

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Welcomes Its 2026 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.**

Monday 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 pupils, Alyx and Arthur spoke confidently about their 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 'getting to know you' 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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## 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)

**Tues, 7 July**  
Year 10 Newman College  
Taster Day  
Summer Arts Festival  
6.30pm-8.15pm

**Weds, 8 July**  
Year 11 Prom, Bartle Hall

**Tues, 14 July**  
Rewards trips

**Thurs, 16 July**  
Sports Day

**Friday, 17 July**  
End of year  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm

**19 & 20 August**  
Summer School (New  
Intake Only)

**Thurs, 20 August**  
GCSE Results Day

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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 confidence and leadership made a big difference!

Parents have now received a 'First Day Arrangements' letter, which will also be 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 Wednesday, 2 September.



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# Year 7 Pupils Welcome New Intake



It may come as no surprise but our current crop of Year 7s have a definite favourite subject – PE!

We asked a group about how they had found their first year at Priory, their favourite subjects and what they would say to a Year 6 who is coming to Priory in September.

**Arthur**, who came from Broad Oak Primary School, said: "I enjoy Priory as I have more freedom at break times. We play football or go to the canteen. I go to the 3D Printing Club and my favourite subject is definitely PE.

"Priory is much better than primary school!"

**Jess**, from Orrell Lamberhead Green Community Primary school, said: "I came here only knowing one person but I have really enjoyed it.

"After a few weeks, I had tons of new friends and I am on the School Council. Our job is to make Priory even better but it is already a very good school, there are only little improvements to make.

"I like Priory as it is inclusive, whether it's religion or disabilities, it is a very accepting school. To anyone currently in Year 6, I would say talk to people and always have a smile on your face which makes you more welcoming."

**Ernie**, who attended New Longton Primary School, said: "I like break times and free time. I play football when I can!"

**Ellie**, who went to St Stephen's, said: "My favourite subjects are English and Art. I was nervous when I first came to school but I soon settled in. It looks a big school but once you settle in, it's fine."

**Anissa** also came from St Stephen's. She said: "I like PE and I play football. I would say to the Year 6s not to worry as you can make new friends or stay with your existing friends. It is easy to find your way around."

**Brooke** came from Hoole St Michael's CofE Primary



School. She said: "I like all the sports here so my favourite lesson is PE.

"I have played netball and I have joined the rounders and athletics clubs this term.

"I was nervous as I was one of the only ones from my school but I settled in. If you are alone or get lost, you just have to ask for help."

**Chloe**, who attended Whitefield Primary School, said: "I love PE and sports. It's so different from primary school as there are so many different sports in PE lessons and clubs.

"I am on the Eco-Committee and I have joined the rounders club. My advice would be not to be scared as all the staff are really nice."

**Emily**, from St Mary's, added: "I like PE and I would let a Year 6 know that there is always someone to help."



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# A Special Thank You to Our Catering Team

## Unsung Heroes of the Heat

It's safe to say that last week has tested us all. With temperatures soaring above 30 degrees during the recent heatwave, classrooms, offices and corridors alike have felt the strain, and even the simplest of tasks has required extra effort and resilience.

Yet spare a thought for those who have been working at the very heart of the heat: our incredible catering team.

While many of us have sought shade, fans or a welcome breeze through an open window, our catering staff have been working in kitchens made even hotter by ovens, hobs and constant activity. Despite the challenging conditions, they have shown remarkable determination and teamwork, continuing to provide meals, snacks and refreshments for pupils, staff and visitors throughout the week.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. As a school community, we are enormously grateful for their commitment, positivity and perseverance during such an uncomfortable spell. They have quite simply kept the school going.

Catering Managers, Miss Morley and Mrs Billings, shared words that perfectly capture both the challenge and the spirit of the team: "We just want to take a minute to show some appreciation for the catering team at Penwortham Priory Academy for getting through this week. It's been hot outside but it's been even hotter in the kitchen; we have survived on ice pops and frozen water in front of fans! We've even kept the pupils refreshed with frozen oranges at break and lunch!"

It is this dedication and sense of community that make our catering team so special. They are more than just a team providing meals; they are a vital and valued part of school life, always going the extra mile to support everyone around them.

