

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

Change to school hours

I am writing to you following the end of the consultation process to make slight changes to the end of the school day and to thank those of you that may have responded.

Following this consultation, I can confirm that from Monday 6 January 2020, on return from the Christmas break, school will finish at 3.10pm rather than 3.20pm.

Out of the responses received, the vast majority (92%) were in favour of the change.

Whilst we are not able to respond to every query, we have considered the feedback and as such, break and lunch will be shortened by just 5 minutes each rather than 10 minutes for either. This means that our morning and lunch breaks remain similar to those of other South Ribble schools and will continue to allow our pupils space, time and opportunities for a range of non-curricular and extra-curricular activities as well as sufficient time to eat and socialise with friends. Also, since September, we have put in place a new system in the dining room which means pupils have been able to visit the dining room and get their food within 20-25 minutes.

There will be no change to the beginning of the day, length of lessons or any other aspect of the day.

Once again, any pupils who may need to stay in school until 3.20pm can continue to do so by going to our Learning Centre which will be open for them and any pupil involved in intervention after school can still be picked up at 4.30pm should you so wish, as is currently the case.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the Christmas and New Year break when it comes and to thank you again for your understanding and cooperation.

A copy of the School Day timings is shown on page 7.



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



Attendance Winning Forms



Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

- Year 11 -
D8 (95.71%)
- Rest -
D1 (98.40%)

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Wade's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.



NEW YORK TRIP 2021

The New York trip has filled the 50 plus allocation and will be travelling in late April 2021.

The deposit of £150 should now have been paid with further payments of £100 per month from January to the end of October 2020.

Please contact Mr Watters via email with any enquiries a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk

KEY DATES

Royal Institute Christmas Lecture Live Screening
(by invitation)
Tues, 17 December 2019

Christmas Lunch
Weds, 18 December 2019

Horrible Histories Theatre Trip, Blackpool
Weds, 18 December 2019
5.30pm-10pm
(Year 7 pupils FCFS)

UCLan Cyber Security Taster Day
Thurs, 19 December 2019
(by invitation)

End of Autumn Term
Early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.30pm
Friday, 20 December 2019

Start of Spring Term
Mon, 6 January 2020

Rewards Trip, Trafford Centre
Weds, 8 January 2020
(Years 7-10 by invitation)

Year 9 Careers Day
Tues, 14 January 2020
(in school)

Theatre Visit - An Inspector Calls - The Lowry, Salford
Weds, 15 January 2020
(Miss Thornton's GCSE class)

Year 11 Runshaw College Interviews
Tues, 28 January 2020

Theatre Visit - A Monster Calls - The Lowry, Salford
Weds, 26 February 2020
(Miss Smith's 9E3 class)



Year 11 Revision Skills & Support Workshop Weds, 22 January 2020

Year 11 pupils and their parents are invited to a Revision Skills & Support Workshop on Weds, 22 January from 6pm-7pm.

During this invaluable event we will be focusing upon providing students and parents with the essential information, skills and strategies required to navigate the coming months, as we lead up to the all-important final GCSE exams.

We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend the evening as it is always beneficial for school and home to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students.

Letters were given out at parents evening and can also be downloaded from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>



Year 7-10 Reward Trip Weds, 8 January

Pupils in Years 7-10 who have worked hard, had good attendance and have demonstrated the 'Priory Standard' over the past term have been invited on a reward trip to the Trafford Centre.

Pupils will have the opportunity to go shopping, to the cinema or to play crazy golf. The cost of the trip covers return transport only. The deadline for payment has now closed. Pupils who have missed the deadline or do not wish to go must attend school as normal where there will be a range of enrichment activities open to them.

- Year 11 pupils will get their rewards notifications on Monday.
- Pupils not in school may wear their own clothes.
- Pupils are responsible for their own money.
- Pupils will be in friendship groups with a minimum of three per group.
- Each pupil will be given a staff mobile number and pupils will know where the meeting point is. There will always be a member of staff at the meeting point at all times.
- Pupils are not permitted to exit the Trafford Centre building at any point.



If you have any further questions please contact your child's Head of Year:
Year 7 l.farley@priory.lancs.sch.uk | Year 8 r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Year 9 a.bailey@priory.lancs.sch.uk | Year 10 v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Deputy Head's Reward Breakfast

They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day - well it's extra important if you're invited to have it with the Deputy Headteacher!

