

Penwortham Priory Post



Former Pupil Officially Opens 'The Nest' - A Hub for SEND and Emotional Support

Class of 2025 Daniel McCall returned to Priory to officially open the new SEND and well-being facility, the Nest.

The Nest stands for Nurture, Encourage, Support and Talk and it's a room dedicated to supporting and developing the social and emotional needs of our young people.

Daniel, who took GCSE Art, donated one of his paintings to be displayed in the room.

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Mrs Eastham said: "We asked Daniel to paint a calming picture, including nature and tranquil colours, and what he produced was outstanding.

"We decorated the room thanks to a £3000 grant from the Crescent Purchasing Consortium and their 'Give Back' grant funding which included a new soft seating area as well as a new meeting table and chairs."

A range of people will use the Nest, including the school nurse every alternate Monday (Medical referrals via Mrs Holland plus lunchtime drop-ins); Compass Bloom, a mental health charity in school every Tuesday (Referrals via Mrs Willis, Family Support Manager); ELSA sessions which run every Wednesday

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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

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

12 & 27 November

Year 10 Peer Mentor
Training

Mon, 24 November

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

Weds, 26 November

Flu immunisations (all
year groups)

26 & 27 November

GCSE History Thackray
Medical Museum Trip
(Year 10)

Fri, 28 November

Make Languages Work
Day (Year 9)

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(Referrals via Mrs Holland) and School Counsellor sessions will be held Thursdays and Fridays (Referrals via Mr Shipton).

SENCo Mrs Holland said: "This was a Head of Year room which was vacant on our pastoral corridor so it was ideal to transform it into the Nest.

"Before this, our SEND and well-being sessions could be held in any room on our corridor but now this is a dedicated place where pupils know where to come to."

Daniel said: "I worked on my painting on and off for four weeks. It's nice to see it in the room."



Daniel pictured with SENCo Mrs Holland and Learning Support Assistant (ELSA) Mrs Eastham.



House Games Bring Lunchtime Fun to Priory



Pupils from all four houses (Douglas, Calder, Hodder and Ribble) gathered in the Auditorio on Thursday for a lively lunchtime House Challenge event, where boardgames took centre stage.

Organised by Mr Raynor, the event gave pupils a chance to have fun and earn valuable points for their House. A wide selection of games was on offer, including Dobble, Connect 4, Just Words, Dominoes and playing cards.

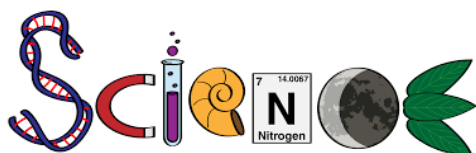
There were plenty of competitive moments, with several pupils trying (and failing!) to beat Mr Raynor at Connect 4, while Mrs Massey faced a tough challenge in Just Words.

It was a great opportunity for pupils to socialise and enjoy some friendly rivalry all in the spirit of teamwork and House pride.

Pupils involved were Year 7 - Humayraa R, Aiza A, Ellie B, Year 8 - Archie H, Ellie-Mae H, Sophie L, Danniella E, Year 9 - Loki Y, Year 10 - Emily M.



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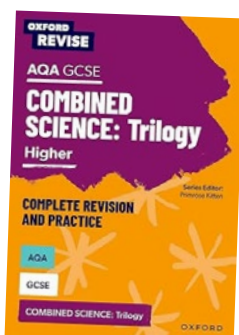
GCSE Science Revision Guides (Year 10)

As Year 10 have now begun their GCSE course in Science, either Combined Science or the optional Separate Science route, it is important that they have materials from which to revise.

The Science GCSE is perhaps the largest in terms of volume of content, hence the double (or triple) grade award. Having a revision guide as a regularly used point of reference and review is a step towards success. For that reason, we are offering revision guides for purchase at the beginning of the course.

The Oxford Revise series includes far more embedded opportunities for practice - from quizzing to exam style questions - as well as a more structured presentation of content.

Below are the range of guides available. For those who have chosen the Separate Science option, the Separate Science books (set of three) are needed. Otherwise, the choice is between Combined Higher Tier and Combined Foundation Tier. If your child is not sure which they need, please direct them to ask their teacher before purchase.



