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# Lower Park School

## Lower Park News 6th December 2024

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

Catering and school lunches-exciting news!

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*Exciting news! As you may know, Cheshire East catering will be withdrawing their service, but we have something amazing to share! After Christmas, our incredible catering team will be joining the Lower Park family, and we couldn't be more thrilled!*

*Our talented chefs have created a delicious new menu, carefully designed with the tastes of our Lower Park children in mind. We're sure your children will continue to enjoy tasty, hot meals at school.*

*We hope you'll join us in supporting this exciting new chapter. If your child hasn't yet ordered a school meal, perhaps after Christmas they'll be tempted to give it a try!*

*To celebrate the launch of our new catering service, we're inviting the children to help us choose a name for our revamped canteen (how about "LP Diner"?). The school council will select the winning name, and we'll announce it in the New Year. A suggestion box will be placed outside Mrs. Lomas' office for all ideas. We can't wait to see your creative suggestions!*

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### Lower Park Primary School - Week One

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Meatballs</b> Choose from pork or Quorn balls served in a homemade tomato and herb sauce with pasta spirals and green beans</p> 	 <p><b>Pie &amp; Mash</b> Choose from homemade chicken and sweetcorn or cheese and onion, served with mashed potatoes, peas and gravy</p>	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from roast gammon or Quorn roast, served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy</p>  <p>(no jackets available today)</p>	 <p><b>BBQ Chicken</b> Choose from a fresh chicken breast or a Quorn fillet baked in the oven and topped with BBQ sauce and cheese, served with savoury rice and green beans</p>	<p><b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans</p> 
<b>Jacket potatoes or a selection of sandwiches are also available daily as a hot alternative</b>				
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yoghurts and Cheese and Crackers are available daily along with the dessert of the day				
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Shortbread	Ice Cream	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Muffins
<b>Drink</b> Milk or water will be available daily				



### Lower Park Primary School - Week Two

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Midday Breakfast</b> Choose from butcher's quality pork sausages or Quorn sausages, served with scrambled egg, baked beans, ketchup, mushroom and tomatoes</p> 	 <p><b>Chilli Con Carne</b> Choose from fresh minced beef or Yoghurt sauce cooked with onions, tomatoes, peppers and red kidney beans and mild chilli powder, served on a bed of rice with tortilla chips and broccoli</p>	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from roast turkey or Quorn roast, served with stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage</p>  <p>(no jackets available today)</p>	 <p><b>Chicken Arrisiatata Pasta</b> Choose from diced chicken or Quorn pieces cooked with a spicy tomato sauce and mixed with pasta, served with broccoli</p>	<p><b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans</p> 
<b>Jacket potatoes or a selection of sandwiches are also available daily as a hot alternative</b>				
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yoghurts and Cheese and Crackers are available daily along with the dessert of the day				
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Flapjack	Jelly & Cream	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard	Toad Fingers
<b>Drink</b> Milk or water will be available daily				



### Lower Park Primary School - Week 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Pizza</b> Choose from Margarita or Peppercorn served with sweetcorn and pasta spirals</p> 	 <p><b>Chicken Xatsu</b> Choose from breaded chicken or Quorn nuggets served on a bed of rice with broccoli and a homemade Xatsu curry sauce</p>	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from roast beef or Quorn roast, served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage</p>  <p>(no jackets available today)</p>	 <p><b>Spaghetti Bolognese</b> Choose from fresh minced beef or Yoghurt sauce cooked with onions, garlic, tomatoes, mushrooms and herbs, served on a bed of pasta with green beans</p>	<p><b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> Choose from either cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans</p> 
<b>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</b>				
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots and Yoghurts are available daily along with the dessert of the day				
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Vanilla Cookies	Chocolate Brownie	Ice Cream	Chocolate Cookie
<b>Drink</b> Milk or water will be available daily				



## Outdoor area exciting developments

We are excited to share our long term plans for the development of the outside area.

