August - 10am-3pm  
Wednesday 6 August - 10am-3pm  
Thursday 7 August - 10am-3pm  
Bags will not be provided, please bring your own



# House Reward Activity (Douglas) Climbing Wall Experience (14 July)

We are delighted to inform you that some lucky pupils have been invited to take part in a special reward activity as a member of this year's winning House – **Douglas!**

Pupils who have shown consistent good behaviour and positive contribution throughout the school year - and are in the winning House - will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting climbing wall experience, which will take place in the school yard during the day on Monday, 14 July.

# Rewards



An experienced external provider will be bringing a mobile climbing wall to school, offering pupils a fun and safe challenge to enjoy with their peers. Pupils who choose to take part should wear their PE kit to school on this day.

## Consent and Voluntary Contribution

Parental consent is required for their child to take part. Consent must be provided via our online payment and consent platform, SCOPay, no later than Wednesday, 9 July.

In addition, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50. While this contribution is optional, without sufficient support, we may not be able to continue offering similar opportunities in the future.

Please note:

- Pupils will not be able to participate without prior consent
- Consent must be given before the event as we will need to finalise groupings in advance

We look forward to celebrating your child's House achievement with this exciting reward!



## Pop-up Summer Youth Club

with Mighty Meals. For ages 11 to 16 years.



The Mighty Meals mobile youth club will be in your community, for young people aged 11 to 16 to chat, join in activities and grab a snack.

Monday 7 July until 2 September 2025.

**Mondays 6pm - Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold**  
**Mondays 7pm - Hope Terrace Rec and Car Park, Lostock Hall**

**Tuesdays 6pm - St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland**  
**Tuesdays 7pm - Walton-le-Dale High School, Bamber Bridge**

**It's FREE!**

[community@progressgroup.org.uk](mailto:community@progressgroup.org.uk)



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# We Asked Our Current Year 7s What Nuggets of Advice They Would Give To The Year 6s ...



A selection of Year 7s talked about their first year at secondary school, their favourite subjects and how they settled in. They also told us what they like about Priory and what makes it different to their primary schools.

Our current Year 7s are close to completing their first year at Priory and all admitted that, while they were nervous before they came into school, they have relished their first year here. You will get a warm welcome at Priory!

Zach said: "I like the teachers. It is different to primary school as you definitely get more homework and you walk between lessons."

"I do the football training every Thursday and the 3D Printing Club every Friday."

Charlotte said: "I like that there are more people than at primary school and I have made friends easily. I enjoy PE the best."

Emeli said: "I like History and PE. I go to Drama Club after school and am part of the football team."

"It's a lot bigger than primary school. I was a little nervous when I first came but I soon settled in."

Harry said: "I like lunchtimes as I get to talk to my friends. My favourite subject is PE."

Fynn said: "I enjoy it at Priory. I like lunchtime. I like pain au chocolat and chicken wraps. I like PE and play badminton, basketball and also football training."

"It was different when I came here but I took it all in my stride."

Niall: "I like all the subjects and the teachers are nice. I attend Graphic Design Club and Textile Club. I like making things, I am making a dog for my sister."

"I was nervous when I first came here as I only had one friend but I have made a lot of friends. To any Year 6s, I would say don't be nervous and you will always make friends."



## NEXT ISSUE

Our final newsletter of the year  
is out Wednesday, 16 July 2025

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# Culture Day Fundraising Appreciation

