

# Priory Press

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# Editor's Letter

Catherine Booth

Hello all,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and a restful Christmas period.

During the first week back at the Priory, safety changes have been made regarding the new gates installed at the front entrance to the site. From 8:45 until 2:45, these gates will be shut and those trying to enter the school will need to use the labelled intercom system.

As well as this, there are currently many exams taking place across the Academy including the languages department and the Old/New Exams Halls. We ask that you all should be mindful of this as the students involved require full concentration for these mock examinations. Therefore, it is advisable that you follow the instructions on posters across the used areas and walk silently past to your next lesson.

Also, there are multiple clubs in the PE department beginning again this module including trampolining and cross-country club. For more information, please see your emails from staff members belonging to this subject area. Mrs French has also sent out an email regarding Priory Leisure for those of you looking to work off those mince pies and pigs in blankets!

The Library Haiku Competition is open to all year groups. The short Japanese poem should be based upon the new year and follow the same structured syllable count as a classic Haiku. For more details, visit the library or check out the posters around the English department.

Enjoy the articles,

Catherine ☺



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# The Priory Academy LSST presents...





# Film of the Week

James Ghest



## The Greatest Showman

‘The Greatest Showman’ is a historical drama musical released by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox . It follows the story of the American Showman P. T. Barnum and the founding of the Barnum and Bailey Circus in America as well as the lives of its main stars. Hugh Jackman portrays Barnum and the film also stars Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson, and Zendaya. It is directed by Michael Gracey in his directorial debut.

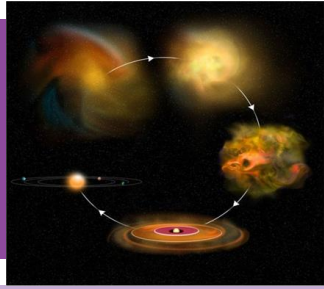
The film has received very mixed reviews with some praising its strong acting, especially by Hugh Jackman, and powerful musical numbers, while the film has garnered some controversy for being a supposedly poor representation of the real life story it is based on, with it including made up characters and leaving out very important ones.

‘The Greatest Showman’ received three nominations for the 75<sup>th</sup> Golden Globes: Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy, Best Actor – Musical or Comedy (Jackman), and Best Original Song ("This Is Me"), winning the latter.



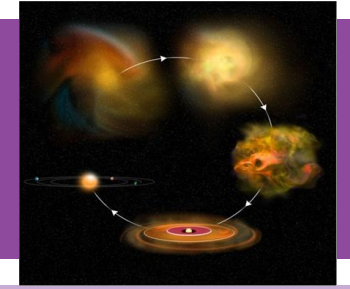
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# Science News

Elena Newbrook



## The birth of a star

Recently NASA have created a telescope able to look into the stars and really find out how stars are made. The telescope is fitted on to a jumbo jet, which is able to reach into the wide and unknown universe... the basic idea of it is that stars have gas from the vacuum space as a core and the asteroids build around it. The stars are constantly sucking up dust.

## Pollution grows....

Pollution grows all over the country and now places are starting to become heavily polluted. If it is cardboard or anything recyclable than recycle it and by using the bins provided.



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# Technology Breakdown

Alastair Niclair



## Cute Robot Shows its Mischievous Side

At the LG show at CES 2018, LG's new personal assistant, Cloi obviously wasn't in a good mood as she refused to follow orders. However that was made up for by Cloi's cuteness. Cloi was all part of a new smart kitchen that LG was advertising. Cloi should have been able to control a fridge with a large touchscreen with recipes and other stuff, a smart washing machine with scheduled cycles and much more. They also revealed other robots: Porter Robot to check people in and out and carry luggage at hotels; Shopping Trolley Robot – a smart trolley with a barcode scanner and ways to make payments; and Waiter Robot that is a waiter. They all feature Cloi.

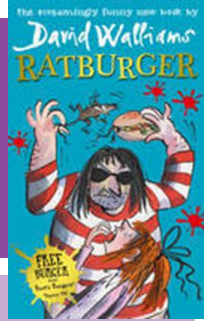
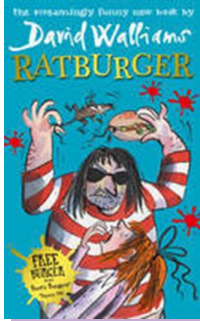
## Samsung Announces 136 inch TV

Their new product is a gigantic TV that is taller than many people. It has lots of features – customisable dimensions, Bixby (Samsung assistant) and the best – it can show the contents of your fridge!



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# Book of the Week

Matthew Godfrey

## Ratburger (David Walliams)

This Christmas saw the release of a film version of David Walliams fifth book: Ratburger. The book was released in 2012 and adapted in 2017.

The book follows the life of Zoe, a young girl who likes having rats and hamsters as pets. She lives with her dad and step-mum. After her step-mum gets rid of Zoe's current pet, she decides to give the rat she found a home. Little does she know, Burt (the blind burger seller at Zoe's school) realises she has a rat. He thinks of many ways to get his hands on Zoe's rat but she is determined to keep it for the talent show. Zoe's step-mum teams with Burt, but Zoe and her dad manage to rescue the rats after Burt had stolen it.

The book was rated 4.1 out of 5, is a well-loved favourite and available from our school library.



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# Animal of the Week

Josh Lavin



/ is for...  
*Ibis*

The ibises are a group of long-legged wading birds in the family Threskiornithidae, that inhabit wetlands, forests and plains. "Ibis" derives from the Latin and Ancient Greek word for this group of birds.



