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Lower Park School

Lower Park News 14th March 2025

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Winning House

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

IMPORTANT Communication Update

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the MCAS app. You should now all be receiving school communications via the app.

The next step will be to move to Bromcom payments for dinner money and this is planned to go live after Easter.

Menus will be available to pre select on the app from 31st March for the week following the Easter holiday, selections need to be finalised by 4th April and this process is applicable to the whole school. THIS WILL REPLACE THE SCHOOL SPIDER SURVEY FOR EYFS & KS1.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you review your accounts and ensure that any outstanding payments are settled by 4th April. 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.

Thank you all for your support and patience as we transition.

Commendation Awards

Elsie K

Bella Mc

Alex R

Hana M

Eddie M

William W

Jessica R

Bella B

Isabelle C

Etta-Mae M

Reya S

Vivi B

Star Writer Award

Reuben R

Leo T

Mia V

Jessica Beckett

Philippa R

Jack M

Anna B

Reggie L

Rory M

Matisse E

Reception

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their art lesson this week, using their fine motor skills to weave a fabulous woolly sheep. They also loved learning several Easter songs during singing assembly and music lessons, including the age-old favourite 'Spring Chicken'.

KS1

This week the children have looked at the season of Spring. They were great at discussing and recognising the signs of Spring and new life that is all around us. Lots of children have spotted daffodils growing and flowers starting to bloom. In the coming weeks in RE, the children will look at The Easter Story and learn about how some Christians celebrate the Christian festival.

LKS2

This week in PE the children have been learning how to use the forehand in tennis and how to safely complete a partner balance in gymnastics. Whilst doing tennis, we looked at the correct technique before trying to start and maintain a rally with our partner.

In gymnastics, we first looked at simple balances individually, before moving on to partner balances. We discovered that we need to trust our partner and make sure we keep our muscles tensed to form a strong pose for 5 seconds.







Moving Toys

This week, UKS2 have been getting hands-on with their DT project, creating moving toys with working mechanisms inside. Using axles, cams, and handles, the children have designed and built a fantastic range of toys, each with its own unique movement. We've had everything from spinning characters to bouncing animals, and it's been brilliant to see their creativity shine. The children have shown great perseverance, problem-solving when things didn't quite go to plan and refining their designs to make sure their toys moved smoothly. A fantastic effort all around!

Year 6 – Hard Work Paying Off

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for the effort they've been putting into their revision homework. They've tackled tricky topics with determination, asked thoughtful questions, and really shown a great attitude towards their learning. Their hard work is making a real difference, and we're incredibly proud of them. Keep it up!

Playground improvements - exciting news!

We're excited to share that work has already started on our playground improvements, including the installation of the new MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) pitch! This fantastic project is only possible thanks to the amazing efforts of our PTA and all the families of Lower Park who have helped fundraise.

Can we also give a big shout out to the Poynton Round Table who have confirmed to pledge £3,000 grant funding towards the project. They are always looking for new members and if you are interested in joining them, please follow this link:

[About Us - Poynton Round Table | Cheshire](#)

A huge thanks to everyone involved – what a great community effort!

Examples of the intended works can be seen below. This is phase two of our outdoor development, which will provide enhanced facilities and greater opportunities for all.

Whilst the works are ongoing, we will be using the field at playtimes and lunchtimes- please can we request that children bring a spare pair of shoes with them to wear during wetter weather.

Thank you for your support.



Music Competition Success!

This week, our school took part in an exciting choir competition with Love Music Trust at Poynton High School, and what a fantastic event it was! Our choir, along with our guitar and clarinet ensembles, put on brilliant performances, showcasing their talent and hard work. A special congratulations to our clarinet ensemble, who came first in their category and have secured their place in the final. The choir delivered a fantastic performance and secured second place—we're now eagerly waiting to hear if we've made it to the final! Our guitar ensemble also gave a fantastic performance, demonstrating great musicality and teamwork.

In total, over 50 children from across Lower Park took part, and they truly shone. Their performances were full of energy and enthusiasm, and their behaviour throughout the event was impeccable. Every group received fantastic feedback from the judge. A huge thank you to

Mr. Thompson for his work with the guitar ensemble and to Mrs. Marley for leading the clarinet group.

Well done to all involved—we are very proud of you!

Mrs Jones

Planting Day 29th March - all invited

On Saturday 29th March from 9:00 am, Cheshire Wildlife Trust will be leading a planting morning for our school community. We have ordered hedge plants from the Woodland Trust and plan to make a living fence to mark the boundary of our Forest School. Please come along with your family to plant a tree and support this important step in our sustainability journey. If you have any DIY or gardening expertise, we were also going to use this opportunity for a 'spring clean' of our outdoor area. We hope to see as many of you as possible.