As a reward for their excellent work, effort and attitude to learning, the following pupils were invited to attend the Deputy Headteacher's breakfast with Mrs Cowell on Thursday morning, 12 December (Year 7-9), with Year 10 & 11 pupils' turn on Thurs, 19 December. There are so many nominees this half term that we had to run two dates!

Well done to:

Year 7 -

Madison P, Luke B, Henry W, Lily McM, Elesha T, Lewis T

Year 8 -

Connor M, Lucas C, Bryanny A-W, Elizabeth F

Year 9 -

Tyler W, Owen L, Darcy C, James M, Rianne L, Alfie D, Abi M

Year 10 -

Tanisha G, Maisie B, Tilly McN, Caitlin W, Tom P, Ben C, Leon P-L

Year 11 -

Louis T, Paige M, Libby T, Gemma W, Ryan S



Pupils are nominated for this privilege by their teachers each half term and they join Mrs Cowell for a breakfast before heading to their timetabled Period 1 lesson.



Year 11 GCSE History Revision Guides

The History department is now able to order CGP revision guides for GCSE History at a reduced cost and we would like to give you the opportunity to purchase them to support your child's revision for their upcoming exams.

Currently titles are available for the following units:

- America, 1920-73
- Conflict & Tension, 1918-39
- Health & the People, c.1000-present

The guides are available to buy at a cost of £3.00 each, which is a saving on the RRP at £5.95 each.

Letters, with order form included, can be downloaded from the school website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters> or pupils can see Mr Eccles, Lead Teacher for History, a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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SPORTS REPORT



Year 7 Football - Super 7s!

Report by team coach, Mr Gee

Year 7 continues with their unbeaten start to the season with a 4-1 win over Leyland St Marys on Monday. A dominant first half performance saw Priory race into a 3-0 lead with goals from Collinson, Ogdin and Eland. St Mary's started the second half stronger and quickly pulled back a goal before McGovern scored to make it 4-1 and see Priory collect all three points.

Priory now play Brownedge St Mary's on Monday in their penultimate league game of the season.



The Maths Department

Like a challenge?

The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges. Why not have a try yourself!

Each of the groups of statements below, follow a rule. Can you work out the rule, and therefore the answer to the last statement?

Group 1

$$\text{APPLE} + \text{PEAR} = 20$$

$$\text{PLUM} + \text{GRAPES} = 21$$

$$\text{ORANGE} + \text{MELON} = 30$$

$$\text{LEMON} + \text{LIME} = ?$$

Group 2

$$\text{CARROT} + \text{POTATO} = 5$$

$$\text{TURNIP} + \text{TURNIP} = 4$$

$$\text{CELERY} + \text{ASPARAGUS} = 7$$

$$\text{PUMPKIN} + \text{PEPPER} = ?$$

Group 3

$$\text{MILK} + \text{CREAM} = 3$$

$$\text{CHEDDAR} + \text{BRIE} = 3$$

$$\text{EGGS} + \text{EGGS} + \text{EGGS} = 6$$

$$\text{CURDS} + \text{WHEY} = ?$$

Answer page 11



On the curriculum w/c 16 December:

Character & Culture sessions next week will focus on Gambling.

Over the Christmas period some young people and adults find themselves embarking on a path which destroys personal finances. Sometimes through; new computer games bought, the extra time spent on games, or having extra money gifted. Things as simple as buying loot boxes on games is a starting point.

Next week teachers will use presentations, case studies and quizzes to explore this subject. They will discuss 'What's your attitude?', an activity designed to explore the issue of gambling. They will also provide parent guides for home as to what to monitor and, signpost to support groups.

By the end of this lesson pupils will:

- Consider their opinions about gambling and listen and recognise the views of others.
- Better understand the effects of problem gambling.

Young people who become addicted to gambling may find they are:

- Lying to friends about what they are doing.
- Short of money.
- Feeling they can not tell anyone and becoming secretive and isolated from friends and family.
- Neglecting their school work, health and appearance.
- Agitated.
- Having mood swings
- Losing friends and their social life as they become obsessed with gambling.

Use of money in games and gambling advice: <https://parentzone.org.uk/knowthestakes-download>

Gaming advice for a whole host of games and social media platforms: <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

This week's Character & Culture sessions have focussed on the General Election.

Pupils have been reviewing political party manifestos without knowing which party they belong to. Classes have been voting on which party they would support, based on manifestos and teachers have then revealed which actual party they voted for.

These sessions also intended to help pupils relate to what they may have seen in the media. We hope pupils enjoyed it - it certainly seemed to stimulate a lot of discussion!

Class results are shown overleaf.



