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The winning house this week is Red House who may wear their own clothes to school on Monday.

Term Dates

Please note the attached term dates which are also on the school website here: https://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/page/term-dates-and-absence/36853

HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

	SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL OPENS
Summer 2025	Friday 25th July	Tuesday 2nd September
Half Term	Friday 24th October	Tuesday 4th November
Christmas 2025/26	Friday 19th December	Tuesday 6th January
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13th February	Monday 23rd February
Easter 2026	Friday 27th March	Monday 13th April
May Day 2026	Monday 4th May	
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22nd May	Monday 8th June
Summer 2026	Thursday 23rd July	

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Friday 24th July & Monday 27th July 2026

Commendation Awards

Oliver S

Jake W

Lydia B

Eleanor G

George A

Louis Mc

Jack M
Julien G
Gioia W
Leo B
Sienna S
Star Writer Award
Freddie S
Albert W
William G
Benji M
Freya C
Matylda N
Honor K
Tom B
Bella B
Archie R

Reception

The children in Reception have been very excited this week to discover a treasure map. They used the map to find a clue outside. Each clue led to another until a big box of treasure was found. Can they tell you where they found it and what was inside?

















In KS1 this week, we have been looking at the theme bonfire night in music lessons, linking with our History learning about Guy Fawkes. We looked at the song, 'Bonfire Night' by The Love Music Trust and we enjoyed performing our own actions and vocals linked with the different firework sounds. We have also started our DT learning about fabric. We discussed different types of fabric. By the end of the lesson we could name different fabrics and we described how each looked and felt.











A new half term and a new sport to explore in PE. For the remainder of the autumn term the children will be working on their netball skills. In the first week, we have been practicing the different passes and understanding the rules regarding movement. Children were mastering their push passes and their receiving of the ball, looking at how we can pivot to pass in a certain direction but that we must not move forwards once we have the ball. We finished with a passing game in which they had to pass around the playground in pairs, making their way to all the hoops laid out on the floor. This helped to improve their awareness of space and movement.





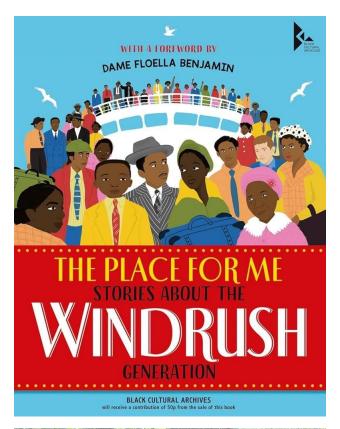






In our English lessons this week, we have been learning about the Windrush Generation and the important role they played in British history. One of the inspirational people we have focused on is Floella Benjamin, a famous actress, author, and broadcaster who moved to the UK from Trinidad as part of the Windrush journey. We explored her experiences and challenges when she first arrived, and how she has inspired many people through her life story. After reading about her, we wrote our own information texts to share what we learned about Floella's journey and the impact it had on many lives. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the courage and strength of those who moved to the UK to help rebuild the country after World War II.

















New resources and additional funding

Could you be eligible for pupil premium funding? If you are eligible for free school meals, the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources. The Council provides two types of free school meals to children attending a school within Cheshire East: Universal free school meals for infants (children in KS1) and Income-related free school meals. We would encourage all families to check their eligibility using the link below. https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Please let us know if you have been successful.

Safeguarding - Smartwatch Reminder

Please note that although we encourage children to wear watches to school, please do not allow your child(ren) to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC, on the school site in order to safeguard all of our pupils. Thank you for supporting us in keeping your children safe at school.

PTA



1 - A proof of your child's artwork was sent home this week.



Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2024

11th - 15th November - Anti-bullying Week

Friday 15th November - Own clothes - PTA collection wrapped sweets/nut free chocolate

Friday 22nd November - Own clothes - PTA Collection of bottle for adult tombola

Friday 29th November - Crazy hair &/or Christmas Jumpers - PTA collection of cakes or £1 donation

Saturday 30th November Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December – Wreath Night - next week last chance for early bird ticket price

Friday 6th December - Freddie Fit

Monday 9th December - FS & KS1 Pantomime - available to pay on School Money now

Wednesday 11th December - FS & KS1 Nativity afternoon performance

Thursday 12th December - FS & KS1 Nativity - Evening performance

19th December – KS2 Pantomime - available to pay on School Money now

Community noticeboard





as part of our Space to Prosper Project

Come along and chat to one of our wellbeing workers for information, advice and support.