As we (hopefully!) look ahead to slightly cooler days, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to every member of the catering team. Your resilience, teamwork and good humour during this heatwave have been truly outstanding. We are proud to have such a fantastic team at the heart of our school.





## Year 8 Tournament Triumphs and a Standout Star at Farington's New Cricket Ground

On Monday, 15 June, our Year 8 girls' cricket team took part in the South Ribble U13s tournament at Farington Cricket Ground, competing against All Hallows, Balshaws, Worden and Lostock Hall Academy.

It was a fantastic day of competitive cricket, with the team demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork and determination throughout.

Priory started strongly with a convincing win against Balshaws, finishing 80–51. This set the tone for the day, with the girls showing confidence in both their batting and fielding. They followed this up with another impressive performance against Lostock Hall, securing a well-earned victory by 21 runs.

One of the standout matches came against Worden, where Priory delivered an outstanding performance, winning by an astonishing 69 runs. A particular highlight of this game was Freya B's incredible batting display, scoring 28 runs from just 5 balls, an exceptional achievement that drew admiration from everyone watching.

The final match against All Hallows was a closely fought contest, with Priory narrowly missing out by just one run in a thrilling 75–74 finish. Despite the loss, the girls showed resilience and determination right to the last ball. This result meant that Priory came second overall in the tournament, a fantastic achievement against strong opposition.

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Throughout the day, the girls were a real credit to both the school and their families, displaying fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork and positivity. Mrs Bullock was extremely impressed with the attitude, effort and ability shown by every player across the whole day.

Emily G's bowling was exceptional, consistently putting pressure on opposition batters. However, the standout performance of the day came from Freya B, whose all-round display was outstanding. Her natural cricketing ability was recognised by the organisers, and she has been invited to contact the Lancashire Cricket Foundation to further develop her talents.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Elisha Netherwood, the Lancashire Cricket Foundation staff, and the volunteers for organising and hosting such a well-run and enjoyable event.

Farington Cricket Ground proved to be an excellent venue, with impressive facilities including a central pavilion offering four changing rooms, fitness facilities, and both outdoor and covered net areas. These features make it an outstanding setting that caters for players of all levels and contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Overall, it was a highly successful and memorable experience, and finishing second overall is something the team should be extremely proud of.

## Fresh Summer Salads Now Available

**NEW**

**Our catering team has introduced a fresh and healthy option to the menu for the remainder of the summer term.**

Students can now enjoy a delicious range of salads, available every day in the Restaurant and Bistro. There's a choice of egg, tuna mayo or ham, all priced at £2.30 each.

Each salad is prepared with a base of crisp lettuce, tomato and cucumber, and is complemented by coleslaw and a touch of red onion for added flavour.

These new salads are a great option for anyone looking for a lighter lunch during the warmer weather. Served in a bowl and ready to eat-in or take away. Why not give them a try?



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# Year 8 Pupils Praised by Local Resident

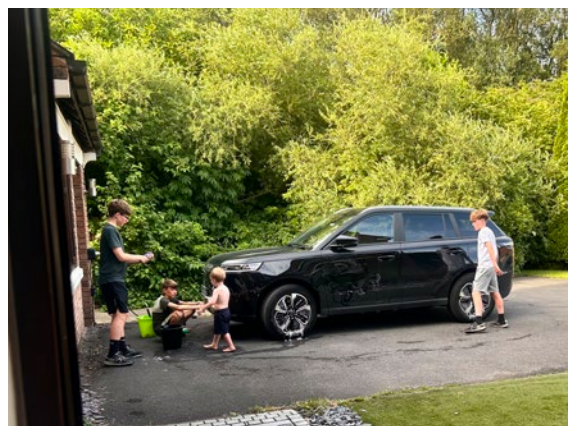
We are delighted to share a wonderful example of the kindness, respect and community spirit shown by three of our Year 8 pupils - Max F, Max M and Jack M.

We received a message of praise from a resident who had previously had the boys help with car washing. On this occasion, they went one step further by including her three-year-old son in their activity.

The boys were described as being incredibly kind and patient, making the young boy feel involved and valued. At the end of the task, they even shook his hand and thanked him for helping – a small gesture that left a lasting impression.

