

# Priory Press

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# Editor's Letter

Mrs S Palmer



**Hello,**

**It seems a long time since the last issue of Priory Press was published. The nights are closing in, and Christmas is just around the corner.**

**As always, there is so much to enjoy at LSST – last week, we had Book Buzz plus the ongoing 12 Days of Christmas House Events and Advent Challenge at Priory Leisure. For those in need, we collected 48 shoeboxes, and are continuing to collect items for the local Food Bank and will be wearing our Christmas jumpers on Friday for 'Save the Children'.**

**Keep up the good work.**

**Enjoy the Christmas holidays when they arrive.**

**Mrs Palmer**



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# Technology Breakdown

Alastair Niclair

## Best Tech Products of 2018

With this being the last edition of Priory Press this year, I've decided to summarise the top gadgets, devices and other stuff from this year.

- Google Pixel Slate – one of the iPad Pro's few rivals, matching and beating it in many ways, certainly in price. The new iPad Pro starts at £769 and the Slate at £494.
- The iPhone XS and Galaxy S9 and Note 9 are the best new smartphones of the year all with plenty of sales and very large price tags.
- Fortnite, which I've avoided talking about, has been one of the biggest games with 78.3 million monthly players worldwide
- Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Apple Homepod all released or had new versions this year. These smart speakers are possibly the future.



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# Word of the Week

Josh Lavin

## Pandæmonium

Pandæmonium is the capital of Hell in John Milton's epic poem *Paradise Lost*. "Pandæmonium" stems from Greek "παν", meaning "all" or "every", and "δαμόνιον", meaning "little spirit", "little angel", or, as Christians interpreted it, "little daemon", and later, "demon".



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# Film of the Week

James Ghest



## Aquaman

'Aquaman' is a 2018 superhero film directed by James Wan, known for his work on many classic horror films such as 'Saw' and 'The Conjuring'. Distributed by Warner Brothers Pictures, it is the sixth instalment of the DC Extended universe. It stars Jason Momoa as Aquaman, alongside Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe, Patrick Wilson, Dolph Lundgren, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, and Nicole Kidman. It is the first feature-length film to be based around the character.

The plot follows Arthur Curry, otherwise known as Aquaman, as the heir to the throne of the underwater kingdom of Atlantis. He must step forward to lead his people against his half-brother, Orm, who seeks to unite the seven underwater kingdoms against the surface world.

Development of the film began as far back as 2004, with the film finally releasing in the UK on 14 December. It received mostly positive reviews, receiving praise for its lighter tone compared to the rest of the DC films, the direction of the film, the visuals and Momoa's performance. However some reviews have criticised the messy plot and long runtime.



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# House News

By Zineb Mhammedi Alaoui 10.9

With the celebration of Christmas rapidly approaching, the 12 Days of House have accumulated many house events available for the students across all years. These fun activities encompass all aspects Christmas related from making some magnificent pom-pom baubles in the Art department to making Christmas associated origami figures, both of which attracted large amounts of creative students!

The most recent 12 Days of House activity involved creating striking pom-pom baubles to decorate unadorned Christmas trees. The activity and the art department saw many stunning pom-pom baubles which were of quality material, and possessed thorough design and thought into the making of the pom-pom bauble creation. The Art department was undoubtedly filled with the very pleasant festive atmosphere and sense, meanwhile the spectacular baubles will be judged and alongside the very strong competition with the amazing designs there will be tough decision making in the process, with snowmen, robins, glitter baubles and Brussel sprouts being created.

Make sure to keep a watchful eye out on your e-mails for the next 12 Days of House activity opportunities an attend as many activities as you can to increase your amount of individual house participation points!



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# Animal of the Week

Thomas Carpenter

## B is For...

## Barracuda



This snake like animal is an extremely dangerous fish to be around as not only has it got a collection of razor sharp teeth, but it also hunts for pray towards the surface of the water which means sighting one isn't too uncommon. Its found in almost every sea and was named the Barracuda in 1815 by Constantine Samuel Rafinesque.



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# Book of the week

Elena Newbrook



## Scythe by Neal Shusterman

Two teens must learn the "art of killing." With no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life when they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe--a role that neither of them wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

How will they cope with the pressure of a role no one wants? Who will get the Scythe's ring? How will this end?



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