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

Launch of new lunch menu

To support our kitchen team in ordering the correct amount of food and to minimise waste, we are asking all our parents and carers, who wish to order lunch after Christmas to pre-order via school spider. The survey will come out next Wednesday and must be completed by Friday, the 20th. This is for KS1 **and** KS2 please. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you

Reception 2025

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.

Commendation Awards

Lower Park Value Focus: Respect

Jessica B

Joel C

Matylda N

April Mc

Alice P

Ava B

Olivia B

Josef B

Vladimir B

Star Writer Award

Evelyn C (HD/LP)

Isabelle C (Y1/2)

Ellie W (Y2)

Isla A (R/Y1)

Ralph K (BC)

Sofia S (MC)

Jessica R (MC)

Reception

What a special week it has been in Early Years! The children have been amazing, and we are so proud of each and every one of them. They have performed brilliantly in our show, 'The Twinkly Nativity'. Thank you to the children for putting smiles on our faces and filling us with Christmas spirit! Although our performances were the highlight of the week the children have also been busy in their classrooms. We enjoyed testing different fabrics and sheets to find a waterproof material for Paddington Bear's new raincoat. We discussed that it must keep the water out and worked as a group to find the best material to use.



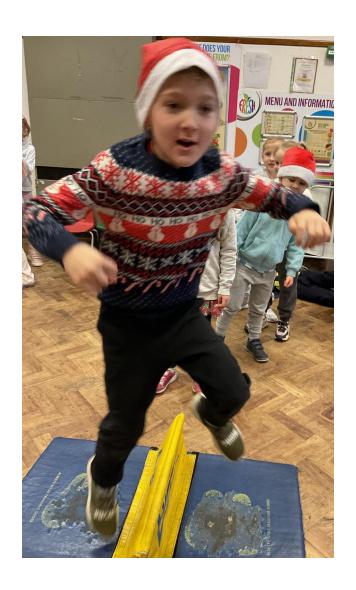


KS1

We have had a fun packed week in KS1. The children loved Freddy Fit last Friday. They showed some great dance moves, Christmas spirit and a great knowledge of why it is important to look after our bodies. We also loved performing in our Christmas show, 'The Twinkly Nativity'. We worked so hard on our dances, British Sign Language, singing and lines for the show. All staff were so proud of the children's creativity and we thank all parents for your support with the show too. We have many more exciting activities for the lead up to Christmas. We can't wait!













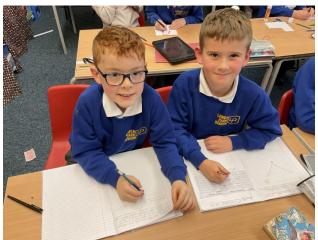
This week, our Lower Key Stage children have been thinking about how to shine in the dark. As part of their science investigations, the children tested various objects to discover which materials are reflective and learning how light interacts with different surfaces. Inspired by their findings, the children have been using their creativity to help Santa get ready for his busy Christmas Eve! They've designed innovative glasses to protect his eyes from the bright winter sun, ensuring his journey stays safe and comfortable. They've also been crafting outfits for Santa with reflective elements and built-in lights, ensuring he can be seen clearly as he navigates rooftops around the world.

To top off the week, the children wrapped up warm for a festive Forest School session.









UKS2

This week, our students joined the Hour of Code, a global initiative introducing millions to the exciting world of computer science! The theme for 2024, "Make the Invisible Visible," encouraged students to uncover the magic behind technology and explore how coding shapes the world around us.

The event was packed with engaging activities:

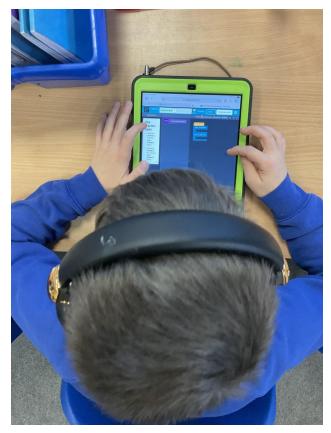
Music Lab: Students dived into sequencing and functions, experimenting with AI-driven beat creation to compose their own tunes.

(A) Minecraft Coding: An interactive adventure that combined problem-solving with creative thinking, bringing coding concepts to life in a digital playground.

It was incredible to see the enthusiasm as students discovered that coding is not only fun but accessible to everyone. Who knows? We may have inspired a few future tech innovators right here at Lower Park Primary!



HOUR OF CODE





























Festive Forest School











Year 5 Football Competition at Manchester City

Some great football with close games. The Year 5 team went all the way to the semi-finals. We took the lead with a great finish from Albert W but were unfortunately knocked out on penalties after Lumb Head scored a late equaliser.



ECO Committee Update

Eco Committee: Snack Report.

Recently, we have noticed that many of the children at our school have been bringing unhealthy snacks to school; 10% of the children brought chocolate, 4% brought sweets for snack, 13% brought crisps and 23% brought other snacks (which includes things like muffins, croissants etc.) Knowing this, we recommend that your child brings more healthy snacks to school such as fruits or healthy cereal bars (with no nuts)!

Did you know?

A Kitkat bar has 21g of sugar while a general chocolate bar has around 10-12 grams of sugar. However, fruit still contains 10g of sugar but because of the high fibre it is much healthier!

Some Foods You Might Be Able To Bring To School:



By Charlotte and Leah
(Members of The Eco Committee).

Manchester Opera House- Cinderella

Thursday 19th December 2024

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Manchester Opera House next Thursday. The children will have an early lunch in school before travelling to the theatre.

We will be leaving school at approximately 12.45pm to be at the Opera House for the 2.30pm performance.

The performance will last 2 ¼ hours and we will be leaving the theatre at 5pm and aim to be back at school for 6pm. We will walk the children from the coaches back into school and to their classrooms. The playground gate will be unlocked for parents, and we would politely request that you collect your child/ren from their classrooms. Children in UKS2 will be dismissed from the Y2 and Y1/2 classrooms onto the main playground.

Children will not be allowed to walk home alone owing to the time of returning to school.

On this day, children do not need to bring a bag with them to school. They will need their coat, a water bottle and a small snack that can fit in their pocket, which can be taken to the theatre.

Christmas jumpers with school uniform is encouraged on this day.

Merry Christmas!



Academisation Update

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.

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2024

Tuesday 17th December KS2 Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th December KS2 Carol service 9:30 am

Wednesday 18th December FS/KS1 Christmas lunch

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

Friday 20th December - Finish for Christmas

Monday 6th - INSET day

Tuesday 7th - Children return to school

Community noticeboard













Cheshire East Family Hubs is excited to announce the official launch of its recent partnership with the Solihull Approach; trusted NH5 provider of online courses focused on children's emotional health and wellbeing. Through this collaboration, Cheshire East Family Hubs (molds 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 at no cost.



