

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Year 11 - What's Next?

**Our Year 11s are planning some amazing future careers as they finish their GCSEs.**

One though is focusing on a major short-term goal – swimming the English Channel! Divya wants to go to Newman College to study Sports, Maths and Business A-Levels. However first up is conquering the English Channel as part of her 'Ocean's Seven Challenge.'

Divya has already completed the Cataline Channel last year and has two more tough open-water channel swims lined up over the summer.

"The English Channel will be tough as it's cold conditions, there are jellyfish and it's a major shipping channel so it's busy. It's 23 miles straight across but you end up doing a lot more. The aim is to do that in July and then swim the North Channel in August.

"In between revising, I have still been training three hours a day so it has been tough!"

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."

Molly could be gracing the West End as she has secured a coveted place at The Pendleton School of Theatre – a nationally acclaimed centre for performing arts in Greater Manchester.

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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)

**HALF TERM CLOSURE**  
Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May

**Mon, 1 June and Fri, 5 June**  
Year 10 Manchester Airport Trip (Business and ICT pupils)

**Thurs, 4 June**  
Year 9 Art ULan Workshop

**Mon, 8 June**  
Year 9 DofE Drop Down Day 3  
Year 8 Parents Evening (online)

**Weds, 10 June**  
Year 10 Revision Event 5pm-6.30pm

**Fri, 12 June**  
South Ribble Athletics, Stanley Park, Blackpool  
Year 11 Leavers Celebration Assembly

**Weds, 16 June**  
Year 10 Runshaw College Taster Day

**Thurs, 18 June**  
Learning for Life Day 5  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

**Fri, 19 June**  
Year 10 Preston College Taster Day

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"I have a conditional offer. We had to audition which was an acting, dance and singing workshop."

**Molly** has taken part in shows for LIPA (Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts) and also all the school productions.

"I want to fulfil my dream. I would like to perform in the West End but also I wouldn't mind doing some straight acting."

Head Prefect **Hiylie** also has her sights set on being famous – whether a DJ or an actress.

Hiylie aims to study drama at Runshaw College although her audition isn't until July.

She said: "It is stressful having an audition but we shall see. I do have an agent and have already been on a children's show on the BBC called High Hoops. I like serious acting. If I don't make it as an actress though I would like to be a DJ, I have my own kit."

**Seth** wants to own his own business and is going to Blackpool College to study Hospitality and Catering Skills Level 2.

He said: "I want to have my own café. I am really good at cooking and I want to develop my skills further. I enjoy it."

**Alana**, alongside **Harmony**, have secured an Apprenticeship at Ashbridge Nurseries.

Alana said: "I want to work with children but it's a benefit that we will be earning money straight away too."

Head Prefect **Tarela** is following in the footsteps of her parents and going into the medical profession.

"I want to go to Lancaster Grammar School for Girls and do A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology. My



dad is a pharmaceutical doctor while my mum is a nurse – I want to be a doctor."

**Callum** is aiming for a career in sport. "I want to go to Runshaw College and study Sports & Fitness. I play football and I just want a career where sport is involved."

**Taylor** is off to Runshaw College to complete a T-Level in Design Engineering as he sees his future on a degree course at BAE Systems.

**Yaseen** is also keen on engineering. "I want to go to Preston College and do a BTEC Level 3 in Engineering. It's something I have always wanted to do."

**Jacob** is hoping to follow a practical career path and secure a place at Preston College, enrolling on a Level 2 Plumbing course. Having already gained experience working in labouring and field-based roles, he says he finds the work "very interesting" and is looking forward to developing his skills further.

**Harry** is setting his sights on an engineering apprenticeship, with a clear ambition to specialise in metal fabrication. He is focused on building a strong CV to stand out to employers, already achieving success beyond the classroom.



He said, "As part of a football team, I became a tournament winner, and I have also represented Great Britain in taekwondo, earning a bronze medal in Moldova."

Looking ahead, Harry plans to join the police cadets to further strengthen his applications and help secure a top apprenticeship, with the goal of progressing into a full-time engineering role.