Class Election Results



As the British public went to the polls yesterday, so did our pupils.

Mrs Hopes has been up all night counting the ballot papers and dismissing the spoils as the race began to see who would be the first to declare. We couldn't take any more suspense so without further ado here are the results from each Priory class (AKA constituencies) as we went to press. As you can see, Labour is the clear winner.

There have been enough votes received so there is no possibility that the winning party will be any different once all class votes have come in.

An interesting result given that Preston voted Labour and all surrounding areas, including South Ribble voted Conservative.

The School Day
Vertical Pastoral

Preparation	8.40	-	8.50
Period 1	8.50	-	9.50
Period 2	9.50	-	10.50
BREAK	10.50	-	11.10
Period 3	11.10	-	12.10
Period 4	12.10	-	1.10
LUNCH	1.10	-	1.50
Period 5 Year Group Character & Culture	1.50	-	2.10
Period 6	2.10	-	3.10

Group	Room	
7EW1	MFL2	
7EW2	HX2	Green
7EW3	HU3	Labour
7EW4	TE4	Labour
7EW5	TE3	Labour
7EW6	MU1	Green
8EW1	EN5	Labour
8EW2	MA2	
8EW3	SC4	Labour
8EW4	MFL1	Green
8EW5	HU6	Labour
8EW6	HU2	
9EW1	SC3	Conservative
9EW2	HU4	Labour
9EW3	HU5	
9EW4	EN2	
9EW5	HU1	Labour
9EW6	DR1	Labour
10EW1	SC6	
10EW2	HX1	Labour
10EW4	HX3	Labour
10EW5	TE1	Green
10EW3	SC2	Labour
11EW1	MA1	
11EW2	EN4	Labour
11EW3	MA3	
11EW4	MA5	Labour
11EW5	EN3	Lib Dem/Labour
11EW5	MA6	Labour
11EW7	EN1	Labour

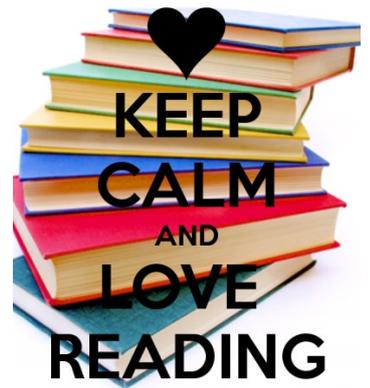
Get Caught Reading!

Next week, pupils will have the chance to get involved in the 'Get Caught Reading' challenge once again.

If a member of staff 'catches' a pupil reading at break or lunch-time they will take their name and a photo of them holding their book.

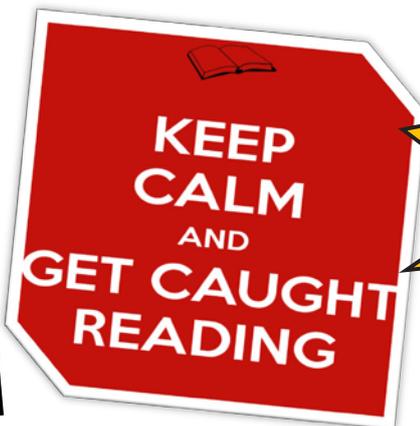
Pupils 'caught' from Monday to Thursday next week will be entered into a draw to win one of two £20 Amazon vouchers. The draw will take place on Thursday afternoon, 19 December.

Pupils should see English Teacher, Mrs Isherwood, for further information.



Get Caught Reading

- Get caught reading by a member of staff at break or lunch.
- Have your photo taken and displayed on the Get Caught Reading PowerPoint next Friday, at the end of half term.
- Be entered into a weekly draw to win a £20 Amazon gift card!



The Best Christmas Cake Workshop Ever!!



Lessons in Christmas Cake Making

When the bell rings at 3.20pm some teachers like to go back to class. Over the past month, Deputy Head and Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, has been running Christmas cake workshops - teaching the teachers!

Amongst them, Mrs Ham, Mrs Willis and Mrs Dixon developed their inner Mary Berry and created these wonderful delights which wouldn't look out of place in a Bake Off competition.



Did you know...

One in seven (14.2%) children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. This could be through being exposed to domestic abuse in the family home, experiencing domestic abuse in their own intimate partner relationships or demonstrating harmful behaviours to those closest to them.

Some 25% of girls and 18% of boys aged 13 to 17 have reported having experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner.

As Christmas approaches, incidents of reported domestic abuse rise, therefore it is important that sources of help and support are signposted.