Phase 1 - development to the Early Years outdoor area and new buddy bench for all children  
( December 24/ January 25)

*Phase 2 - development of new MUGA pitch ( Summer 25)*

*Phase 3 - development of main playground including sensory tunnel and improved surface and markings ( Autumn 25)*

*The PTA are currently fundraising for the multi surface pitch and a sensory tunnel. We are well on our way and fundraising activities like the Christmas Fair are vital.*

*Thank you to all the people who completed the survey, it was really helpful.*

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## Academisation and Bromcom

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*We are still on track to officially join the Halliard Trust Academy on January 1st. Over the past month, they have been helping us transition from our previous data system with SIMS to a more modern platform called Bromcom. Those of you with children at Poynton High School may already be familiar with this system, as it is also used there, alongside an app called 'My Child at School.' This change will happen in phases, with the goal of providing a comprehensive 'one stop shop' for payments and communications by September 2025.*

*At this stage, there is nothing you need to do, but you may need to log in again to your existing apps (such as School Spider). For your reference, we've attached a list of frequently asked questions. Please note that no further action is required from you at this time.*

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## MIS Migration Frequently Asked Questions

### **Parent Accounts**

#### **Will parents need to update their accounts?**

Yes, this is a fresh upload of data meaning your parents will have new login details. This is due to your MIS switch creating new parental ID numbers for each account.

#### **How do parents reset their account?**

Parents will need to press the reset password link on the login screen. This can be accessed via the School Spider parent app and also via the parent portal. All they need to reset their account is their email address.

#### **Will parents be able to see previous messages, parents evenings, surveys and forms and payments?**

Parents will not have access to these items as they are attached to their account from your previous MIS. Any email receipts will still be accessible in the parents email inbox.

The school will still have access to these items in the administration area.

### **Payments System**

#### **How will parents pay outstanding invoices?**

Once the data is being extracted from your new MIS, parents will no longer have access to their outstanding invoices. We strongly recommend that parents settle any outstanding invoices prior to the MIS migration. If this is not possible, you will need to remove the outstanding invoices from the system and reissue these to the new parental accounts once the MIS migration is complete.

You can use the reporting area within the payments system to run a report on outstanding invoices.

#### **Will parents be able to use their account balance?**

Parents will not have access to their current account balance following the MIS migration completion.

If parents are unable to spend their account balance prior to the migration, you can refund these back to their payment card in the parent profile.



#### **What happens with approved vouchers on parental accounts?**

Parents will no longer have access to any vouchers uploaded in their current account after the migration.

We would recommend using the reporting area of the payments system to run a Vouchers Report. Any parents who have balance remaining on their voucher will need to upload a new voucher for the remainder once they are logged into their new account following the migration.

**Any questions? Get in touch with our friendly support team who will be more than happy to help!**

p. 0161 635 0255  
e. [support@schoolspider.co.uk](mailto:support@schoolspider.co.uk)

## 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: Active***

*Matisse E*

*Max M*

*Maddie A*

*Max W*

*Harry A*

*Leo W*

*Frances R*

*Naomi C*

*Molly G*

*Alexander B*

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## Star Writer Award

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*Reggie Q (Y1/2)*

*Olivia B (Y2)*

*Poppy B (R/Y1)*

*Lara L (BC)*

*Max M (RC)*

*Vivi B (NM)*

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## Reception

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*The children have been working hard in Early Years, perfecting their songs and dances ready for the Christmas performances next week. They've also thoroughly enjoyed using their own paper cup and string 'phones' in the outdoor area – investigating different ways to communicate with each other. Freddy Fit was a big hit to finish off our busy week – with laughter and smiling faces all round. Well done, Early Years children!*

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KS1

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*The children have enjoyed a fantastic visit to the church for the Christmas trail. We looked at the Christmas story and travelled through all of the events that occurred. Lots of children had a great knowledge of the Bible story and it was a lovely reminder of why we celebrate Christmas*

*today! We will continue our learning in RE lessons, where we will answer the question, 'Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?'*

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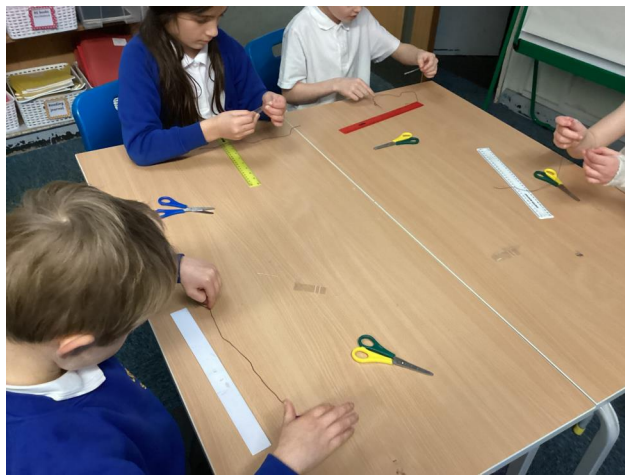
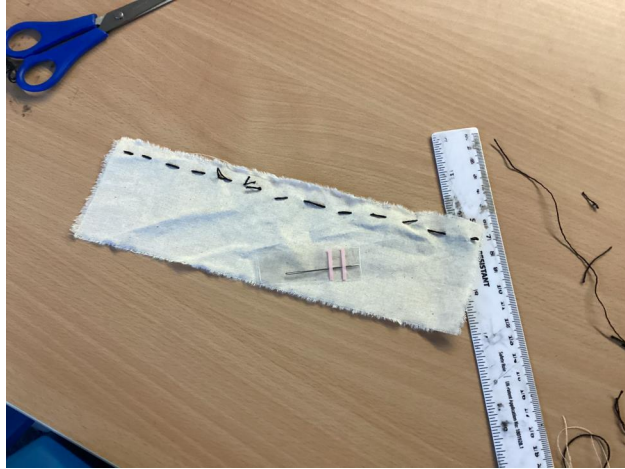