From elite sport and performing arts to engineering, healthcare and skilled trades, our Year 11 pupils are leaving with ambition, determination and a wide range of exciting pathways ahead of them.

Whether continuing in education, starting apprenticeships or pursuing specialist training, they have already shown the commitment and resilience needed to succeed.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us and look forward to hearing about their future successes in the years to come.

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# Year 10 Footballers Into The South Ribble Cup Finals

**MATCH REPORT BY MR RAYNOR**

**After victory in the previous round over Brownedge St Mary's, Priory's Year 10 boys football team were in South Ribble Cup semi-final action on Wednesday (20 May).**

Drawn at home against Hutton Grammar, the boys took to the field in confident mood against their local rivals. Playing against a strong wind blowing down the pitch in the first half, meant Priory had to weather a Hutton storm for large parts of the first period.

Dixon, in goal, produced some excellent saves to prevent Priory falling behind, and was ably supported by the back three of Lomax, McClure and Igbo.

With only a couple of minutes to go before the break, Priory managed to work the ball upfield, where Mapstone took advantage of the chance to shoot. His crisp right foot shot giving Priory a 1-0 lead at half-time.

After a formation change at the break, and with the wind now at their backs, Priory raced ahead in the opening minutes of the second half.



Tayburn doubled Priory's lead with a follow up shot from close range, almost straight from the kick-off. Just four minutes later and Priory made it 3-0 with Mapstone adding his second of the game after a good team build up. The lead grew to 4-0, ten minutes later, when tireless midfielder Hyde struck a low shot into the bottom corner.

With a comfortable lead achieved, team coach and Maths teacher, Mr Raynor made a few changes to the team, giving opportunities to Horton, Tanchev and Sutton. This perhaps gave Hutton fresh hope, and to their credit, they pulled two goals back.

With only a couple of minutes remaining, Ajibosin raced after a through ball into the Hutton penalty area. With a calm left footed effort he finished from a tight angle, closing the door on any faint comeback hopes that Hutton may have had.

Mr Raynor said afterwards, "I'm really proud of the lads for their efforts in reaching the final. They had to battle against the wind in a tough first half, but got their rewards in the second half. They're all looking forward to a Cup Final after the half-term break."

# Year 11 Prom & Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip

We are excited to confirm the 'leavers' events taking place for Year 11.

On **Tuesday, 16 June** we are planning to take Year 11 to **Blackpool Pleasure Beach** as a reward for all their hard work and the completion of their GCSE exams.



The cost of the trip is £32 including return transport and entrance to the park. We anticipate that the park will be quieter during this time which will allow pupils to take full advantage of the park's facilities. Final arrangements will be sent near the time.

The **Year 11 Leavers' Prom** will be on **Wednesday, 8 July** at Bartle Hall Hotel, Lea Lane, Preston PR4 0HA.

The cost of the Prom is £40 per person, which will include a BBQ style meal and mocktail, plus professional photography. The times and specific information for the evening will be issued closer to the time, and all dietary requirements will be catered for.



We must take this opportunity to remind everyone that attendance to the Prom and end of year trip is subject to each pupil's behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance at school, and the school will make the final decision regarding this.

Parents of Year 11 pupils who would like to take part in any of the end of year events, should make payment using the school's online payment system, SCOPay.

You can pay for individual items until the closing date Monday, 1 June.



*Mrs Eastham  
Head of year 11*

**REVISION**

An Evening Event  
for Year 10 pupils and their parents/carers.

**Wednesday, 10 June**  
from 5pm-6.30pm

The event will start with a short presentation delivered by Assistant Principal, Miss Thornton. Subject leaders will be on hand to offer subject specific revision advice and guidance. They'll also be talking about the specifics of exams within their subjects and what to revise when.

Pupils can collect a **free** pack of revision cards to make a good start with their revision.

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Monday to Wednesday and Friday

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Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9  
Monday and Wednesday to Friday

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Where you can go at lunch

See your teacher for a pass to jump the dinner queue before heading to one of these rooms.