The resident, herself a teacher, took the time to write and commend the boys, describing them as “a credit to themselves, their families and Priory,” and recognising how meaningful it is to hear about students making such a positive contribution beyond the classroom.

Head of Year, Mrs Bullock, added “We are extremely proud of Max, Max and Jack. Their actions reflect the values we aim to instil in all our pupils: respect, kindness and a genuine commitment to others. Well done, boys.”



**Holiday activities and food**

**LANCASHIRE**

**HAF Summer Activities 2026**  
**Free holiday clubs with food included !**

Who can join?  
Children & young people in reception to year 11  
Eligible for benefits-related free school meals

Not sure if you qualify?  
Speak to your child's school to support you in accessing a voucher

What's included?  
Up to 16 days of fun activities & free meal provided every day  
Release date 22 June 2026  
Limited spaces available

Can't make it?  
Cancel your place so another child can benefit

Need help?  
Contact your child's school or complete the form by scanning the QR code

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**Galloways**  
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**Summer Festival**

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 11-3

LIVE MUSIC SHOPPING HENNA  
GALLOWAYS BAKE OFF PICNIC AREA  
FOOD & DRINKS GAMES  
FACE PAINTING FOOTBALL

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# Priory Welcomes Back Former Pupil Dr Ian Cookson for Career Inspiration Session



Class of 1989 pupil Dr Ian Cookson returned to Priory for the first time to talk to pupils about his two careers – and how it's never too late to follow a new path.



Priory put an appeal out for former pupils to get in touch to attend career-inspiration sessions with past pupils talking about their career paths, the good and the bad, to help our pupils make informed choices about their next steps.

As he was good at drawing, Dr Cookson went into print and marketing initially before redundancy led him to rethink his career in his late 30s.

He is now a psychology tutor at Manchester Metropolitan University and is also finishing his accreditation as a sport and exercise psychologist.

Dr Cookson said: "It's my first time back and it's been enjoyable. There's a lot that is familiar while there are a lot of new parts so it's mixed for me.



"I remember playing football on the tarmac, on an all-weather pitch which wasn't the best!

"It's been good to talk to pupils about my career. We split the session into two parts about my first job which I fell into and then redundancy led me to a new career path. I emphasised how the door is never shut to retrain.

"The pupils were good, I broke up my talk with activities and they were engaged. I was surprised for an audience of that age, how much they understood, their knowledge and how self-aware they were.

"I hope a few will go into psychology, there were a few who were fascinated especially when I related it to ADHD, sport and research."



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# GCSE Art Pupils Embrace Sustainable Fashion at University of Lancashire Workshop



Following the success of their first printmaking workshop, our Year 10 GCSE Art students, alongside a small group of Year 9 students who will be beginning their GCSE Art studies in September, recently attended the second workshop in the University of Lancashire's exciting three-part creative programme.



Hosted within ArtLab and led by experienced university staff, this workshop focused on the important themes of sustainability, creativity and innovation through textiles. Students explored how artists and designers can help reduce waste by reusing and repurposing materials, whilst learning valuable practical skills that support more sustainable approaches to fashion and design.

The session introduced students to the concepts of reduce, reuse and recycle, encouraging them to think critically about the lifespan of clothing and the environmental impact of the fashion industry. Throughout the day, students experimented with two traditional textile techniques: Sashiko, a decorative Japanese stitching method traditionally used to repair and strengthen fabric, and appliqué, where pieces of fabric are sewn onto another surface to create decorative designs and patterns.



Using unwanted garments and recycled textiles, students were challenged to transform existing clothing into new accessories or creatively reimagined fashion pieces. The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop their textile skills while exploring how sustainable design can be both practical and visually engaging.

As with the previous university visit, students worked in a professional

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creative environment and benefited from the expertise and guidance of university staff. The outcomes produced during the workshop will provide valuable primary source material and practical experimentation that can be incorporated into their GCSE Art portfolio coursework.

To celebrate their achievements, the day concluded with a professional-style photoshoot, allowing students to showcase their finished pieces and experience an important aspect of presenting creative work within the fashion and design industries.