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# Local News

Sophie Harrison

## What's coming Lincolnshire's way in 2018?

Lincolnshire is set to see a range of new developments this year, including shops, bars and hotels preparing to open their doors to the public. From a new bus station to the latest hotel, there's plenty of new arrivals to be excited about.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the new state of the art Lincoln bus station (the final piece in a £30m transport hub project which also includes the introduction of an 1,000 space car park) will be opening. The exterior of the bus station involves a glass and timber roof, a glazed wall and 14 bus bays. What's more, it's said that the bus stop will have around 650 buses driving in and out of it within each day of the working week!

Moreover, a new Cosy Club restaurant, which prides itself on being "quirky and eccentric", is coming to the new Cornhill Development soon, plus an 127-room Travelodge is due to open later in the year on Tentercroft Street, Lincoln. Builders arrived on site in November 2017, and the build was set to take 12 months before it's finished.

Amongst other developments, the opening of the Bomber Command Memorial Centre in Lincoln at the top of Canwick Hill has been widely anticipated and the centre is set to be opening on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The £12.5m centre is already home to the UK's tallest war memorial - the famous 102ft spire that is the same length as the wingspan of a Lancaster Bomber.

The news that another of the luxury chocolate chain Hotel Chocolat stores will be opening this year in Lincoln is welcome to many chocolate lovers within the Lincolnshire area.



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# Sports News

Eve Lockley

## Two wins for the Year 7's

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 the year 7 girls represented our Academy in a Lincoln and Gainsborough 5-aside football competition at Branston Community Academy.

After arriving in a minibus the girls went straight into warmups and before they knew it they were off and playing their first match. The Priory City of Lincoln Academy were our first opponents and with some incredible tactics the team won the match with 1-0 though it wasn't an easy win.

The team left that match feeling confident about the rest of the games and after a short break they were back on the pitch to play Lincoln Minister. Despite some great efforts our team just was not able to shoot a goal but soon enough Lincoln Minister was given a penalty, giving us the chance to shoot at least a single goal and so we did though that sadly wasn't enough and so we lost, 1-0 to Lincoln Minister.

Straight after the team was up against The Priory Pembroke Academy and with some awesome moves pulled off by Grace Baker and Gracie Jean Kinkton our team won the match with 2-0 and so they left the match feeling pleased with their hard work.

In the end we narrowly missed achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place due to goal difference but still everyone was pleased with their efforts!



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# Technology News

Mr Jones

## Sparkler Go-kart Project

On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January two teams from LSST had an opportunity to test their go-karts in the Engine Shed against other Lincoln schools taking part in the Sparkler Go-kart Project. This involved a sprint event, with top speed measured by radar. A challenging slalom course followed by a 662 metre endurance race.

Despite early hitches, where LSST Team A had a burst tyre and LSST B had a broken pedal they performed well in all events. The outstanding team, winning all three events, were LSST Team A, led by Aaron Browne who was also the driver. They achieved a top speed of 18Km/h and completed the 662m course in 3m8s. In second place was LSST Team B who achieved a top speed of 16Km/h and completed the endurance in 3m59s. Third place overall went to Lincoln Christ Hospital School.

Hopefully the University will be aiming to run this event again in the future with the opportunity for us to defend our title.

Well done to all who took part.



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# Science News

Dr Craig



Repeat bouts of warmer seawater are posing a significant challenge to the world's tropical corals. A study of 100 reefs shows the interval between bleaching events in recent decades has shortened dramatically. It has gone from once every 25-30 years in the early 1980s to an average of just once every six years today. Bleaching is caused by anomalously warm water, which prompts coral polyps to eject their symbiotic algae. This drains the corals of their colour and is fatal unless conditions are reversed in a reasonably short time. But even if temperatures fall back quickly, it can still take many years for damaged reefs to fully recover.

Aside from their beauty, tropical corals provide important ecosystem services upon which the livelihoods of many millions of people depend. Reefs, for example, afford coastal protection from big waves, storms, and floods; they also act as key spawning and nursery grounds for economically important fish and other aquatic species.



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# Christmas Cook-a-long

## Gingerbread Biscuits House Competition 2017

Well done to everyone who took part, both pupils and staff. The standard of cooking, presentation and creativity was again very high. This made picking the winners an extremely tough decision to make.

All participants will receive house points for their house.

Be on the lookout for a Valentines themed cook-a-long near the end of Module 3. The winners are as follows:

Staff Family Participation – Mr Dinnie

Staff Best Biscuits – Miss Heckford

Best All Round - Michael Dick 7.4 Avalon (great biscuits and shirt and Hat)

Best Biscuits - Wiktorja Sikorska 7.7 Sempringham

Best Christmas Jumper award - Jamie Morgan-Brown 7.2 Castille



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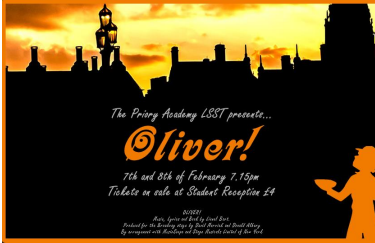
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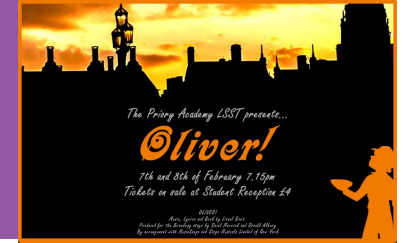
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# ***Oliver!***

Ariana Gopee



## **Oliver! Will soon be arriving at LSST!**

For five months the *Oliver!* cast have been rehearsing for their show (which I am positive will be exceedingly successful), that will be performed in 4 weeks time! Now there are tickets, a marvellous trailer and show dates available to you!

Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:15pm

Ticket prices: £4.00 per ticket.

Tickets will be available shortly from Student Reception.

Involving students from all year groups, rehearsals are well on the way and the costume preparations are now continuing, so make sure to go along and watch the show!



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