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# Determined Year 7 Squad Claim Third in 7-A-Side Tournament



REPORT BY MRS BULLOCK

**On Monday, 18 May our Year 7 girls played at Leyland St Mary's 7-A-Side Football Tournament.**

The squad put in a strong, hard-working performance over six rounds, displaying good teamwork, determination, and some really sharp moments of play.

Across the tournament, the team played six matches, securing four wins and two losses. They scored a total of ten goals whilst only conceding three, showing strong defensive organisation alongside moments of excellent attacking play.

A mention must go to captain, Belle, with her outstanding work rate and encouragement kept the team focused and motivated. Overall, it was a very positive afternoon with consistent improvement and a confident finish.



The team secured third place overall, disappointingly missing out on second by just two goals.

Team: Belle L (Captain), Reeve C, Laura T, Isla T, Isla W, Annisa O, Emma S, Sophie A, Lila W

## Year 10 College Sampling Days



Year 10 has been offered the opportunity to visit Newman, Preston and Runshaw colleges to further explore their options for life after Priory. Pupils will take part in different classes during each day, allowing them

to experience college life.

Runshaw College	Tuesday, 16 June 2026
Preston College	Friday, 19 June 2026
Newman College	Tuesday, 7 July 2026

The visits are free and transport is provided by the colleges. Pupils should arrive at school as usual on these days where they will be picked up at approximately 9.00am by each college. Pupils will return before the end of the school day in time for the buses.

Pupils may wish to bring some spending money/ bank card or a packed lunch. Pupils entitled to a free school meal can order this from the dining

room in advance and collect it in the morning before they leave.

**Pupils must be in uniform on the day.** Those who have chosen a sport or dance-related subject may bring trainers to change in to.

A letter with permission slip has been issued to Year 10 for Preston College and slips should be returned to the school office or Form Tutor no later than Friday, 5 June.

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# Checkmate! School Chess Tournament Draws to a Thrilling Finish



Pupils from across the school came together for an exciting afternoon of strategy and competition at this year's Priory chess tournament, organised by Mrs Swire, who leads the weekly lunchtime chess club.

A dedicated group of players from Year 7 through to Year 11 took part, demonstrating impressive skill, concentration and determination. The tournament was held on the afternoon of Thursday 30 April, with competitors battling their way through a series of closely fought matches.

The camaraderie and supportive spirit on display were a delight to see, with pupils encouraging one another throughout while enjoying a juice and a biscuit - or two! The positive atmosphere truly reflected the inclusive nature of the chess club.

Such was the level of competition that the tournament overran, meaning the final stages had to be completed during a lunchtime session the following week (8 May). With the Year 11 competitors about to embark on their final exams, the competition was brought forward, making it a special end-of-year event for those involved.

After several intense rounds, four finalists were selected. The final proved especially memorable, featuring a head-to-head battle between the two Alexes. In a tense and closely contested match, Year 8 Alex P emerged victorious, earning the title of Priory Chess Champion. His name will now be added to the school trophy. Alex W was our runner up, with Oliver H and Archie H in third and fourth place respectively.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, and a special thank you to Mrs Swire for organising such an enjoyable and successful event.

Chess Club runs every Thursday lunchtime in Hex 3 and is open to pupils of all abilities from all year groups; new players are always welcome.



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# Strong Showing from Priory Golfers in Close National Qualifying Bid

**A trio of Year 10s got into the swing of golf and finished a brilliant third in the Lancashire Schools Golf Competition**

Aidan, Finn and Will all play at Penwortham Golf Club and, as Priory, entered a tournament at Darwen Golf Club, with more than 30 school teams involved.

These included many well-equipped private schools where the boys admitted: 'They had all the gear!'

Will has a handicap of 21.8, Aiden 13 and Finn 19.7.

Will said: "I like golf, I play every week. I enjoy playing, even though you can have good and bad days."

All admire Rory McIlroy but Finn admitted: "My favourite is Tommy Fleetwood as he has played at Penwortham Golf Club."

The school competition at Darwen was tough and they had a lot to get used to.