1st Thursday of each month (in term time) 10 am - 2 pm

Clay Coffee House, 22 Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 IRE

For information please email:

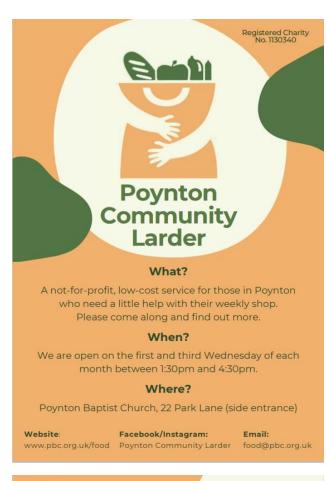
outreach@space4autism.org















What is the Poynton Community Larder? We are a local service that supports those in our community who need a little extra help with their weekly shop. We also aim to reduce food waste.

Who provides this service?
Poynton Baptist Church with the help of other people and organisations in the area - see 'our Helping Heroes' on the back of this leaflet.

What do we provide?

When and Where are the Larder Days held? We are open on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at Poynton Baptist Church.

Any family, single person or couple living in Poynton who are struggling to meet increased living costs. Members can self-refer and are not means-tested.



How much does it cost?

We charge £4 per shop which entitiles customers to select 15 different items including fruit, vegetables and fresh bread, subject to availability. Currently we do not offer chilled or frozen food.

How can you help?

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome.
Please get in touch with us if you
think you might be interested in
joining the team.

Donations of food

We need supplies of tinned and packaged food, and hygiene products. If you can help by donating, please drop off Items at Poynton Baptist Church, or at Clay Coffee House which is open Wed-Sat from 8:30am-4:00pm.



Are you looking for some new strategies for children aged between 5 and 12?

Facing Defiance



Six week course: 6 online Teach sessions (one hour on Sundays) plus applying the strategies at home during the week £72 (1 or 2 parents can attend)

for more info and to book info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk





Would you like to improve communication with your teen?

face2face



Get professional support to improve mutual understanding and respect Two Part online course £60

Young people do not have to appear or speak on camera

Advanced Communication Skills certificate for teens on completion of the course

for more info and to book

facefamilyadvice.co.uk



INSPIRE

EMPOWER

ELEVATE

MULTI-SPORTS COURSE

MAINLY INDOOR BUT OUTDOOR AREAS WILL BE USED IN GOOD WEATHER.

Join us for our ALL NEW Multi-Sports course, ran and delivered by our specialist sports coaching team

Each day has a specific sport theme

Monday: Racket Sports

Tuesday: Invasion and Team games

Wednesday: Olympic sports

Thursday: Target games and wheels Friday: Team games and competitions.

* For Thursdays' wheels theme, attendees are to bring their own option of scooters, bikes, skates and skateboards with the required safety equipment. No Helmets, no action!

Full breakdown of each day can be found on our holiday course web page COURSE TIMES:

Drop Off From: 9.00am

Sports Start: 9.20am

Half days:

9.00am to 12.00pm / 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Day Finishes: 3.30pm

FOOTBALL COURSES

OUTDOOR ON GRASS OR HARD-COURT WITH INDOOR AREAS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Open to players of all abilities with different style days to choose from. Advanced Technical days and Football

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Fun based football course with games, competitions and lots of match play. Open to players in reception to year 6.

COURSE TIMES:

Drop Off From: 9.00am Sessions Start: 9.20am

9.00am to 12.00pm / 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Day Finishes: 3.30pm

ADVANCED TECHNICAL DAYS

Individual development focused days with scheduled practices delivered with academy detail.

AGES AND DAYS:

U6- U8: Tuesday U9- U11: Wednesday COURSE TIMES: Drop Off From: 9.00am Football Start: 9.30am

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	Full day	Half day	Full week	1 Day
1	£20	£12	£85	£30

DV. TECH	WRAPAROUND OPTIONS:
1 Day	Early drop-off 8.00am £5
£30	Late pick-up 4.30pm £5

If booking a full week but doing different course days, please email info@8-by-8.co.uk to

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION:

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Attendees of both courses to sign in at the school hall, entering via the front of the school. Arrival activities to get involved in until all attendees have been registered or accounted for. Coaches will then lead their groups to the right sporting area. Reconvening in the hall for lunch.

WWW.8BY8FOOTBALL.CO.UK



<u>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</u> <u>North Local Offer Marketplace</u>



For all parents/carers with children aged 0-25 who would like to find out more about our SEND Local Offer and how we can support you and your child. Drop in and meet with multiple agencies all in one place!



Oakenclough Family Hub Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow SK9 2PZ

Thursday 5th December 4pm-6pm

Education Psychologist
Cheshire and Merseyside ICB
0-19 SEND Health Visitor
Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT)
Cheshire East SEND Team
Cheshire East SEND Transition Team
Cheshire East Parent/Carer Forum







OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC



November 2024 Newsletter

Monday 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.

Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use.

Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

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info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk





Winter Gift from FACE



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school