Lead Teacher of Art, Mrs Shaw, said, "The students demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to experiment throughout the day. It was another highly successful workshop that not only developed their artistic skills but also provided an inspiring insight into studying creative subjects at university level. We look forward to the final workshop in the series and sharing more of our students' creative achievements."



## LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Lancashire is currently experiencing a heatwave and while many people will be looking forward to making the most of it, higher temperatures also bring an increased risk of water-related incidents.

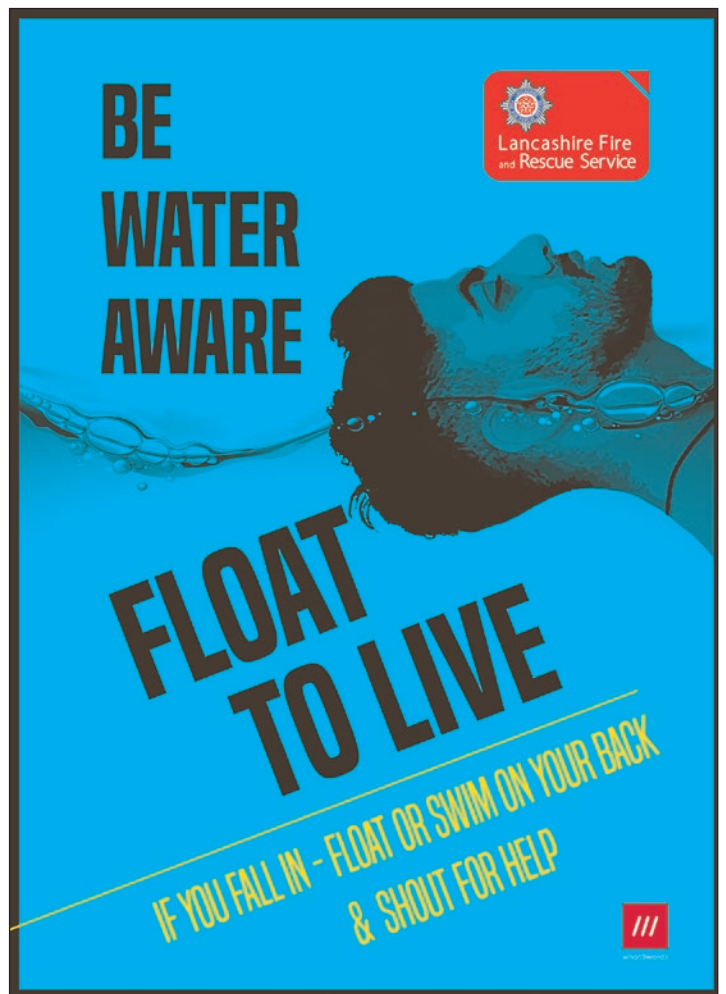
Our crews will be working around the clock to keep Lancashire safe, but we need your help too.

If you're looking to cool off, choose a supervised swimming pool rather than lakes, reservoirs or other open water.

While open water may look inviting, hidden hazards beneath the surface and the effects of cold water shock can quickly turn a day out into an emergency – even for strong swimmers.

Drowning remains one of the leading causes of accidental death in the UK, and around half of those who lose their lives in water never intended to enter it.

Please enjoy the sunshine safely.



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**Next Tuesday!**

ANNUAL  
**SUMMER**  
*Arts*  
**FESTIVAL**

**DANCING | SINGING | MUSIC | ACTING | ART**

**TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026**

**PERFORMANCES START AT 6:30PM**

Tickets available through SCOPay or on the door.  
Refreshments available

£6 Adults  
£4 Concessions  
Under 5s Free

Penwortham  
**Priory**  
ACADEMY

# European Experience for Year 10 Aspiring Footballer



**Year 10 Georgia has taken part in a European football tournament with her team Sir Tom Finney FC Under 16s.**

The side fundraised for the event by organising a bingo competition, an inflatable fun day and a charity walk.

The Under 16s went to Krakow in Poland at the end of June and competed against teams from Poland, Hungary and Austria, among others.

Georgia said: "It was a good experience, it's the first time I have played football abroad and it was interesting seeing how other countries played the game.

"We didn't get out of the group stages but it was still good fun.