Aiden said: "It was hilly compared to Penwortham and the greens were really fast."

It was a singles competition with the two best scores from the trio counting.

Finn said: "There were 100s of players there so it was a good challenge and it was fun. We got a sleeve of golf balls and a trophy."

Finn also takes part in Mixed Martial Arts at the North West Fight Academy and will have his first amateur fight in September.

Head of PE & Sport Mr Bullock said: "It was fantastic to see so many pupils who play golf outside of school stepping up to represent Priory and performing to such a high standard. They should be very proud of their efforts, particularly as they came so close to qualifying for the National Schools Nett Team Championships in July."

A brilliant achievement and a great example of dedication and sporting excellence – well done, boys!



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## Year 8 Girls Take Part in Cricket Leadership Programme

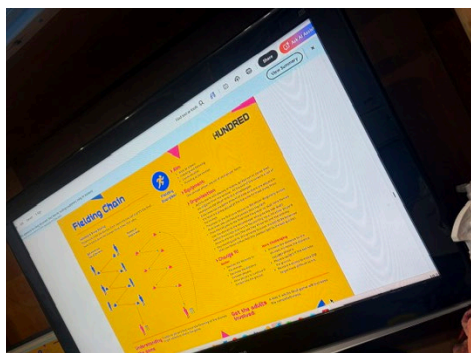
On Thursday, 7 May, sixteen of our Year 8 girls took part in an exciting Girls' Leadership Course during the school day at Priory, delivered through the Lancashire Cricket Foundation.

The leadership course is part of the England & Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) commitment to making cricket a gender-balanced sport and providing girls with opportunities to develop both on and off the pitch. The session focused on introducing students to leadership roles within cricket and helping them build confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

Throughout the day, the girls were involved in a range of practical activities, including leading warm-ups, learning how to score matches, developing umpiring skills, and supporting the delivery of cricket sessions. These activities gave the students a new perspective on the sport and highlighted the many different ways they can stay involved beyond just playing.

The programme also links to the ECB's wider girls' pathway, which includes initiatives such as All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket, and aims to inspire girls to take on future leadership roles while developing important life skills.

Mrs Bullock, PE Teacher and Head of Year 8, said, "All students represented the school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of their engagement, enthusiasm, and willingness to step into leadership roles. We are delighted to support opportunities like this and look forward to offering more leadership experiences in the future."



# GCSE RESULTS DAY

## Arrangements For The Collection of GCSE Results for Class of 2026

Results will be available for collection on Thursday, 20 August, between 10.30am and 11.30am.

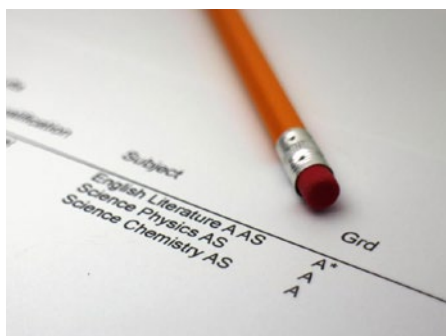
Students should go to the Assembly Hall to collect their results. If the weather is pleasant, however, we will distribute results outside the main reception.

Students who have been invited to take part in our publicity should arrive promptly at 10:30am and see Mrs Yates to collect their results envelopes.

If a pupil is unable to collect their results in person, or you will be on holiday, they must speak to the Exams Officer Miss Conway, in the Business & Finance Office, before they leave or email her at [g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk) before the end of the summer term to make alternative arrangements. Please note that written permission is required if someone else is collecting results on a student's behalf.

Any uncollected results will be posted second class later that day. Please also note that school will close at 12 noon on Results Day.

We will email parents with reminders of these details near to the event. In the meantime, we wish every student in the Class of 2026 the very best of luck and hope they leave Priory with both the results they deserve and fond memories of their time with us.



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# Future-Ready: Year 10 & 11 Pupils Connect with Sexual Health Experts



Last week we were joined by Kat Wood from the Sexual Health Team for a lunchtime meet and greet in the Year 10 and Year 11 Bistro.