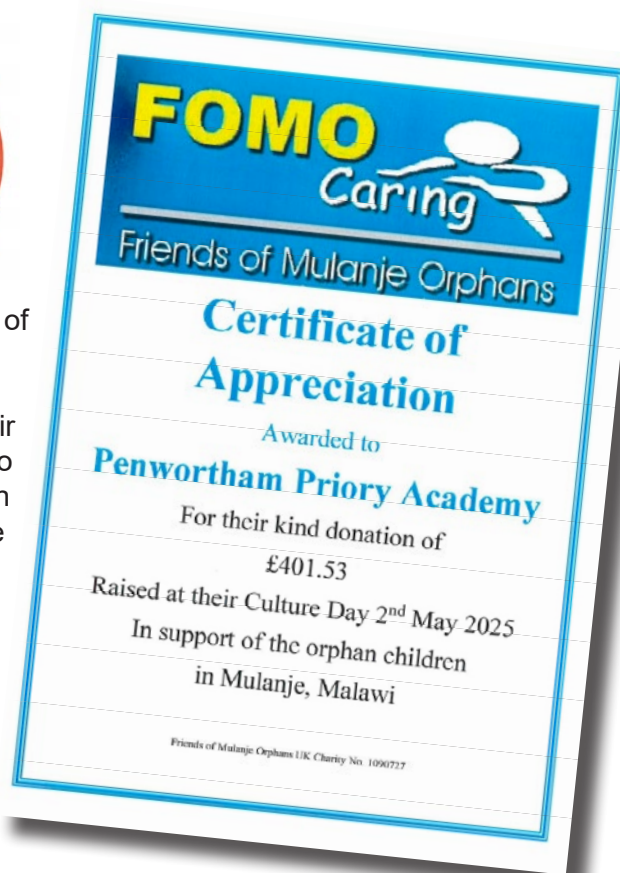


Following the Culture Day back in May, we have received this Certificate of Appreciation from Friends of Mulanje Orphans (Malawi) (FOMO).

Pupils were asked to donate £1 if they chose to wear their own clothes on Culture Day, and the fundraising was added to further with henna painting and a food sale. All money raised in donations from the event went to the charity, and together we raised over £400!

FOMO is a charity which runs 14 centres, caring for 2,000 orphans in Africa. The orphans are provided with food, clothes, blankets, mosquito nets, education, medical fees and most of all, love and support.

Well done to everyone who contributed. We look forward to celebrating our diversity, faiths and cultures again next year!



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## MENU

Week 3

**EVERY DAY**

**Jacket Potato** **From £1.35**  
Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.  
Additional fillings +40p

**Cheese Panini** **£1.85**  
Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.

**Pepperoni Panini** **£1.85**  
Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.

**Sandwiches** **£1.50**  
A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.  
Vegetarian options available.

**Pasta Pots** **£1.95**  
A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.  
Vegetarian options available.

**Halal - Vegetarian - Gluten Free**

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS**

**MONDAY**

**Mexican Chicken Burrito** **£2.15**  
Chicken pieces marinated in a blend of Mexican spices, served with nachos and a fresh mixed salad.

**Vegetable Pasta Bake** **£2.15**  
Mixed vegetable pasta bake served with garlic bread and a fresh mixed salad.

**TUESDAY**

**Popcorn Chicken** **£2.15**  
Crispy popcorn chicken pieces served with seasoned wedges and a fresh mixed salad.

**Halloumi Burger** **£2.15**  
Greek halloumi patty served on a roll with seasoned wedges and a mixed side salad.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Chicken Tikka Masala** **£2.15**  
Diced chicken breast smothered in tikka curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

**Sweet Chilli Stir Fry** **£2.15**  
Mixed Vegetables stir fried in a sticky sweet chilli sauce, served with noodles and a fresh side salad.

**THURSDAY**

**Meatball Pasta Bake** **£2.15**  
A classic pasta bake with the addition of flavourful meatballs, served with garlic bread and a fresh salad.

**Vegetable cheese quiche** **£2.15**  
A delicious homemade cheese and vegetable quiche served with baby potatoes and vegetables of the day.

**'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS**

**Week 3 w/c 7 July**

**Veggie Wrap** **£2.15**  
Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw

**Chicken Wrap** **£2.15**  
Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw

**Jumbo Sausage** **£2.15**  
A jumbo sausage on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

**DESSERTS**

**Assorted Cakes and Biscuits** **£0.60**  
A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

**Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit** **£0.80**  
A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

**Popcorn** **£0.65**  
Fresh popcorn

**Jelly Squeeze** **£0.70**  
A variety of flavours available.

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# Derian House Fundraising Week

derian house  
children's hospice



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (last week of school)

