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# Lower Park School

Lower Park News 22nd November 2024

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

## Poppy Appeal

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*Thank you for your donations , you raised £190.63 for the appeal.*

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## Countdown to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November

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*Thank you for all the generous donations we have had in all the collections to date, the next one is Friday 29th, see the PTA section below for details.*

*Thanks also to those who have already signed up to help out on a stall, we are about half way there so there is plenty of opportunity for you to pick a spot and sign up. Please do sign up to help as it is a wonderful event which the children love.*

*Also, please remember to fill in your raffle tickets and return the stubs along with payment to the school office. There are some fantastic prizes to be won and you will only have a chance to win if you are in the draw!*

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## Reception 2025

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*Remember to apply for your reception place if you have a younger child due to start in September 2025. The deadline is 15th January 2025 .*

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## Commendation Awards

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***Lower Park Value Focus: Curious***

*Libby B*

*Sophia S*

*Cate TF*

*Hannah C*

*Dylan M*

*Ezra P*

*Jackson A*

*Sam L*

*Sam L*

*Tom B*

*Max J*

*Travis B*

*Jakob B*

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Star Writer Award

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*Joey K*

*Eleanor G*

*Jake W*

*Isaac P*

*Hana M*

*Holly Mc*

*Isabella J*

*Jakob B*

*Matthew C*

*Julien G*

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## Reception

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*In Reception, we are learning about different types of houses and homes around the world. We enjoyed looking at the book 'Houses and Homes' by Ann Morris and explored how weather, environment, and other factors impact the kinds of houses that are built in different places. We then used crates, blocks and bricks to make one of the types of homes we have looked at. The children were challenged to build a house large enough for someone to sit inside.*

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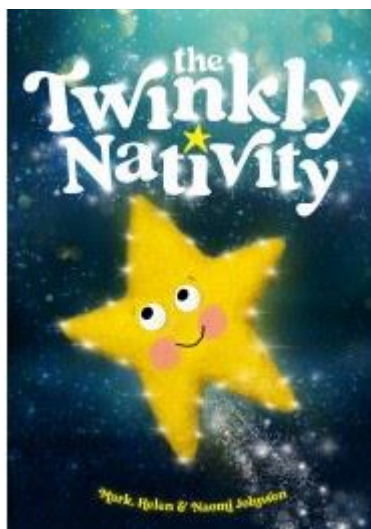


KS1

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*It has been a very exciting week in KS1! We have started looking at the songs for our Christmas show performance, 'The Twinkly Nativity'. We have been practising all of the words and have starting learning some actions for some of the songs and dances that we will be performing. We are so excited to start rehearsing altogether in the coming weeks!*

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LKS2

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*Over the past few days, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons. They are putting in a lot of effort to improve their strokes. It has been wonderful to see their*

*determination and to hear how supportive they are of one another. The groups have been demonstrating fantastic teamwork, encouraging and cooperating with each other.*

*In science, the children have started a new unit of work exploring light and its importance in our daily lives. They've been investigating what darkness is, identifying various light sources, and learning how light enables us to see. These discussions have sparked curiosity, with the children asking insightful questions.*

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## UKS2

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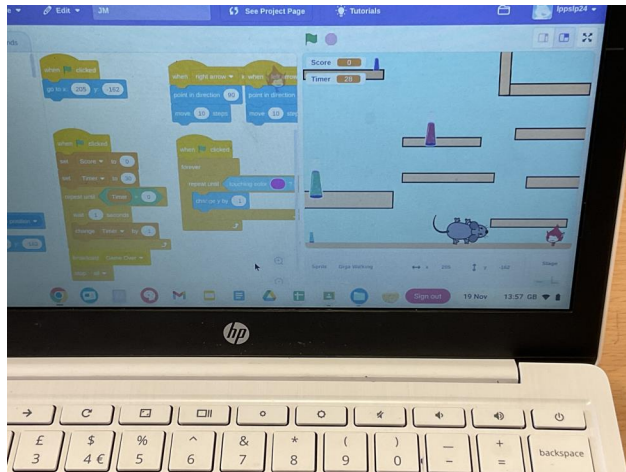
*In UKS2 we have begun to design our scratch platform games. After creating our stages we have now moved on to our sprites (characters). We have used the paint tools on the scratch platform to design characters which fit with the overall theme of our design and have downloaded copyright free images off the Pixabay site to make our computer games look more professional. Next week we will begin to write the algorithms for these sprites. In PE, all the children have been engaging in dance lessons this week. Creating their own dynamic body percussion routines inspired by the stimulus of three expressive words: swish, pop, and bang.*

*Using their bodies as instruments, they explored the contrasting dynamics of these words, translating them into unique rhythms and movements. For swish, the children created flowing, sweeping gestures with soft claps or gentle foot slides. Pop encouraged sharp, staccato sounds like finger snaps or quick claps, whilst bang resulted in bold, explosive actions such as stomps or loud chest pats. This activity developed their understanding of musical dynamics, creativity, and collaboration.*