The aim of the visit was to enable our older students to see how approachable the team are, in case they are needed in the future when pupils leave Priory.

Our visitors played educational games with the pupils regarding sexual health and aimed to quash any misconceptions pupils had. As part of the visit, pupils were given contact cards for the future, should support be required.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith said, "We were pleased Kat could join us for this session. The older pupils enjoyed the game and I was reassured to hear that many of the responses were correct based on previous learning in lessons.



"Our pupils' response and engagement was positive for the second time this academic year. This time Kat has 'switched up' the misconception questions to provide further challenge to pupils as they were finding the questions too easy to answer, based on their learning on Learning for Life Days."

Kat later fed back, "It was another fab lunchtime health stand with your students. I saw some new faces at this one too, which was lovely and we had some good conversations".

## Help Your Child Stay Safe Online

There are new resources about online hate and misogyny on the 'Kids Online Safety' website

Together with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), the Department for Education (DfE) has published new resources on the 'Kids Online Safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support dealing with online misogyny.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

The DfE has also created a new section on their website, designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- what misogyny is
- why you should talk to your child about misogyny
- spotting the signs of misogyny
- how you can support your son or daughter

The DfE continues to link to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice.



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## Football Success For Year 8 Girls

Five of our female footballers are celebrating trophy wins over 9th & 10th May!

Year 8 Freya and Emeli play for Lostock St Gerard's and were playing for their Under 14s – a year up.

Freya plays in midfield while Emeli is a right back and they celebrated silverware in the Under 14 Coulton Cup at Fleetwood.

Emeli said: "We beat Euton Villa Pinks Under 14s 4-2. We were always ahead."

Freya was captain on the day and lifted the trophy.

Year 8s attacker Isla, midfielder Amaya and winger Ellie won the Under 13s Coulton Cup for Lancon Junior FC Yellows, overcoming Morecambe Hawks at Fleetwood.

Amaya said: "It was a tight game. We scored two goals in the first half and then they came back but we held on to win 2-1."



School is now closed for the half term break. We return on Monday, 1 June.

The next newsletter is out Friday, 12 June

# Compost Corner

## Mr Farron's Spring Update

Welcome to the Spring edition fellow composters!

This season you will experience a combination of new blooms, all grown here at Priory, providing our ever-increasing wildlife visitors from early morning and evening to appear. So far this year we have had sightings of a fox, hedgehog, moles, squirrels, rats, rabbits, mice and then a variety of birds including ducks, gulls, magpies, pigeons, blackbirds, sparrows, thrush, yellow hammers, finches, tits and oyster catchers. Although beneficial, most are a nuisance to young plants. However, it's just a case of live and let live.

The combinations of plants will be a confetti of colour and fragrance throughout Priory gardens. There are sunny spots where Verbena Bonariensis mingles through other plants brilliantly tying through a display of tiny neon blooms.

Best for bees – Catmint Peta (Blue Moon) is a pretty shade of lavender and is a magnet for bees and butterflies. Digitalis (Fox Glove) – the colours of this are purple, cream, white and rose and can only be described as elegant speckled blooms.

Long lasting plants – Silene Campion are pure white starry flowers and have a real elegance. Poppy



Coral flowers provide a reef of oriental blousy blooms. Knautia Pastels which are pretty pin-cushions, bloom from May to September plus others growing in pots ready to go into the garden.



### From Compost Corner to Confetti Corner

More new additions are pricked out and ready to pot on. The plants are Dhalia, Sunflower, Cosmos, Sweet Peas, Californian Poppy and Gaillardia. The Gabriel Oak Rose is an opulent rose and has long continuous flowering and is named after the hero of Hardy's 'Far From the Madding Crowd' and has a strong fruity scent situated in the centre of Priory Gardens.



So an abundance of fragrance and colour now awaits for all to see and look out for. I truly appreciate our pupils' respect for our gardens and wish you all a wonderful season.

Oh, and look out for the waterlily about to surface in the courtyard!

