

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Celebrates Black History Month

**Two of Priory's Head Prefects, Tarela and Hiylie, have planned a range of activities beginning next week to raise awareness of Black History Month including assemblies, food sales and music.**

In the last school year Class of 2025 DaMari, who will be returning for the event, asked Principal Mr Eastham if he could promote Black History Month more at Priory, helping to educate pupils about iconic Black people in history and their influence. Now Tarela and Hiylie have taken up the baton and have been putting a lot of thought into their plans for this important month.

Tarela said: "We have discussed our ideas with Mrs Qadri who runs the Culture Club in school which we attend.

"We plan to talk in assemblies for Years 7-10 about Black history and also invite guest speakers in. I think people need to be educated on the cultures that are all around them and the history behind them.

"We will have a bake sale on October 17th where we will sell Ghanaian and Caribbean food which a group of us will make. We have other activities planned through the week as well."

Music played through the speakers at break and lunch will be from Black musicians, including Sam Cooke, Whitney Houston, Luther Vandross and Aretha Franklin.

Culture Club runs every Wednesday lunchtime in Hex 1 and everyone is welcome.

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)

### 13 & 14 October

Thackray Medical Museum Trip (Year 11 GCSE History)

### Weds, 15 October

Year 10 GCSE Settle Factor Parents Evening (online)

### Fri, 17 October

BHM Food Sale at Break

### Thurs, 23 October

Rewards Activities Period 5 & 6

### Half Term

27-31 October

### Thurs, 6 November

DofE Bronze Award Celebration Evening

### Mon, 10 November

Year 8 Blackpool Zoo Trip

### 11, 12, 13 November

Year 7 Lancaster Castle Trip

### 11, 12, 14 November

GCSE Geography Field Trips

### Weds, 12 November

Year 10 Peer Mentor Training

### Mon, 24 November

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

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## Textiles Club Welcomes Year 7

We have a small number of places available for Year 7 pupils at Textile Club on Tuesday after school (until 4pm). This will be a four-week course where you will learn some basic sewing skills and go home at the end with something you have made.

If you are interested in joining please contact Mrs Lockwood via Teams Chat or find her at break / lunch in the Technology department.

Spaces are limited so get in touch as soon as possible if you want a place.



## Thackray Medical Museum Year 11 GCSE History Trip

Year 11 pupils studying GCSE History will be visiting the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds on one of two dates next week.

**Monday, 13th October | Tuesday, 14th October.**

Parents will have received an email confirming which date their child will be on the trip, and pupils have been informed in class.

We will be departing promptly at 9:00am and returning to school by 3:00pm. Pupils are expected to attend in full school uniform and must bring a packed lunch as there will be no opportunity to purchase food or drink during the visit.

The museum visit is directly linked to the GCSE specification, and pupils will be required to complete a workbook throughout the day to support their learning.

Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Cauchi, Humanities teacher, via email at [m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

## Year 11 Revision Guides

Following last week's Year 11 Revision Event, all revision guides are now back online and available to purchase via SCOPay.

This is a great opportunity for those who may have missed the initial order window or who wish to purchase additional guides to support their child's GCSE preparation. The guides will remain available to order online until Friday, 31 October, allowing plenty of time to place orders.

Once the ordering window closes, school will process all purchases and notify pupils when they are ready to collect in early November.

If you have any questions or concerns about payment, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Finance Officer, Mrs Cookson at [j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk), who will be happy to help.



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# EnglishDepartment



## Literature in Colour: Priory's Library Expands for Black History Month

**Our library will be bursting with even more new books during this October's Black History Month after we received a significant donation from Eduqas and Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' initiative.**

The English Department decided to change one of its core GCSE texts to reflect the modern day experiences of our pupils.

As part of this change, we received books for the school library written by a range of authors from different ethnic backgrounds.

English teacher and Head Librarian, Mrs Elliott said: "We looked at our curriculum and decided to introduce a more contemporary author into our Key Stage 4 GCSE English.



"There is plenty of room for William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and JB Priestley but we just decided, for our Year 10s, to bring in a more modern author to reflect the current times.

"We are therefore introducing 'Boys Don't Cry' by Malorie Blackman to our curriculum which was written in 2010.

"In return, we have received a large donation of books reflecting authors from different ethnic backgrounds which is a big boost, especially for Black History Month."

The books are being launched as part of Black History Month to raise awareness of Black authors and issues which may affect our pupils during their daily lives.