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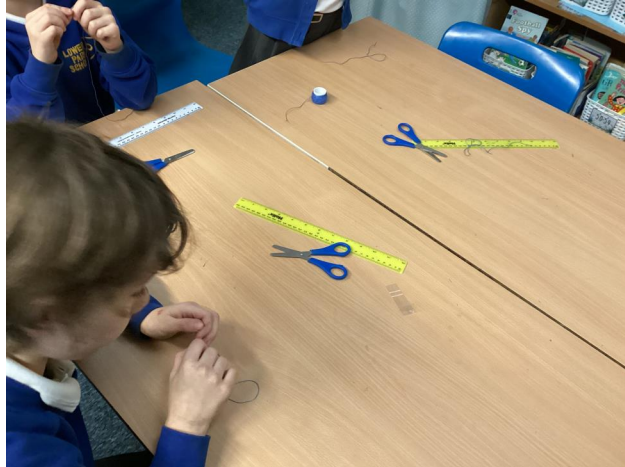
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*This week LKS2 have started to design a bag, the children have decorated fabric to look like animal prints. In the photos, you can see Year 3 practising their sewing skills. We did a running stitch and learnt how to thread a needle. Everyone is working very hard on their project, we're sure that the end result will be amazing!*

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## UKS2

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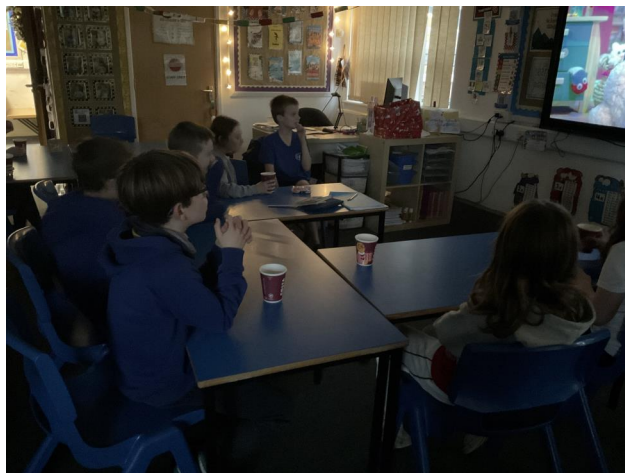
*What a festive start to December we've had in UKS2. Following the success of the Christmas Fair last Saturday, the excitement has carried on this week.*

*We kicked off Monday with the first of Lower Park's 12 Days of Christmas, enjoying steaming cups of hot chocolate while reading a delightful new book, 'Fly, Fly, Fly, Your Sleigh.' The festive spirit didn't stop there—our creative skills have also been put to good use making Christmas cards to send to members of our local community.*

*Amid all the festive fun, the children have shown incredible tenacity and resilience by tackling their end-of-term assessments with determination and focus. We are so proud of their hard work.*

*Here's to a magical December as we count down to the holidays. ✨*

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## School Choir Update

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*Our school choir has been spreading festive cheer far and wide this December! They sang beautifully at the Christmas Fair last Saturday, delighting everyone with their wonderful harmonies and festive songs.*

*Earlier this week, the choir also visited Parklands, where they shared their talents with the residents. They performed a mix of songs and familiar carols, creating a truly magical atmosphere. Song sheets were handed out so that everyone could join in, making it a happy, shared occasion between young and old. Some of our Year 6 pupils even retold the Christmas story, adding a special touch to the visit.*

*A huge thank you to our parent helpers who walked with the children to Parklands, and to the wonderful Mr. Schofield for accompanying us on the piano—it wouldn't have been the same without him.*