"I am a centre back and I would like to take my football further."

The £650,000 renovation of Priory's 3G pitch has acquired funding as part of the school's commitment to promote women and girls football, with pupils like Georgia flying the flag.



# National Glory for Year 7 Gymnast

**Year 7 Heather celebrated an amazing first place in the Jim Moss English National Gymnastics Championships last weekend.**

Heather, who competes for City of Preston Gymnastics, took part in the event in Leicester against 39 other competitors.

In the Ruby Intermediate category, she finished first on the floor, second on the bar, fourth on the vault and in the top 20 on the beam, placing her first overall.

Heather has had a busy month, representing Priory at the South Ribble Athletics Competition and taking home two medals, plus a successful rounders tournament team member. Meanwhile, her cheerfulness and polite confidence meant was also one of a group of Year 7 pupils asked to help guide Year 6 pupils at Thursday's taster day.

Well done Heather!



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# National Recognition For Priory's Business Development Leaders with *Love Your Lunchtime* Award

We are delighted to celebrate recognition for our business development leaders and catering team, who have been welcomed as the founding members of CRB Cunningham's '*Love Your Lunchtime Club*'.

Mrs Barker, Strategic Business Development Manager, and Mr Bolton, Strategic Estates Development Manager, are recognised alongside our dedicated Catering Team for their work in transforming the lunchtime experience for our students.

The gesture highlights the impact of introducing our self-serve kiosks over the past year. Their innovation has helped to create smoother, more enjoyable lunchtimes, supporting pupil wellbeing while also increasing efficiency.

The initiative has boosted uptake, reduced waste and delivered a strong return on investment, with clear benefits for both pupils and staff.



This recognition reflects a truly pupil-first approach, rethinking how lunchtime works across the school and ensuring a calmer, more positive experience for everyone.

Adding to this success, Mrs Barker and Mr Bolton will attend the School Food People Awards for Excellence on Wednesday, 8 July, where they have been shortlisted for the prestigious Nan Berger Memorial Award, which celebrates outstanding work in innovation, accreditation and collaboration. At the same event, our Catering Team has also been named a finalist for the Secondary School Catering Team Award, in recognition of their continued commitment to enhancing the student dining experience.

These nominations go beyond operational improvements, they recognise the effort to create a high-quality, inclusive and forward-thinking lunchtime environment.

We wish them all the very best for the awards and congratulate everyone involved on this fantastic recognition.



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## Priory Take Fifth Place at Annual South Ribble Athletics Event

Priory pupils showed off their track and field skills at the South Ribble Athletics Competition.

It was a full day at Stanley Park in Blackpool with, for the first time, Year 10s included in the main day rather than have a separate event.

There were 11 schools taking part, with more than 60 pupils competing for Priory. The competition was fierce, but our pupils rose to the challenge with determination, enthusiasm, and great team spirit. There were outstanding individual performances throughout the day and many pupils placing highly in their events.

The Year 7 girls came second overall while Priory won four gold medals: Year 9 Hollie L (200m), Year 7 Emma S (Long jump), Year 10 Noah W (Discus) and Year 7 Heather L (Discus).

The support and encouragement among teammates created a positive and motivating atmosphere, with PE teacher Miss Beesley adding: "Our pupils competed well. Hollie trains with Preston Harriers and she dominated her 200m event, she was well clear of the others.

"Emma also trains at a club and won the Long Jump confidently. Noah is a natural talent at Discus while Heather used her gymnastic talent to win the Discus.

"It was the first time four years have competed together and it was a well-organised, enjoyable day where we had a large number of talented individuals.



"Our Year 7s were amazing in coming second in their first time of competing."