Mr C Farron  
Head Gardener



# Sweet Treats for National Donut Week

This week, our catering team added a little extra sweetness to lunchtime as they celebrated National Donut Week in style.



Pupils were treated to a selection of five delicious donuts each day, ranging from classic sugar-coated rings and jam-filled favourites to indulgent chocolate and raspberry creations topped with sprinkles.

Priced at just 65p, the donuts proved to be a huge hit, quickly becoming one of the most popular dessert choices of the week. The variety on offer ensured there was something for everyone, with many pupils keen to sample a different flavour each day.

Mrs Morley, Catering Manager, said: "We are always looking for ways to liven up our menus and keep things exciting for our pupils. National Donut Week provided the perfect opportunity to do just that, and it's been wonderful to see how much everyone has enjoyed the selection."

It was certainly a week full of flavour and fun, and a great example of how the catering team continues to bring creativity and enjoyment to the school dining experience.



Mrs Morley, Catering Manager, said: "We are

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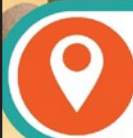
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# Year 11 Lunch Account Balances



## Use it or lose it!

As our Year 11 pupils approach the end of their time with us, we would like to remind parents about an important matter regarding school lunch accounts.

Once a pupil has officially left school and is removed from our roll, we are unfortunately unable to process any refunds for remaining balances on their lunch accounts. **To avoid any loss of funds, we encourage all parents to ensure that any remaining credit on their child's lunch account is used before their final day in school as a year group. This will be Monday, 15 June.**



Students can continue to use their accounts as normal up until this date, so we recommend checking balances in advance and planning accordingly to make full use of any remaining funds.

Balances can be checked via SCOPay or pupils can check at the till point.

**Week 3  
w/c  
1 June**

### Penwortham Priory Academy MENU

Spring Week 3

**EVERY DAY**

**Jacket Potato** From £1.35

Build your perfect spud! Start with our light and fluffy jackets and elevate your experience even further with the many toppings available.

**Cheese Panini** £1.90

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

**Pepperoni Panini** £1.90

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** £2.00

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

*this week's specials*

**MONDAY**

**Cumberland Wheel** £2.30

Hearty Cumberland sausage wheel served with crispy hash brown bites for the perfect comfort-food combo.

**Veggie Sausage** £2.30

Sizzling veggie sausage served with crispy hash brown bites for the perfect comfort-food combo.

**TUESDAY**

**Shawarma Chicken Kebab** £2.30

Tender shawarma chicken kebab served with a sweet, buttery corn on the cob for a vibrant, flavour-packed meal.

**Onion Bhaji Kebab** £2.30

Homemade onion bhaji kebab served with a sweet, buttery corn on the cob for a vibrant, flavour-packed meal.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Popcorn Chicken** £2.30

Crispy, flavour-filled popcorn chicken served with golden skin-on wedges.

**Veggie Burger** £2.30

Deliciously crispy veggie burger served with golden skin-on wedges.

**THURSDAY**

**BBQ Pulled Pork Barm** £2.30

Smoky BBQ pulled pork served in a soft barm, paired with a crunchy side of crisps for the perfect hearty bite.

**Cheese & Broccoli Pasta** £2.30

Creamy cheese and broccoli pasta served with warm, golden garlic bread for a comforting, flavourful meal.

*Chippy Friday Specials*

**Chicken Wrap** \*from £2.00

Crispy southern fried chicken fillet wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.

**Veggie Chicken Wrap**

Crispy southern fried no chick strips wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.  
\*Add golden chips to your wrap for an additional 50p

**Jumbo Fish Fingers** £2.30

Crispy jumbo fish fingers, served piping hot with golden chips and peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

*Deserts*

**Assorted Cakes and Biscuits** £0.70

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

**Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit** £0.90

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

**Popcorn** £0.70

Fresh sweet and salty popcorn.

**Jelly** £0.70

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# Immersive Learning: Pupils Explore WWI Battlefields in Virtual Reality



A few weeks ago, we had the exciting opportunity to experience history in a completely new and immersive way, thanks to a set of virtual reality machines provided by Time Travel Education.