PTA Update

Bag2School

The Bag2School bags went out in bookbags last Friday so please don't forget to get sorting your old clothes!

The collection will take place at morning drop-off on Wednesday 26 March. Please do NOT return filled bags before or after this date.

If you're having a major clear-out and can't fit all your stuff in the bag provided, please just add your own bags too.

PTA meeting

Thanks to those who attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday. We had lots of great discussions about what we've been up to and our upcoming events. The next meeting will be on 17 July so why not get it in your diary now and come and join us! 😊

Summer fair

A big thanks to those who've got in touch about the Summer Fair on Saturday 28 June but we're still in need of more volunteers to help with the organisation.

Whether you want to lead the event or simply take on one of the many little tasks from buying prizes through making games to ordering BBQ food, please drop us an e-mail at ptalowerpark@gmail.com or chat to Shauna Silcock or Amy Billing in the playground – we promise, we don't bite 😊

Autism Central

Following the success of recent workshops for parents, please can we draw your attention to this session, with a focus on sleep.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning - Sleep Session

Great Minds Together

Thursday 24th April 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Upton Priory School

Would you like to chat with other parents and carers who are going through similar experiences and share ideas and strategies?

Autism Central will be attending to discuss support that may be available to you. They aim to make it easier to learn more about autism and services available to you. No diagnosis needed.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Ask any questions
- ✓ Learn more about autism and social, emotional and mental health needs

Are you looking for support, but not sure where to start?

On the day of the event, we will require all attendees to fill out a registration form. This is made up of 7 questions and helps to support future funding. We appreciate this can be quite time consuming and can include providing information personal to you. If you have any queries, this can be discussed on the day.

Autism Central skillsforcare NHS

Lower Park After School Club - Year 2

Monday – Friday 3:20pm – 5:50pm - Summer Term - Year 2 places

If you are currently unable to secure a spot at the Hollies, or if your child would like to try an ad hoc session at the Lower Park after-school club, Year 2 children are now welcome to join us

For more information or to book a place on the day, please get in touch with afterschoolclub@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Look out for the letter for more information about your September 2025, Year 3 place. Please complete this form to indicate your requirements. Note that this is not a guarantee of a place at this point. <https://forms.gle/nxmoMyT47cjPCn3x8>

Eco Committee survey

Please complete the following survey created by the Eco Committee [here](#)

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Spring 2025

Wednesday 26th March - PTA Bag2school collection - see above

Saturday 29th March - Planting Day

Monday 31st March - Year 5 residential visit to Robinwood

Friday 4th April - School closes for Easter break

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Breakfast / afterschool club assistant **The Hollies Pre-school, Poynton**

Breakfast 7 hours per week (7.15-9 Monday-Thursday) and/or Afterschool 6.5 hours (3-6.15 Tuesday, 3-5.15 Wednesday) 38- or 52-week contract

The Hollies is an OFSTED **Outstanding** pre-school, located in Poynton in the grounds of Lower Park School.

The vacancy

We are looking for a **part-time breakfast club and afterschool club assistant** to join our team. We will consider applicants for breakfast club hours or afterschool club hours or breakfast and afterschool club hours.

Your responsibilities will include: ensuring a safe environment for children attending breakfast and afterschool club, serving breakfast and providing stimulating activities for children aged 2 -10.

Salary details: dependent on qualifications

How to apply

Contact The Hollies' Manager, Debbie, via email (debbie@thehollies.org) or call Debbie on 01625 850176 to request an application form and job description or if we can help with any queries you have about the role.

Closing date for applications 21st March 2025.

Please note: We are committed to safer recruitment. Satisfactory references, evidence of the correct permission to work in the UK and an enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required before the successful applicants could take up the posts.



Pre-school Manager

The Hollies Pre-school, Poynton are looking for a manager to join our team.
Approx 38 hours per week, working Monday – Friday, 52-week all year-round contract.

The Hollies is an OFSTED Outstanding pre-school, located in Poynton in the grounds of Lower Park School. We have an excellent team of pre-school practitioners, providing full pre-school, breakfast, and afterschool club services. In addition to this, we provide a holiday club for children from 2 - 11 years of age.

Requirements

- Minimum, Level 3 childcare qualification
- Minimum of Grade C GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths
- Senior leadership experience within an Early Years setting
 - Extensive knowledge of safeguarding
 - Working closely with the setting's SENDCo
- Strong understanding of Ofsted regulations and safeguarding practices
 - Good knowledge of EYFS
 - Motivated and able to engage with staff
- 5.6 weeks holiday per annum, including bank holidays
 - NEST pension

Salary dependant on qualifications and experience

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24th April
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Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
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Tuesday
3rd April
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Spring Timetable

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Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm



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