# Lit in Colour

Supporting schools to teach more books by authors of colour



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# Year 7 Inspired by Natural High Assembly

On Tuesday, Year 7 pupils took part in a powerful and engaging assembly led by David Graham. David is the founder of the Natural High programme, a nationally recognised initiative that encourages young people to find fulfilment through their own talents and interests, rather than through harmful behaviours or substances.

Delivered through a lively mix of music, competitions, and pupil interaction, the 75 minute session was designed to be both fun and thought-provoking. Pupils were asked to bring a pen to take part in the interactive MIND Competition, and the atmosphere was buzzing with energy as David performed a selection of songs and encouraged pupils to reflect on their own strengths and choices.

Supported by Police Authorities, Local Education Authorities, Drug Action Teams, Councils and Community Safety Partnerships, Natural High has received praise from schools and education professionals across the UK.

Feedback from other schools has highlighted the programme's ability to engage students, promote positivity, and reinforce school values - and our pupils were no exception.

Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, said: "We were pleased to welcome David to Priory. His message aligns perfectly with our commitment to personal development and wellbeing, and it was fantastic to see our Year 7s so engaged and enthusiastic."

Mrs Farley, Head of Year 7, added: "The pupils really enjoyed the assembly, telling me that it was 'inspiring', 'fun' and 'really, really good'."

"There was lots of pupil participation and they were engaged throughout. They especially enjoyed the dancing and the games."

"The session left a thought-provoking and lasting impression on our Year 7 pupils, and we're proud to continue offering opportunities that inspire positive choices and personal growth."



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# Blackpool Zoo Trip Year 8

Monday, 10 November 2025



The Science department would like to invite Year 8 pupils on a trip to Blackpool Zoo on Monday, 10 November.

As part of the Key Stage 3 Science curriculum in Year 8, pupils study food chains, bio-accumulation in food chains, ecosystems and extinction. Therefore we have planned this trip to fit in with this.

The cost of the trip is £16 including entry to the zoo and return transport. We will depart from school at 9am after morning registration. Pupils may wear their own clothes, however they should dress for the weather and should bring a warm waterproof coat as we will be outdoors for most of the day. We will return at approximately 3pm, in time for the school buses.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip.

Please note that there are a limited number of places available which are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The closing date is Friday, 24 October, however this will close earlier if places are filled.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Celebration Evening

To celebrate Year 10 pupils successfully achieving their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, we would like to invite them and their parents to a celebration evening on **Thursday, 6 November from 5.30pm-6.30pm.**

During the event Principal, Mr Eastham and Priory's DofE Leader, Mrs Cauchi will present pupils with their official award. This will also provide an opportunity for everyone to watch video footage of the expedition which took place in the summer, and for us to provide some insight into what pupils were required to do for this element of the award. Refreshments will be provided.

Year 10 pupils who took part have now been given their Participation Award. This is confirmation that they have completed all three sections (Volunteering/Physical/Skill) prior to the expedition.

To enable us to plan, please can parents complete the reply slip attached to their invitation letter to indicate if they can attend the event, and ask their child to return this to Mrs Cauchi by Wednesday, 22 October.

Any queries can be directed to Mrs Cauchi via email at [m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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# Priory Powers Up with Three 3D Printers and a Growing Club



Priory can now boast three 3D printers – and the 3D Printing Club pupils are impressed!

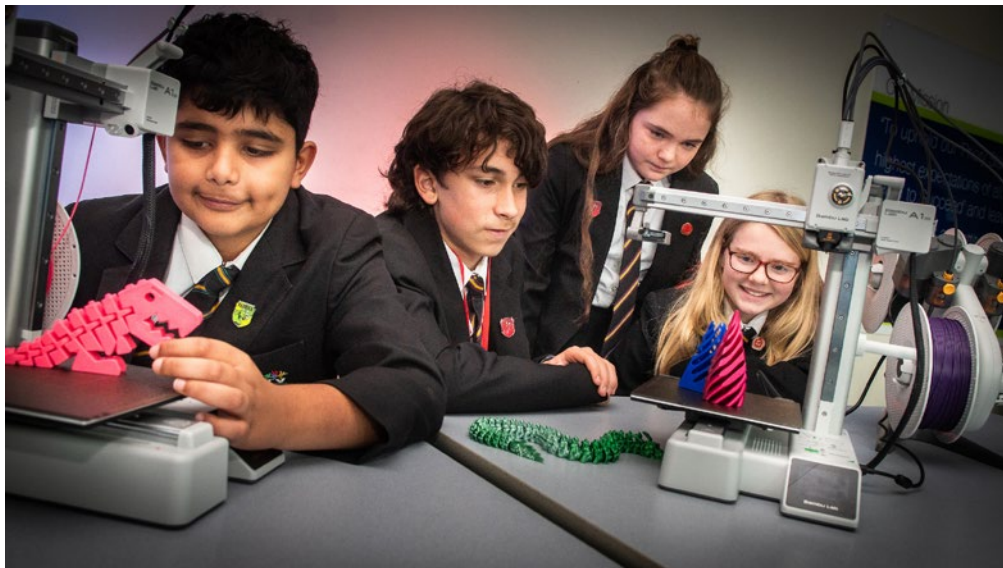
The club is for all year groups and meets every Friday lunch-time in Hex 1.