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## The Twinkly Nativity

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*Can you believe it is nearly that time of year again?!*

*Preparations for the Reception/Key Stage One Christmas show are well under way and the children are already busy practising their songs and dances ready for their moment in the spotlight. We are thrilled to be able to tell you that we have a brand new performance to share with you this year. Our show is entitled 'The Twinkly Nativity'; please find below some important dates and information for your reference.*

*Tickets for the show will be available to reserve (ticket choices on a first come first served basis as there are a limited number for each performance) on School Spider from **Monday 25th November at 6.00pm**. A maximum of two tickets per family is on offer free of charge, though we would ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 to cover costs of licence etc. this will be available to pay on School Money next week. These tickets can be requested for the same performance or individually across the two different performances if that suits your family arrangements better. We will do our best to provide most costumes, but there might be the odd item that we would ask you to send in from home. More information will be sent home next week. The shows will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday 11th December**. If you are coming to watch on this day, please arrive at school in plenty of time for a 1:45pm start. The evening show will take place on **Thursday 12th December**. We would ask that participating children are returned to school by 6pm, so they can get changed into costumes, ready for a 6.30pm start.*

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## Bake Sale - Tuesday 26th November

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*A group of enthusiastic Year 4 children will be holding a bake sale for two important charities. They have organised everything themselves and shown great responsibility by making posters and preparing an assembly for the school.*

*See the poster for full details:*

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## Photograph Proofs

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*Reminder - orders need to be handed in to school by 9.00am on Monday 25th November if not ordering online.*

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## Important safeguarding reminder about pick up

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*Children in years R to 4 will only be released to an adult (not a sibling) unless there is a prior written arrangement to do so.*

*Reminders have been given to all children in years 5 & 6 to come straight back into school and go to the office if there is no adult in the playground to pick them up, if they are expecting somebody to be there.*

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PTA

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### ***Christmas Fair, Saturday 30th November 12 - 3pm***

#### ***Timings for the day***

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- *12:00 Doors open*
  - *12:30 Choir performance*
  - *13:00 Turkey bingo (round 1)*
  - *14:00 Turkey bingo (round 2)*
  - *14:30 Raffle draw*
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#### ***Collections***

*Thank you all so much for your bottle donations this morning, we really appreciate your generosity. Next week it's Christmas Jumpers &/or crazy hair in exchange for cakes or £1 donation. If you're donating something from home please check the contents are in date?!...we don't want any sickly elves in the run up to Christmas!*

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- *Friday 29th November: crazy hair &/or Christmas jumpers in exchange for cakes or £1 donation*
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### ***Helpers***

*The sign-up sheet for volunteers is live so please follow the link below or scan the QR code on the posters to pick your slot. There's a lot of planning and preparation that we can do but none of it counts without your help on the day so please grab your best Santa hat, Christmas jumper or elf ears and come help us out!*

*[Lower Park Christmas Fair 2024 — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)*

### ***Raffle Tickets***

*An envelope with raffle tickets and details of all the prizes was sent to each household last week. Please bring all completed stubs and payment to the school office, if the lure of the fantastic prizes means that you'd like increase your chances and buy additional tickets (!) please just make your way to the office to ask for some more!*

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## Lower Park School



**Thursday 5th December 7pm**

**Lower Park School Hall**

A fun filled evening led by a professional florist where you will create your very own Christmas masterpiece!

**EARLY BIRD PRICE!!!**

**£40** per head until 15th November (Rising to £45 thereafter)

This includes Mince pies but please **bring your own tippie!**

Buy your tickets from the school office

or email [emmaadley@gmail.com](mailto:emmaadley@gmail.com)

**Friends and Family welcome**

All proceeds go to the Lower Park School PTA Charity.



## Dates for the diary



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### **Diary dates for Autumn 2024**

*Monday 25th November - 9.00am Deadline for handing in photo orders*

*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 - remember to buy your tickets!*

*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*

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**Friday 15th November**  
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**7.30 pm**

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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







## 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

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Cheshire East Family Hubs is excited to announce the official launch of its recent partnership with the Solihull Approach; trusted NHS provider of online courses focused on children's emotional health and wellbeing. Through this collaboration, Cheshire East Family Hubs funds a multi-user license, enabling all residents within the council's area to access a comprehensive range of online courses on [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) at no cost.

## Winter 2024/2025 Newsletter

<p>FREE until JAN 25</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Teenage Brain</b> Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.</p>
<p>Thursday 5th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p><b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p><b>Facing Defiance</b> Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p><b>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</b> Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>
<p>Thursday 9 Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p><b>AUTISM: Improving Communication</b> Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.</p>

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## WINTER TIMETABLE

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

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

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go to the PARENT page

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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