Gold	Silver	Bronze
Y8 - Hollie L (200m)	Y8 - Morgan W (800m)	Y8 - Emeli P (800m)
Y7 - Emma S (Long Jump)	Y7 - Judah-Vogue T (200m)	Y9 - Joe W (300m)
Y10 - Noah W (Discus)	Y10 - Oliver C (300m)	Y8 - Keelan S (Javelin)
Y7 - Heather L (Discus)	Y10 - Lottie K (Shot Putt)	Y7 - Heather L (Javelin)
	Y9 - Oliver J (Discus)	
	Y10 - Theo H (Javelin)	
	Y10 - Josh W (Triple Jump)	
	Y8 - Riley R (Shot Putt)	



Penwortham Priory Academy  
**MENU**  
Spring Week 2

**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.

VEGETARIAN GLUTEN FREE HALAL

*this week's specials*

**MONDAY**

**Mexican Burrito** £2.30  
Delicious mexican spiced beef served burrito style with a steamed corn on the cob.

**Halloumi Burger** £2.30  
Deliciously crispy halloumi burger served on a bun with a steamed corn on the cob.

**TUESDAY**

**Butter Chicken Curry** £2.30  
Diced chicken breast smothered in butter curry sauce, served with rice and naan bread.

**Butter Veggie Curry** £2.30  
Deliciously roasted vegetables smothered in butter curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Hot 'n' Kicking Burger** £2.30  
Deliciously spicy chicken burger served with seasoned curly fries and a fresh side salad.

**Pomodoro Pasta** £2.30  
Classic pomodoro pasta tossed in a rich tomato sauce, served with warm, buttery garlic bread.

**THURSDAY**

**Chinese Chicken & Savoury Rice** £2.30  
Succulent diced chicken breast expertly seasoned and served with savoury rice.

**Veggie Katsu Spring Rolls** £2.30  
Deliciously crispy spring rolls served on a bed of rice, smothered in katsu curry sauce.

*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 30p.

**Jumbo Sausage & Chips** £2.30  
A jumbo sausage on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop' curry or gravy.

**Week 2 w/c 6 July**

*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  
A variety of flavours available.  
Vegan option available.

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# World Cup Fever Takes Over PE Lessons

Priory pupils embraced the spirit of international football last week as the PE Department transformed lessons into a thrilling World Cup Tournament Week.

Six pitches were set out across the school's sports field, allowing pupils to compete in their own World Cup-style competition while representing nations currently competing on the world stage in the USA, Mexico and Canada.

Swapping their usual PE kit for national team colours, pupils proudly showcased their football skills and support for teams from around the globe.

Head of PE & Sport, Mr Bullock, said: "We had England, Morocco and Turkey shirts, so we there were a few different nationalities taking part. It's just a bit of fun and a chance to get into the World Cup spirit as the tournament enters its final stages."

The week produced plenty of memorable moments, with fierce competition and some highly contested matches despite the soaring temperatures. Just like in the real tournament, hydration breaks were introduced to ensure pupils stayed safe while enjoying the action.

Mr Bullock added, "Competition has been high, with some very competitive games despite the heat last week. Like in the real competition, hydration breaks have been mandatory!"

The event proved a fantastic way to combine physical activity, friendly competition and international sporting excitement, with pupils fully embracing the World Cup atmosphere throughout the week - including Year 8 Isla and Emeli who were eager to cheer England on against DR Congo on Wednesday evening!

Even our gardener, Mr Farron, got in on the act with this small nod to the championships in Priory's Mediterranean Garden.



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## Year 7 Rounders Team Shine at South Ribble Tournament

The Year 7 rounders team delivered an outstanding performance at the South Ribble Year 7 Rounders Tournament on Monday, 22 June, proudly securing an impressive third place out of eight competing schools.

Their achievement is a testament to the dedication, determination, and enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the event.

From the very first game, the team showed a real commitment to giving their best. Their batting skills were particularly impressive, with players confidently stepping up to the plate and consistently sending the ball deep into play. This strong attacking approach put pressure on their opponents and played a key role in their success across the tournament.

Equally as important was the team's excellent sense of teamwork. Throughout the day, the players supported one another, communicated clearly on the field, and worked together to make smart decisions both while batting and fielding. This unity was evident in every match and highlighted the positive team spirit that underpinned their performance.



A special mention must go to Chloe C, whose confidence grew noticeably with each game. She rose to the occasion, showing resilience and determination, and became an increasingly influential player as the tournament progressed. Her development over the day was fantastic to see and reflects her hard work and positive attitude.

PE Teacher, Mrs Bullock, added, "Each player contributed to the team's success, and their collective effort resulted in a well-deserved place on the podium. Their performance not only showcased their sporting ability but also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and pride in representing their school."