Year 7 Arthur is a new member and said: "I love it as you can make whatever you want. I am designing Minecraft-based stuff and I am excited to print them."

Bella said: "I am currently designing a key ring."

Madison said: "It's fun and there is an app which is easy to use and automatically saves everything!"

Year 9 Oliver said: "The 3D Printing Club is really cool. It's a new skill to learn which could help me in the future. Mrs Qadri is so enthusiastic and is always encouraging pupils to try and make new things."

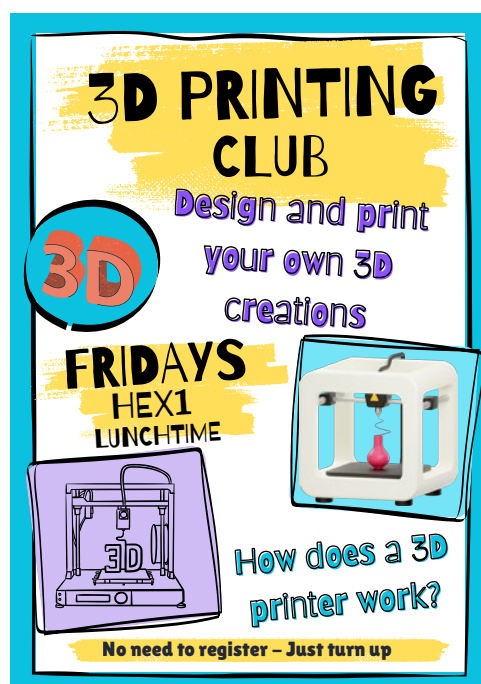
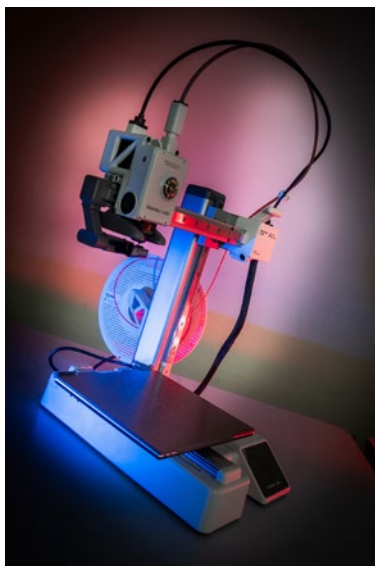
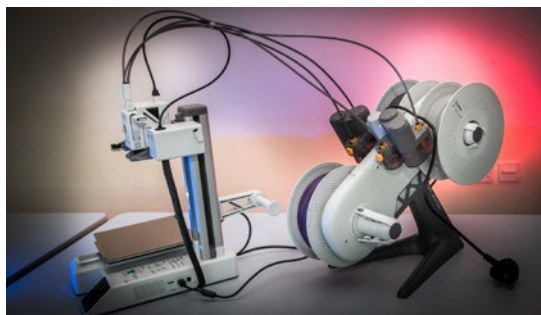


Year 9 Eli added: "It's great as you can make useful things or ornamental items. You can go into specific detail and also it's more efficient. You will use the skills you learn in 3D Printing Club in real life on cars and such like so it should be useful."

Mrs Qadri said: "We had one 3D printer donated by BAE Systems and we decided to buy two others to use in school. The children are so eager to learn more about them and, with one, it wasn't enough."

"The new printers are faster to print and more efficient. They can also print in a number of colours so the pupils are learning a lot about them."

"The club is popular. We start usually by designing and making a key ring and now we are looking towards Christmas, we could be making some decorations."



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## Sport for All: A Day of Inclusion and Leadership at Priory

A sports inclusion event for primary schools was held at Penwortham Primary Academy on Tuesday, 7th October, bringing together pupils from across the local area.