Combined Science Higher Tier £9
Combined Science Foundation Tier £9
Separate Science (set of three) £12

Payment must be made in advance through your online SCOPay account. Please remember to purchase the relevant **one** of the above options. We will order the revision guides based on advanced purchases so please ensure payment is made by Friday, 14 November. We will then distribute to pupils as soon as the order arrives.

Letters have been issued to Year 10 pupils this week and a copy can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

If you have any further questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Head of Science, Mr Bedford, by email at d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



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



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Priory Pupils Head to Iceland for a Trip of a Lifetime



Iconic waterfalls, lagoons, tectonic plates and more, Iceland promises to be a trip of a lifetime for our pupils.

The Humanities department, led by Mr Metcalfe, will be taking a group of Priory pupils to Iceland, all wearing their special hoodies, which will be both educational and entertaining.

The five-day trip includes a full day excursion of the Golden Circle, a visit to Hellisheidi Power Station to learn about geothermal power and the development of the power plant as well as visiting a number of impressive waterfalls and the Great Geysir.

There will also be visits to Iceland's famous thermal pools as well as time in the capital Reykjavik.

Mr Metcalfe said: "The Iceland visit has been over 12 months in the planning, and we are now very much looking forward to getting on that plane and taking our students to see some wonderful Geography.

"Iceland is a place for anyone - not just a Geographer - but the stunning scenery and contagious history of its volcanic activity has all tourists - young and old - gripped. With trips to colossal waterfalls, active geysers, thermal bathing pools and the magnificent capital city of Reykjavik, we are squeezing quite a bit in during our five day visit. This year sports a strong electromagnetic activity yield, and so we hope for a clear night to get the opportunity to see the Northern Lights!

"We feel lucky to be taking 43 of our students to experience this beautiful country. It should be a great trip, and students and parents can follow our visit on the school's Facebook page.

"It's worth giving a nod to our now retired Lead Teacher of Geography, Mr Watters who paved the way for such visits in years gone by, and who led the previous Iceland visit where we learnt a lot from him.

Joining us on the visit this year are Mrs Cauchi, Mr Eastham, Mr Eccles, Mrs Ham and Mrs Kursitis.



Year 9 Freya said: "I have never been so it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see all the sites and also have fun with my friends. I like Geography so it should be interesting."

Year 10 Will said: "I have never been so I am excited. It's got a special place for me as my grandad was a trawlerman and his ship sunk there. His Mayday was picked up by the Icelandic coastguard who helped him."

Year 10 Ben said: "It's a great chance to experience a different country."

Year 10 Matthew said: "I am looking forward to the glacial walks."

Emily added: "I am excited about the visit to the Blue Lagoon and seeing what it's all about!"

The trip will take place from Thursday, 23 October – Monday, 27 October.

Follow our journey on the school Facebook page>>>

www.facebook.com/PriorySTC or Instagram @penworthampriory

Year 11 Swimmer Completes Swim No 1 of her World Record Attempt!



Divya came to Priory from India for Year 11, having swum for 12 years there.

In September, Divya completed a remarkable feat in itself, completing the Catalina Channel solo swim in California, covering the 34km stretch in 15 hours and 23 minutes. This makes her the youngest Indian swimmer, at 15, to complete the Catalina Channel solo.

However this is just one of her 'Ocean's Seven Challenge' where she aims to complete the seven world's toughest open-water Channel swims.

Her challenge is named 'Mission Sapt Sagar' with its vision to raise awareness for 'Empowering Girls through Education and Sports.'

Divya, who had literally tested the Catalina Channel waters as part of a six-person relay the two days before her solo attempt, said: "The Pacific was a big test, there were high swells and strong currents. We set off at 11.30pm so it was pitch dark, the water was choppy.



"However when it was sunrise, it was inspirational. I saw dolphins and fish.

"I had my dad and a coach on the boat next to me, along with official observers, and they couldn't touch me. They had to throw food and drink into the water for me.

"There are strong rules – it was only swimming goggles, swimming hat and swimming costume. There was no wetsuit but the temperature wasn't too bad.

"It was mentally hard, after eight hours it was all in my brain but quitting was never an option.

mountains are not moving, I am moving towards them." Divya trains around 10 hours in a pool overall on weekdays, she does gym work every day, and then at weekends she trains at Capernwray, in open water.