## Monday: Auditorio

Buy Raffle Tickets **£1 per strip**  
or **20p ticket** - on SCOPay

How many sweets in a jar? **50p**

Can you name the teddy? **50p**



## Tuesday: Auditorio

Bake Sale **50p**

Raffle, Jar & Teddy tickets

## Wednesday:

House Staff vs Students Penalties **sign**  
up on Teams - donations welcomed

## Sports Day

House Face Paints **50p (on SCOPay)**

Derian House Confectionery Stall

Winners of raffle, jars & teddy  
announced



## Friday

House Non-Uniform Day **£1**  
(on SCOPay)









**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**HAF – Fun Day 11am – 2pm**  
At Penwortham Priory Community Centre (book via HAF website)  
Activities will include a climbing wall, badge making, bracelet making, board games, inflatable games, face painting and board games.

**Virtual Triple P – Stepping Stones 1pm – 3pm**  
Online parenting course (booking required)  
For parents of children with SEND.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Weigh, stay and Play 9:30am – 11:30am**  
At Kingsfold Family Centre  
For babies up to 14 months or walking.

**Circus Themed Baby Messy Play 1:30pm – 3pm**  
At Kingsfold Family Centre (booking required)  
Messy Play for babies up to 14 months old. Towel and change of clothes needed.

**Virtual triple P – group 6pm – 8pm**  
Online parenting course (booking required)  
For parents of children aged 2-11 years.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Colourful footsteps Messy Play 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
At West Paddock Family Hub  
Messy play for children aged 4-11 years with SEND.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**HAF Circus Skills with Adrian Catch 10am – 2pm**  
At Walton Le Dale Family Hub  
Circus skills fun HAF session with Lunch.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**Weigh, stay and Play 9:30am – 12:30pm**  
At West Paddock Family Hub  
For babies up to 14 months or walking.

<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events>





**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**Superhero themed toddler fancy dress party 10am – 11:30am**  
At Kingsfold Family Centre (booking required)  
For ages 1-4 years. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for ideas.

**Weigh, Stay and Play 1pm – 3pm**  
At Walton Le Dale Family Hub  
For babies up to 14 months or walking.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Virtual triple P – group 6pm – 8pm**  
Online parenting course (booking required)  
For parents of children aged 2-11 years.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**


**Colourful footsteps Superheroes 1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
At West Paddock Family Hub  
Superhero themed play session for children aged 4-11 years with SEND.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**HAF Superhero and Princess party with STARKIDZ 10am – 2pm**  
At West Paddock Family Hub (book via HAF website)  
Superhero and Princess Party Fun with STARKIDZ HAF session with Lunch.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Weigh, stay and Play 9:30am – 12:30pm**  
At West Paddock Family Hub  
For babies up to 14 months or walking.



**Does your child/young person worry?  
Would they like to learn tools and strategies to  
help manage their worries?**

Compass Bloom Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are offering a 6-week online weekly programme to support young people during the summer break.

**Interested in Joining Our Summer Offer?**

**If you'd like to take part, here's what we'll need:**

- Consent from both the parent/carer and the young person is required.
- The young person must be available every Friday at 11:00 AM from 25th July to 29th August 2025.
- Each session will last approximately 50 to 60 minutes.

**Next steps**

- A practitioner will contact caregivers via telephone to discuss further.

**We look forward to having you with us this summer!**

If you have any questions, please email:  
[CompassBloom@COMPASS-UK.ORG](mailto:CompassBloom@COMPASS-UK.ORG)

Please register your interest before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July by scanning the QR code or by visiting:  
[www.forms.cloud/microsoft/e/tFCpyKhWta](https://www.forms.cloud/microsoft/e/tFCpyKhWta)

**SCAN ME**



# Calling all young performers!

## Youth on Stage Charity Group

Would like to invite you to be a part of our festive pantomime!

Do you have a passion for dance and performing? If so, pop down to see us on our sign-up date

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY - 2pm at**

**Penwortham Methodist Church Hall, Leyland Rd, PR1 9XR.**

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If you are aged 11 – 17 and would like to audition for a main role,  
please come along to our read through on **SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY at 5pm**

**Penwortham Methodist Church Hall, Leyland Rd, PR1 9XR.**

**For more information, please contact Cath on**

**07779022986**

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