Sources of help can be found on this document:

<https://1q7dqy2unor827bqjls0c4rn-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/22.-Supporting-Resources-Sources-of-help.pdf>



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Newman College Presents... 'From Rags to Riches'

Report by Miss Howell, Lead Teacher for Drama

Last Thursday pupils had the opportunity to take part in a workshop and watch a musical that students from Newman College had devised.

Rags to Riches was inspired by the hit musical 'Spend Spend Spend'. It's based around a woman who had won the lottery and spent it all, without a care or a thought about the future. Her and her husband soon realised they had no money and they hit hard times. The plot was advanced with singing and dancing, it was full of energy and refreshing to see the talent that is coming through this generation.

Before the performance, our pupils took part in a workshop run by Katie Beard, course co-ordinator at Newman. They learnt about spatial awareness, physical theatre and vocal warm-ups.

Vocal warm-ups are an integral part of any musical theatre performer. Pupils were asked to go up the scale singing in numbers. Sounds easy? I'm sure the pupils wouldn't agree! Even though this was difficult, all pupils persevered, showing great determination.

Pupils found physical theatre easier and there were lots of laughing as they were asked to create items out of their bodies - from spinning washing machines to a unicycle, yes, a unicycle! This was by far one of the funniest things we had seen.

Thank you to all pupils that took part, you were a credit to Priory and yourselves. Thank you to Miss Beesley for organising such a great opportunity and a massive thank you to Katie Beard and the students of Newman College for giving up your time and putting on a spectacular performance.

Pupils attending the session were selected for their interest in dance, drama and singing, and may find the workshop valuable in helping them choose their options later on the year.

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Priory Pupil Heads Up West!

Priory pupil George has had a taste of the West End and wants more!

The Year 8 pupil has already performed at the Palace Theatre Manchester as part of Theatre Dance Studio in Bolton.

And last weekend he went to London with the Bolton dance studio, with their group known as the West End Stars, and took part in 'The Greatest Showcase' at The Indigo at the O2 Arena.

His group performed an Oliver! medley and some songs from Matilda.

"I was gobsmacked when I got out on stage as it was massive," said George.

"I really enjoyed it and would love to perform there again. It gave me a taste of what it is like to be a professional in the shows."

George got involved with singing, dancing and acting at the Theatre Dance Studios as his aunt owns it.

"I went along a couple of years ago and had a go and it was fun. It's just a hobby but I do enjoy singing and acting."



A reminder that school closes next Friday, 20 December. It's early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.30pm.

School buses have been arranged for this earlier time.



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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Megan.

Megan is currently hooked on the book 'Doom Rider' by David Gatward.

Whilst this Year 7 pupil enjoys English, Megan wants to work with animals in the future.

"I am enjoying Doom Rider. It's about a boy who is born into a family of psychics but he doesn't like it and runs away.

"His family die in a fire and he then meets Lily who tells him people are trying to hunt him down and kill him before he turns 13.

"He is a 'Rider' and has to find the other 'Riders' to save the world.

"My favourite book is Dr Franklin's Island by Ann Halam. It's about three teenagers who end up on an island, they are trying to survive and they find a place where scientist Dr Franklin is turning humans into animals. It's a really interesting book.

"My favourite subjects are English and art but I want to be a zoo keeper or be an animal educator in the future.

"I have two guinea pigs, two rabbits and a giant African land snail named Shelby at home. I want to do something with animals."



Megan can also be found running in her spare time with her dad.

Answer to Maths Challenge:

Group 1 -

LEMON + LIME = 20

(no. consonants x no. vowels)

Group 2 -

PUMPKIN + PEPPER = 4

(no. letters – no. consonants)

Group 3 -

CURDS + WHEY = 5

(no. consonants – no. vowels)

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The Weekly Challenge (Week 13)

These challenges are added to Doodle each week for pupils to have a think about. Pupils should then revise these during the week in preparation for a test during their Friday Character & Culture session. The content of these challenges will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.

Here is this week's challenge >>

Teachers will work through these with pupils before they are asked to write sentences using the key words, tips and synonyms covered in the challenge. They will then share some of their responses in class.

Teachers will also weave the Word of the Week into lessons, discussions, add examples and support it with 'subject specific' words.

Pupils - Through Doodle, we are able to see who has opened, accessed and therefore done this homework. It is important that you do the weekly challenge revision.

Word of the Week:

Instinctively

Adverb:

To do something on an instinct or without thinking. A fast, unthinking reaction to a situation.

'The ball was fired in my direction; I instinctively ducked.'