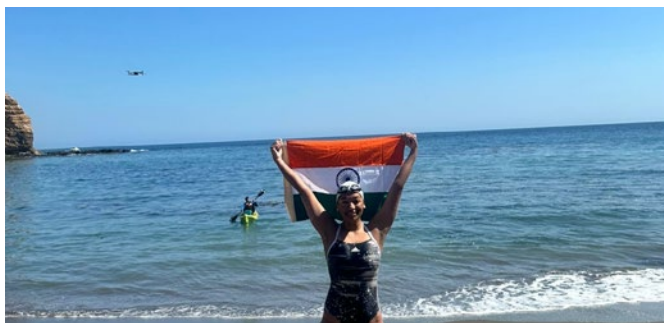
"I wanted to swim the English Channel at the start of October but Storm Amy stopped it so I have to wait for the slots to open again."

Divya has high ambitions: "The youngest person to do all seven oceans is a 20-year-old New Zealand girl so I want to break the world record and do them all by the time I am 19. That's the plan.

"I want to highlight female sports and what females can do. Every girl has such potential and can achieve so much if they put their mind to it. I want to empower females."



As well as all this, Divya has also been using her efforts to fundraise for Children In Need and has raised over £1,200.



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Year 8 Enjoy Spooky Biscuit Creations at Mrs Lockwood's Cookery Club



This month's After School Cookery Club gave our Year 8 pupils the chance to get creative with their Biscuit Showstoppers on a Halloween theme.

Several students had approached Food Technology teacher, Mrs Lockwood, with the idea of making something spooky, and after some discussion, they agreed on decorated biscuits as the perfect seasonal treat.

As always, pupils were enthusiastic and eager to develop their culinary skills. Mrs Lockwood was impressed with their baking abilities, and the biscuits tasted as good as they looked!

We've managed to grab Mrs Lockwood's trusted biscuit recipe, which has never let her down and continues to be a firm favourite with all.

A big thank you to all the pupils who took part. The next Cookery Club session will take place in November. Keep an eye out in our newsletter or on the Year Group Teams for details.



The After School Cookery Club welcomes suggestions for future sessions, so if you have an idea, let Mrs Lockwood know!



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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.

THIS WEEK'S
WINNING HOUSE IS >>



Year 7 **Benjamin C** (Mr Hunter)
Year 8 **Alice k-W** (Mrs Elliott)
Year 9 **Summer D** (Mrs Webster)
Year 10 **Bradley I** (Mr Momoniat)
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.

LEADING THE BOARD >>

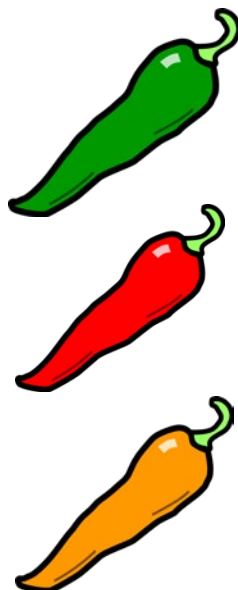
The Year Leaderboard has changed with different Forms taking part this week.



Douglas saw a massive increase and Hodder dropped. Douglas are not far behind Hodder!

1st Hodder | 2nd Douglas |
3rd Calder | 4th Ribble |

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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.



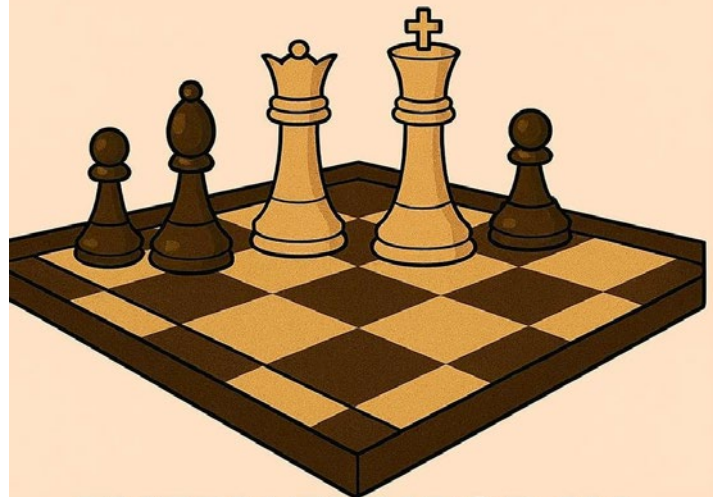
Training and support available.

