



Lower Park News 20th December 2024

Merry Christmas from Mrs Lomas and all the staff of Lower Park School

On behalf of all the staff at Lower Park, we want to say a huge thank you for such a wonderful start to the academic year. As the festive season draws near, it's the perfect time to reflect on all the successes we've shared and to take a well-earned break with our loved ones.

When we come back after Christmas, we'll officially be part of the Halliard Trust, though it already feels like we're a valued member of their family of schools. In 2025, our families will start to enjoy the exciting opportunities this partnership brings, including Creative Week, Sustainability Week, and lots of fun sports competitions.

Our staff will also continue to grow professionally, with a special focus on raising awareness of Autism across the school through the Autism Education Trust.

Lower Park continues to go from strength to strength, combining a focus on enriching the curriculum with fantastic academic results. We're so proud of our exceptional Key Stage 2 results from the summer: our reading results, at both the expected and higher standards, were

significantly above the national average and in the top 5%! Our Key Stage 2 maths results were also impressive, with higher standard results again placing us in the top 5%.

This Autumn Term has been full of exciting new activities, including Forest School sessions, the Key Stage 2 trip to Macclesfield Forest, our whole-school Harvest Festival, Rock Kidz anti-bullying workshops, as well as building community links with Parklands and Hope Green Care Homes. We've also launched the 'See My Books' initiative. The Twinkly Nativity was a delight and the KS2 Carol Concert was very special. These are just a few highlights, and we're incredibly grateful for the hard work of our staff, who always go above and beyond to create these memories for our children.

A big thank you also goes to the PTA and to all of you for supporting their events. Thanks to your generosity, we'll be able to make exciting improvements to our outdoor areas.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a restful holiday, and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Merry Christmas from the PTA

Wow, what an amazing and jam-packed first term! For those who have (understandably) lost track, here's a quick recap of what we've been up to:

- *Donut sale*
 - *Halloween clothes sale*
 - *Halloween disco*
 - *Christmas fair*
 - *Wreath night*
 - *Monthly lotto*
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We hope you enjoyed all of these events as much as we did and want to reiterate our thanks to everyone who helped make them happen and contributed to their success, be that through organisation or attendance. We're delighted to say that thanks to all your generous donations – and no doubt a fair few of you succumbing to your kids asking for “just one more go” at the Christmas fair – we're extremely proud to say that this term's fundraising efforts have raised a grand total of (drum roll, please) £6085.65!!

Thanks also to everyone who helped the Round Table with the recent Santa rounds. The Round Table is an important source of extra funds for us so this 'quid-pro-quo' was greatly appreciated. And speaking of raising funds, if you're shopping at Tesco Handforth Dean over the festive period, please remember that the vote to raise funds for the sensory garden is still ongoing until 12 January, so we'd love you to add tokens to our box!

Finally, if anyone's interested in joining the monthly lotto, please contact Helen Brislane on helenbrislane@hotmail.co.uk for full details. It's just £2 per number per month for your chance to win £10, £15 or £25 in the monthly draw!

Moving on to some festive fun, we hope your children all enjoyed the crackers that the PTA provided for their Christmas lunch – and didn't drive you too crazy repeating the jokes 😊

We'd like to wish everyone all the best for the Christmas holidays and look forward to an exciting second term. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about what we've got in store, including family bingo on Saturday 1 February, which is sure to be another fantastic event! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From the Lower Park PTA

Want to find out more, get involved or have your say? Then come along to our next meeting at school at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 March 2025.

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 .

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Spring 2025

Monday 6th January - INSET day

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school

Wednesday 29th January - Year 6 SATs information evening

Saturday 1st February - PTA Family Bingo

THE LEGION
POYNTON



**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

4.30-7.30
PM

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JAYNE MACFARLANE

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Our Adult and Child classes allow parents to be in the water with their child to help gain confidence in the water.

2. DUCKLINGS AWARDS 1-4

Age 3+
Ducklings 1 will see children start to move by themselves in the water. By Ducklings 4 they will be jumping in, going underwater, floating and travelling.

3. LEARN TO SWIM STAGES 1-7

Age 4+
Stages 1-7 are divided into progressive stages. We base our programme around the Swim England framework.

FURTHER SWIMMING PATHWAYS

Children can choose from a range of different pathways once they pass stage 7, such as stages 8, 9 and 10 or our rookie lifeguard programme.

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- Swimming pool
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Swimming lessons for young people with a disability or additional need. These lessons are a basic introduction to swimming to encourage children to have fun, be more relaxed in the water while learning basic water skills.



**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, Mini Movies, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON [ITVX](#)
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**