WORD
WEEK

Literacy tip of the week...

Verbs and Sentences.

Every sentence needs a verb.

If you miss your verb out, your sentence doesn't make sense.

The verb should be 'finite' so usually past tense.

Happy and proud, Abigail **RECEIVED** her award.

Arriving late for school, Tara **RUSHED** to lesson.

Ready?

Try checking for the finite verb in your writing so that each sentence 'goes' somewhere.

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word hungry

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

Priory's Reverse Advent Calendar

Our reverse advent calendar collection continues throughout December.

To support this term's culture focus: Kindness, throughout the month until the last day of term, we are collecting for the homeless and the Penwortham Food Bank. Mrs Hopes will then deliver items after school closes on Friday, 20 December.

During AM Preps leading up to the end of term, pupils can take items to Mrs Hopes' office or Mrs Holland's old office on the Pastoral corridor. Mrs Hopes will be available every morning throughout December to take in donations.

Pupils have amazed us with their generosity so far!



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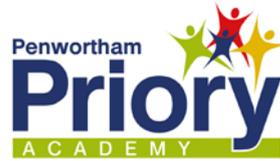


We're Recruiting! Welfare Assistants

Due to increasing pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on additional Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, Head's PA, s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk, by post or email, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Full details can be found on the school website at>> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies>



Welfare Assistant

We are seeking a Welfare Assistant to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days Monday to Friday term time only

Hours 5 hours per week*
1pm to 2pm
(occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)

Pay Grade 1 pt 1
Gross salary £17,364 per annum
Pro-rata £2,630



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidate may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Headteacher's PA, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, by email, post or in person, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320252 | Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE or visit our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.



Springfields Apprentice Recruitment

Join one of Springfield's apprentice programmes and start your pathway to build a rewarding career, whilst delivering a low carbon future for the UK.

Springfield's has a proud heritage, and manufactures the nuclear fuel that currently provides around 32% of the UK's low carbon electricity supply. If you are a driven, enthusiastic and keen to learn, then why not apply to join Westinghouse's global team and learn from some of the industry's best talent.

Earn while you learn, gaining valuable qualifications and work experience on your journey to a rewarding career with a leading company. There are several opportunities available, please see poster opposite.



Applications Now Open

Do you wish to apply for a...

- Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Process Operator Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Laboratory Technician Apprenticeship
- Level 6 Nuclear Engineer Apprenticeship (min 18 years of age)
- Level 6 Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (min 18 years of age)
- Level 6 Cyber Security Degree Apprenticeship



TEAM
Springfields

Closing date for all applications:
January 2020

To apply please visit our website:
www.westinghousenuclear.com/springfields/Careers/Apprentice-Training
Springfields Fuels, Salwick, Preston, Lancashire PR4 0XJ
☎ trainingadmin@westinghouse.com 📞 01772 763300 or 764628



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Christmas Lunch

Weds, 18 December

Wednesday will be our Christmas lunch and therefore we will only be offering the Christmas menu that lunchtime; **no other food will be available**. Pupils who have not pre-ordered a Christmas meal should bring a packed lunch. Breakfast and morning break will be served as normal.

Pupils who have ordered a Christmas meal will be given a voucher via their AM Prep teacher on Wednesday. Pupils who miss AM Prep for any reason should go to the school office. All children on free school meals will receive a Christmas dinner.

Senior staff will be donning their tabards to serve the lunches - the photographer has been booked!



Christmas Lunch

Menu

Wednesday, 18th December

Roast Turkey
or
Vegetarian Sausage
or
Cheese & Vegetable Lattice

Served with all the trimmings
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Christmas Pudding & Custard
or
Mince Pie
or
Christmas Biscuit
or
Fresh Fruit

Price £2.15 plus drink if required



On Christmas dinner day, pupils are permitted to wear Christmas jumpers, ties, hats etc with their uniform as part of the celebrations. If anyone wants to donate to Heartbeat they are welcome to add to a collection box at the office. This is part of the term's focus on 'kindness'



W/C 16 December 2019

Monday

Chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce and cheese served with diced potatoes and sweetcorn or beans*
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese*
Vegetarian lasagne
Both served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Christmas Dinner

NO OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE TODAY. PUPILS WHO HAVEN'T PRE-ORDERED A CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH

Thursday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Spicy chicken burger served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Steak Pudding
All served with chips and peas or beans

Available Every Day Except Weds, 18 Dec

Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans*

***Gluten-free option available**
If you would like a gluten-free option pupils must

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