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 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

CHESS CLUB



EVERY THURSDAY
HEX 3 AT LUNCHTIME

everyone welcome, including beginners
You may bring your lunch

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Year 9 Embarks on Chinese Language and Culture Programme in Collaboration with UCLan



Eleven Year 9 pupils have been given an amazing chance to learn all about Chinese Language and Culture, in lessons delivered in school by UCLan.

Teacher Mia Liu will come into school every week and pupils will explore one of the world's most widely spoken languages as well as learning about Chinese traditions and culture.

The course, organised by Head of Languages, Mrs Scully, will run for the full academic year with pupils able to sit the Chinese Youth Test (YCT), a nationally recognised qualification for young learners of Chinese.

Mrs Scully, explained, "As a school, we chose to collaborate with UCLan to deliver Chinese language and culture lessons because it offers our pupils a unique opportunity to broaden their global understanding, experience an exciting new language, and develop valuable cultural awareness for the future. What a fantastic opportunity!"



Amna said: "Some of my family are bilingual and I like languages so this was interesting for me. I want to push myself and this is different."

Corey said: "I really wanted to do this course. It sounds interesting and it's an opportunity to learn something new. I can't speak any other language so this will be helpful and I can also learn about new cultures."

Marshall said: "Some of my family are Chinese so it will be good for me to speak to them in their first language."

Pharaoh said: "It's cool and I am hoping it will help me in the future."

Jacob said: "I want to be a pilot and you need a language for that and also it's a new skill for my Duke of Edinburgh award."

Charlie said: "I want to go into business and imagine I will have Chinese clients so this will be useful!"

Holly added: "I have cousins who live in Hong Kong so this was appealing for me."

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A Creative Legacy For Agnes With New House Designs for Priory

Class of 2025 Agnes has used her artistic talents to create new logos for our four Houses – and they look amazing!

Historically, the school has had creatures linked to its Houses - Calder Cats, Douglas Dragons, Hodder Hornets and Ribble Rhinos.

Last year, the decision was made to reintroduce these mascots, and pupils were invited to submit design ideas.

Following initial interest, Agnes who was in Year 11 at the time, was asked to create all four designs to ensure a consistent visual style. Her hand-drawn illustrations were met with enthusiasm and approved by pupils and staff alike.



Since this point Ms Smith, with her design background, and Mr Oakes with his graphics skills have been developing the logos further to suit a variety of applications such as House badges, pull-up banners and school merchandise.

Agnes, now studying at the Lancaster School of Maths, said: "They were having a badge competition as Ms Smith wanted them all looking modern."

"Humanities teacher Mrs Cauchi, a House Leader, asked me to update 'Douglas'. Then it was suggested I do them all!"

"I love art, although I don't really think I am that good at it, so I did them all by hand."

ICT Technician, Mr Oakes said, "They needed a few tweaks so they could be used on the digital signage and the school had them made into badges."



"I am really impressed with Agnes' design. They look so good."

Agnes concluded: "I am proud they will be used for years to come. It's a nice legacy."

Badges have been distributed to pupils and staff, and are now part of the school uniform.

Thank you to our Year 8 models - Emeli P, Luna C, James McK and Bobby W.





Lost and Found: Are These Yours?

We're approaching the end of the first half term and we already have a build up of hoodies, jackets and coats. There's also a couple of water bottles and a pair of trainers amongst the miscellaneous items.

Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is generally kept by the PE Department. Please also check the school office for any items lost that day. Valuables will be stored securely by the Pastoral office (see Mr Shipton) until their owner can be identified.

We do aim to return named items to their owner and so we cannot over-emphasise the importance of marking all property, including ties, water bottles and stationery, with your child's name.



All unclaimed lost property is added to the uniform bank, donated to charity or is disposed of after the end of each half term.

The last day for collection of any of these items is Friday, 24 October.