Pupils across Key Stage 3 took part in these sessions, where they were able to explore the battlefields of the First World War through 360° virtual reality. This allowed students to step back in time and gain a vivid understanding of what life was like for soldiers during the war. Rather than simply reading about trench warfare in textbooks, pupils could see the landscapes, conditions, and environments for themselves.

The experience was both educational and impactful. Students were able to visualise the harsh realities of the trenches and the scale of the battlefields, helping to bring an important part of history to life in a way that is difficult to achieve in a traditional classroom setting.

The experience was particularly valuable for those students who will be visiting the Belgian battlefields this week as it allowed them to meet their guide in person, who visited the school dressed as a First World War soldier. This brought a real sense of excitement and atmosphere, helping to capture students' imagination and interest before the trip. It provided a preview of the locations they will soon see in person, helping them to feel more prepared and connected to what they will experience during the visit.

Humanities teacher, Mrs Cauchi, who organised the experience, said, "Overall, the sessions were a fantastic success, giving students a memorable and engaging insight into an important period of history."



## Priory Girls Perfect Routines For Street Competition Success

REPORT BY MISS BEESLEY, PE TEACHER

On Thursday, 30 April our Priory dancers took part in the first South Ribble Street Dance Competition held at Wellfield Academy.

The girls had to learn a set routine from a beginner, intermediate and advanced category and perform this in front of the two judges. After weeks of practices, our girls were ready to dance. Year 7 Alba and Chloe were up first for the beginner routine to Tao Cruz's Dynamite song, followed by Imogen and Scarlett competing for the Year 8s.



All put in a fantastic level of effort and were successful in their categories, with Alba placing 3rd, Chloe 2nd, Scarlett 2nd and Imogen 1st.

Imogen, Scarlett and Chloe all entered the intermediate category to a throwback song from Usher 'Yeah.' Unfortunately, the girls weren't successful in call backs, but performed brilliantly none the less.

Well done to all four girls, you did an amazing job and your efforts have been rewarded.



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# COURSE ADVICE MORNING

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# Lost and Found: Are These Yours?

It's reassuring to see that there's very few larger items building up however someone must be missing their keys, jewellery and other knick-knacks.

Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is 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 with your child's name, including ties, water bottles and stationery.

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 is Friday, 22 May although we will keep the smaller items for a few weeks longer.



# NEXT ISSUE

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

**The next issue will be out Friday, 12 June 2026**

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## 'Meet Your Army' Webinars

These online events are designed to give parents and students a clear, honest insight into Army careers.

Students interested in a career within the British Army can register for any of the sessions below:

### May:

Title: **Breaking down the Army Assessment**

Date & Time: Tuesday 26 May 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

### June:

Title: **Serving as LGBTQ+ In the British Army**

Date & Time: Tuesday 9 June 18:00 - 19:00

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Title: **Joining the Army Series: Officer**

Date & Time: Tuesday 23 June 18:00 - 19:00

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### July:

Title: **Joining the Army Series: Soldier**

Date & Time: Wednesday 1 July 18:00 - 19:00

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Title: **Virtual Harrogate Open Day**

Date & Time: Wednesday 8 July 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

### Why this matters to students

These sessions are a great opportunity for students to:

- Explore career pathways and apprenticeships
- Hear directly from serving soldiers
- Build confidence in making informed next steps

Students who don't currently have an active application are encouraged to register. These sessions provide a relaxed and informative way to learn more before making any decisions.

## JOIN THE RAF VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Explore roles, training and opportunities through videos and interactive tasks led by serving personnel.

You will explore the RAF's purpose, history, it's people, and the vital role it plays in protecting the UK around the world.

Gain insight into life in the RAF through insightful videos delivered by real RAF personnel, interactive activities, quizzes and much more.

Explore real-world responsibilities and hear first-hand from those currently serving in the RAF.

Interactive elements will test your knowledge, apply what you've learned, boost your skills and help you reflect on whether a career in the RAF could be the right path for you.

Students aged 13+ are welcome to apply.

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