A total of 11 primary schools participated in the event, which celebrated diversity and teamwork through a variety of engaging sports activities. The children had the opportunity to try out a range of inclusive sports, including dodgeball, boccia, golf, and even axe throwing - each designed to encourage participation, fun, and collaboration regardless of ability or experience.

Supporting the event were 14 Year 8 students, who played a vital role in helping to run the activities.

Mr Hankin, Active Health Officer, said, "Their enthusiasm, leadership, and teamwork were outstanding, and they did a fantastic job ensuring the day ran smoothly and that all participants felt welcome and included."



Over the course of the year we host and assist in the running of a number of high profile, primary school sports events. These events engage our students to develop leadership skills required of the roles by helping to run them; officiating, scoring or acting as young leaders, whilst allowing primary pupils and their parents to experience our school's facilities.





# Year 11 Pupil Swings into Success on the Golf Course



**We're proud to share the fantastic achievements of Year 11, Aaron, one of our keen young golfers, who continues to make impressive strides in the sport.**

Aaron is a dedicated member of Shaw Hill Golf Club in Chorley, where his passion and talent have seen him progress to competing in the senior men's competitions.

Earlier this year, Aaron clinched victory in one of the men's events, earning himself a place in the club's prestigious Masters competition. This end-of-season tournament brings together all the year's winners, and he held his own, finishing 12th out of a competitive field of 65 players.

Over the summer, Aaron was selected to take part in the Lancashire Academy Golfing Programme, a fantastic opportunity that gave him access to coaching from PGA professionals. He has already

begun applying the skills and techniques learned through the programme to his game, showing noticeable improvements in both confidence and performance.



2025 also marks a special milestone for Shaw Hill Golf Club as they celebrate their centenary. To commemorate the occasion, former member and ex-professional golfer Nick Doherty - now a leading presenter for Sky Sports - returned to host a golfing masterclass. Aaron was honoured to be invited to the session, where he not only picked up valuable tips and tricks from the pro but also won the "Nearest Pin" challenge, showcasing his precision and skill.

Looking ahead, Aaron plans to continue pursuing his love of golf as he transitions to college. He is currently exploring the Golfing and Greenkeeping course at Myerscough College, which will allow him to develop both his playing ability and his understanding of the sport's environmental aspects.



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# Wood You Believe It? Eddie the Eagle Joins The Priory Garden's Carved Collection

**Eddie the Eagle has landed at Priory – in wooden form!**

Eddie is the latest fantastic carved addition to the Priory gardens courtesy of expert John Winders.

John has already made World War 1 soldier Tommy for us and the Heron, and Eddie will now be displayed and moved to different sites throughout Priory by our gardener Mr Farron.

In return, John has asked for a £200 donation to Derian House, his favoured charity, which we are more than happy to do as we already do such a lot of work with the children's charity.

John said: "I had a large piece of wood so I thought I would make an eagle with its wings up. I talked to Mr Farron and he said Priory would love it to add to their collection."

Mr Farron said: "I think it's great. It will be displayed around the gardens at different venues, such as the roof and the courtyard.

"It's already provoked a great deal of interest from the pupils asking about it, how it was made and so on. It might also deter some of the squirrels and rabbits we get here."

Ann-Marie Fishwick, Community Fundraiser at Derian House, said: "Both John and Priory are fantastic supporters of Derian House and it just shows the community relationships we have built up which help keep the hospice open."

*Pictured right, World War 1 Tommy, standing tall outside the Humanities building.*



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# Penwortham Priory Academy is seeking Parent Trustees

## We are looking for two Parent Trustees to join Penwortham Priory Academy

Joining the Trustee Body as a parent trustee offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of Priory, and can be a very positive experience.

Trustees play a key role in the strategic leadership of the academy and raising of standards, including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum.

If you would like to use your skills and enthusiasm to support the ongoing success of our school, we would love to hear from you. Training and support available.



If you wish to put yourself forward or would like further information, please contact Mrs Sue Spencer, Clerk to Trustees, via email [s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or call 01772 320250. An email has also been sent to all parents.

Alternatively, you can visit our website at »  
[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/trustees/trustee-vacancy](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/trustees/trustee-vacancy)

## Year 10 GCSE History Thackray Medical Museum Trip 26 / 27 November

As part of the GCSE History course, we will soon begin studying our third unit: Britain: Health and the People. To support students in their understanding of this topic, we are organising a visit to the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds.

The museum provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage with the subject beyond the classroom. The visit aligns directly with the GCSE specification, offering a visual and interactive insight into key themes that will be assessed in their final exam. As such, attendance on this trip is compulsory for all Year 10 GCSE History pupils.