Happy Diwali!

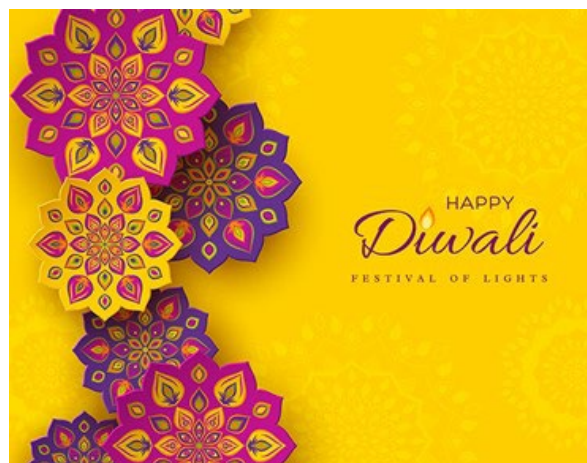
To all our families celebrating on Monday, we wish you a joyful and prosperous Diwali filled with love, light, and happiness!

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is the biggest event in the Hindu calendar and is also celebrated by Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists.

It involves millions of lamps and other lights being placed at temples, shops, homes, businesses and other buildings in the countries where the festival is observed.

Diwali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, truth over falsehood, and knowledge over ignorance.

Celebrations take place over five days known as Dhanteras (Day of fortune), Naraka Chaturdashi (Day of knowledge), Diwali (Day of light), Annakut (New Year) and Bhai Duj (Day of love between siblings). In 2025, those days will be 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 October. The third day, which is this year on Monday, 20 October is regarded as the main and most important day.



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DANCE TASTER EVENING

FREE PRE-SHOW DANCE WORKSHOP



YEAR
10 & 11



11
DECEMBER
2025
5.30PM - 6.15PM

Watch the show for free afterwards!
To book your place email:
cardinalcollective@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

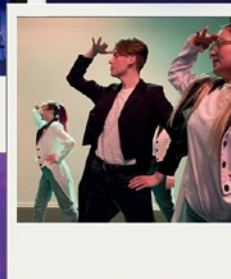
CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE

TAKE THE
STAGE!

A DANCE AND MUSICAL
THEATRE SHOWCASE



7PM
NEWMAN
THEATRE



Year 10 / 11
See
Miss Howell or
Miss Beesley if
interested

11 & 12
DECEMBER
2025

Tickets £6/4 on
WisePay or
call Finance on
01772 460 181



Penwortham Priory Academy

MENU

Week 2

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato

Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.

*Additional fillings +40p



From £1.35*

Cheese Panini

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

£1.85

Pepperoni Panini

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

£1.85

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.

£1.50

£1.95

Halal - Halal | Vegetarian | Gluten Free

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

MONDAY

All Day Breakfast

A fully loaded all day breakfast with bacon, sausage, hash browns, omelette and a side of beans.

£2.15

Veggie All Day Breakfast

A fully loaded all day breakfast with veggie sausage, hash browns, omelette and a side of beans.

£2.15

TUESDAY

Meat & Potato Pie

Homemade meat and potato pie served with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy.

£2.15

Cheese and Onion Pie

Homemade cheese and onion pie served with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy.

£2.15

WEDNESDAY

Katsu Chicken Curry

Delightfully crispy breaded chicken breast, smothered in katsu curry sauce and served on a bed of rice.

£2.15

Veggie Katsu Curry

Delightfully crispy vegetable spring rolls, smothered in katsu curry sauce and served on a bed of rice.

£2.15

THURSDAY

Peri-Peri Chicken

Succulent chicken pieces marinated to peri-peri-fection served with savoury rice.

£2.15

Mascarpone Pasta

Tomato and mascarpone pasta baked to perfection and served with garlic bread and a fresh side salad.

£2.15

'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS

Veggie Wrap

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

£2.15

Chicken Wrap

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

£2.15

Beef Burger

Beef burger seated in a brioche roll. Served with chips and a choice of peas, beans or 'chip shop curry' sauce.

£2.15

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

£0.60

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

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

£0.80

Popcorn

Fresh popcorn

£0.65

Jelly Squeeze

A variety of flavours available.

£0.70

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