Overall, it was a fantastic achievement, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they accomplished. With such talent and teamwork on display, the future looks very bright for this Year 7 rounders team.

Team - Heather L, Alba P, Chloe C, Ellie T, Isla T, Belle L, Reeve C, Tia P

# NEXT ISSUE

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

The last issue of this academic year will be out **Wednesday, 15 July**

## A Successful Afternoon for Priory's Year 8 Rounders Team

On Monday, 15 June, our Year 8 rounders team took part in a tournament at Priory, competing against five other South Ribble high schools.

The team performed brilliantly throughout the afternoon, showing both skill and determination in every match. They played a total of four games and were very successful, winning three out of the four - resulting in a second place victory.

We were extremely impressed with the overall standard of play. In particular, the pupils' batting technique, accurate fielding, and quick decision-making were of a very high level. Just as importantly, their enthusiasm and encouragement towards one another was fantastic to see, creating a positive and supportive team environment throughout the event.



PE Teacher and Head of Year, Mrs Bullock, said, "Each game was closely contested, but our pupils demonstrated excellent batting and fielding, which made a real difference in key moments. Their communication on the pitch and ability to work together as a team stood out and contributed greatly to their success."

Overall, it was a very enjoyable and successful afternoon, and the team should be proud of both their performance and their attitude.

Team - Scarlett F, Imogen D, Ava G, Emeli P, Freya B, Isla D, Matilda M, Rosie T

**YOUTH ON STAGE**  
PRESENTS  
**HUMPTY DUMPTY**  
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SUNDAY 5 JULY  
2:00-3:00PM

2026  
PANTOMIME

ALL AGES WELCOME | AUDITIONS: YEAR 7-17

## Youth Drama Group Auditions

Youth on Stage Charity Group is a youth drama group who perform a pantomime each year to raise funds for charity.

We are welcoming all children from Reception to Year 12 to join our drama community, with a read through for this year's pantomime on Sunday, 5 July at 2pm, followed by our audition date, Sunday 12 July for older cast in Year 7-12. Primary age children will be chorus.

The pantomime this year is Humpty Dumpty, a hilarious story about a young boy and a princess who hope to marry but who are thwarted by an evil queen who turns the boy into an egg! Can the king's men and horses save him?!

We look forward to seeing new faces at Penwortham Methodist Church Hall, Leyland Road. If you are interested, call or message Cath Grilli on 07779022986.

## Year 9 Girls Show Determination in Rounders Tournament

Year 9 girls represented the school with enthusiasm and teamwork at a South Ribble Schools Rounders Tournament, delivering a series of closely fought performances.

The team grew in confidence as the tournament progressed, working cohesively in each game and demonstrating impressive skills across the field. Strong bowling and sharp fielding were particular highlights, with several well-executed plays preventing the opposition from building momentum and scoring freely.

Although results did not quite fall in their favour, each match was tightly contested, with only narrow scorelines separating the teams. The girls showed great resilience and determination throughout, supporting one another and maintaining a positive attitude.

Team spirit was especially evident in the final game against Balshaw's, where the players rallied together with encouragement led by Sandra B. A number of excellent catches and stumpings showcased their developing skills and determination to finish the tournament strongly.



Miss Beesley praised the team's efforts, saying, "The girls played well together and grew in confidence with every game. Their bowling and fielding were particularly strong, and although the results didn't go our way, they showed fantastic team spirit right through to the final match."

Well done to all involved for a spirited and encouraging performance.

Team - Imogen C, Evie S, Sandra B, Tasha R, Freya C, Mia-Grace S, Layla G, Charlotte G, Daisy G.



## Date Changes Learning for Life Days 2026/27



There have been two date changes to the school calendar for the next academic year 2026-27.

### Learning for Life Day 2

Monday, 23 November 2026 - now **Wednesday, 25 November 2026**

### Learning for Life Day 5

Thursday, 17 June 2027 - now **Thursday, 24 June 2027**

# Rhythm

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**6-7PM JUNIORS** AGE 7-12 | **7:15-8:15PM SENIORS** AGE 13+ INCLUDING ADULTS

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