The cost of the trip is £26 per student, which includes travel, museum entry, and a medieval surgery workshop designed to bring the topic to life. Pupils will attend the trip on one of two dates - 26 or 27 November.

There are places allocated for every Year 10 GCSE History pupil to attend this trip. Please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. The closing date for payment is Friday, 7 November.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Mrs Cauchi via email at [m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



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# Chilli Challenge Winners

The Chilli Challenge was introduced for pupils to have some fun whilst practicing their literacy and numeracy - key life skills - and reward them for doing so. It is also an opportunity for pupils to gain points for their House by entering.

Year 7 **Gypsy-May D** (Miss Burbidge)

Year 8 **Charlie H** (Mrs Lockwood)

Year 9 **James M** (Miss Howell)

Year 10 **Naeem K** (Mr Owen)

Year 11 ----

These pupils have now received their chilli tokens. A reminder that winners are to take their chilli disk to Mrs Cookson in the Business & Finance Office for their catering accounts to be credited to claim their free snack of choice from the dining room.

**GET INVOLVED!**

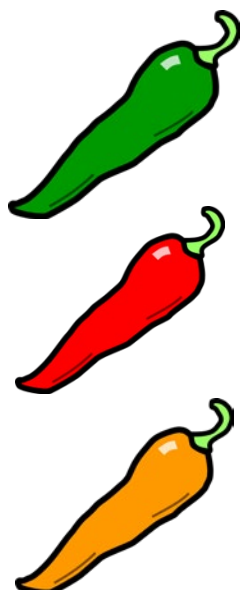
**Pupils:** Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete on the sheet, each one with an increasing difficulty. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box. Winners are randomly drawn from those with the correct answers each Thursday, one per year group.

This is also an interhouse competition and the leaders will be those with the most individual entries. There'll be an interhouse prize at the end of the year.

**The leaderboard remains the same although Ribble is hot on the heels of Douglas.**

**1st Hodder | 2nd Calder |**

**3rd Douglas | 4th Ribble |**



## The Jingle Bell Jog is back for 2025! Ready, set, HO! HO! HO!

This year's Jingle Bell Jog for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity and Baby Beat, takes place on Sunday, 30th November at University of Lancashire Sports Arena, Tom Benson Way, Preston, PR2 1SG.

This one mile fun run is around the university's running track and is suitable for all ages and abilities. It's a great way to begin the festivities for 2025. There will be some special visitors and prizes on the day for the best fancy dress!

This event is sponsored by 360 Ambulance. Every penny of sponsorship raised will make a difference at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity. Runners can support Baby Beat, Children's Services, Renal, Critical Care, MND or any other area across Preston and Chorley Hospitals.

To book your place just head over to the website <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FJDX>





**IT'S BACK!**

# JINGLE BELL JOG

**Sunday 30th November 2025**  
Arrive from 11am • Jog starts 12 noon

**£3 per entry**

**£10 for a family of 4**



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# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY month

## FOOD SALE

Come and try foods from  
different cultures

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**  
**BREAKTIME - AUDITORIO**

Penwortham Priory Academy

## MENU

Week 1

### EVERY DAY

#### Jacket Potato

Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.

\*Additional fillings 40p

#### Cheese Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.

#### Pepperoni Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.

#### Sandwiches

A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.

Vegetarian options available.

#### Pasta Pots

A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.

Vegetarian options available.

Halal | Vegetarian | Gluten Free

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

#### MONDAY

##### Spicy Chicken Burger

Succulent spicy chicken burger served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

##### Jerk Burger

Deliciously seasoned Jamaican plant based patty served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

#### TUESDAY

##### Sausage & Mash

Sizzling sausages served on a bed of mash with beans or gravy.

##### Mac & Cheese

Deliciously cheesy, macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and a side salad.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Butter Chicken Curry

Diced chicken breast smothered in curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

##### Onion Bhaji Burger

Crispy onion bhaji patty served with a fresh mixed salad, mint yoghurt and a mini corn on the cob.

#### THURSDAY

##### Bolognese Pasta Bake

Delicious, homemade bolognese pasta bake served with garlic bread and side salad.

##### Vegetable Burrito

Flavourful, spiced vegetables and saffron rice served with nachos and a side salad.

### 'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS

#### Veggie Wrap

Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

#### Chicken Wrap

Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

#### Battered Cod & Chips

Crispy battered fish on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

### DESSERTS

#### Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

#### Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

#### Popcorn

Fresh popcorn

#### Jelly Squeeze

A variety of flavours available.

Week 1  
w/c  
13 October

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