*After the performance, the children spent time chatting with the residents, including the eldest, who is an incredible 104 years old! Their impeccable behavior, warm conversations, and outstanding singing made them true ambassadors for Lower Park. Well done, Choir!*

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## Festive Forest School Sessions

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*Our festive forest school sessions have started this week. The children in EYFS and R/1 have spent the afternoon in the forest and have enjoyed the festive themed activities including the planting of Christmas trees.*

*A special thank you to Miss Cork for facilitating these sessions.*

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## The Twinkly Nativity

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*Tickets for the shows have all been allocated and the children are really excited to perform for you.*

*The afternoon show is on **Wednesday 11th December** ( please arrive at school in plenty of time for a 1:45pm start).*

*For the evening show 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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## Buddy Bench competition

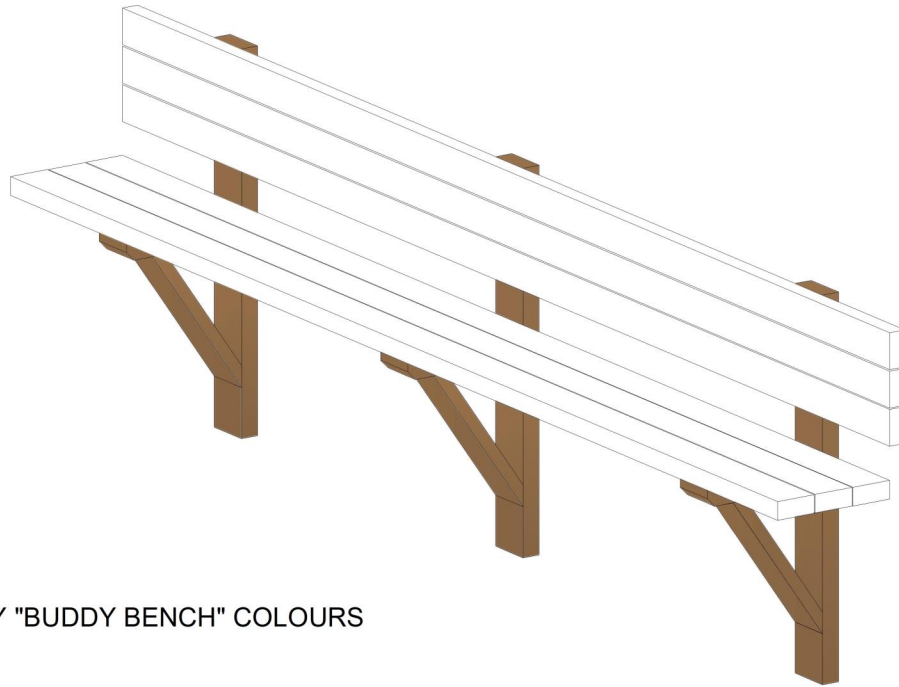
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*Our friends, Poynton Men In Sheds, have kindly volunteered to make us a new buddy bench for the main playground.*

*There is an opportunity for you to design the colour scheme so that it is friendly and welcoming. Please use the sketch below for your designs or ask your class teacher for a paper copy.*

*Designs to be with Mrs Lomas by Monday 16th December. Good luck!*

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MY "BUDDY BENCH" COLOURS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas Fair

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*What a fabulous fair we had on Saturday!*

*A big thank you to all who came along, helped out before , during or after and donated items.*

*A special thank you to the PTA for organising and pulling together the whole event.*

*A magnificent £4397.58 was raised!*

*Thanks also to all those who volunteered to assist the Round Table and accompany Santa on his rounds around the village.*

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## PTA Christmas Wreath Night

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*Last night was the night for the annual Christmas wreath night, and what a wonderful, festive evening it was! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and they all left with an amazing*

*masterpiece to hang on their door or place on their table. To top it off we made a profit of £907, another fantastic contribution to the forthcoming up-grade to the playground area. Thank you to all those who attended, from the PTA.*

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## Academisation Update

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the transition to academy status on January 1st, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you review your accounts and ensure that any outstanding payments are settled. This week, you will receive a reminder regarding any outstanding balances. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, as having a nil balance will greatly assist us in this important change.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with payments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office. We are here to support you and can discuss options for a payment plan that works for your family.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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## Dates for the diary



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

*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*

*Friday 13th December MCFC competition*

*Tuesday 17th December KS2 Christmas lunch*

*Tuesday 17th December KS2 Carol service 9:30 am - Please complete survey on School Spider*

*Wednesday 18th December FS/KS1 Christmas lunch*

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

*Friday 20th December - Finish for Christmas*

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