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Winning House

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

Letter from the Governing Body

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You will recall that after a very exhaustive and demanding selection process, Governors agreed to seek to join the Halliard (formerly Fallibroome) Multi-Academy Trust. The school was able to complete the process on 1st January, so Governors feel it would be useful if we quickly reviewed our new exciting relationships with the Trust and their partner academy schools.

Even before the full transfer, we were able to join in a large range of development programmes for staff and our pupils. Governors were also able to access courses on the Curriculum, Ofsted, school data, risk management and the needs of SEND Students. We were also able to join in a number of governor development networks on H&S and SEND. Staff have also been also been able to access a very extensive staff development programme. This development activity and the Trust's rolling support with school improvement, help our teachers to provide the best learning for our children.

Parents will have seen that we have been transferring to new data system and a new 'My Child at School' app. The IT transfers seem to be working well. The Trust's back-office support has also been exceptional. Families have also been able to access support from Autism Central facilitated by the Trust.

But of course, our children are at the heart of everything we do and they have excelled themselves in the Trust's multi-school learning activities. We had an incredible Inspire creativity week generously supported by the Trust with our children being able to join in with other choirs, practice their samba routines, and tread the boards in their drama workshops. We even think

we may have a few budding Matisses? The Year 6s also joined in a Sports hall athletics competition with other schools from the Trust.

In summary, therefore we are really pleased with how well our transfer has gone and the amazing opportunities for our students and staff and the great support we are receiving.

Tony Penny

REMEMBER TO PRE SELECT DINNER CHOICES AND SNACK

Lunch 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 have received a reminder regarding any outstanding lunch balances. When you log in to pay the lunch balance please also settle any other outstanding payments. 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.

Snack will now be pre-ordered - please use the MCAS app under 'wraparound care and snacks'.



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Headteacher: Mrs Amelia Loma

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Snack Trial Announcement

The Eco Committee is excited to explore new ways to improve breaktime snacks, focusing on both health and sustainability. We'll be taking this journey step by step, gathering feedback from both the school council, staff and families along the way.

Step1: Snack Trial

We've noticed that some children in Key Stage 1 are spending too much time in snack queues instead of enjoying their playtime. Additionally, some order multiple snacks, which can affect their appetite for lunch. To address these concerns, we want to make the snack process quicker and easier by moving towards cashless transactions. This will help save time, reduce stress, and make everything run more smoothly.

After reviewing popular snack choices, we found that bagels and juice are the top picks among Lower Park children. With this in mind, we're introducing a snack trial where families can pre-order snacks for a whole week or half term. Snacks will be delivered directly to classrooms, cutting down on queuing time. For Key Stage 2, this change will also free up more teaching time, as teachers will have less administrative work in the morning. Additionally, to support our commitment to healthy eating and sustainability, after Easter, every Monday children must choose a healthy snack (fruit, veg or snack shack)

Trial Details

The trial will begin on Tuesday April 22nd. Here are the snack prices:

- Full bagel daily (1 week) £3
- Half bagel daily (1 week) £1.50
- Juice daily (orange or apple, 1 week) £2.25
- Choice of fruit daily (1 week) £1.50

Snacks will be pre-ordered and paid for via the MCAS app using the shop feature.

Thank you for your support as we continue working to improve our school and provide the best experience for our children!

Kind regards

Amelia Lomas, Mr Sutton and the Eco Committee



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Commendation Awards

Mia L
Alice K
Chloe M
Elodi-Grace S
Florence B
Star Writer Award
Henry B
Talia S
Henry F
Aoife S
Jasmine A
Chloe C
Max F
James W

Reception

Spring has truly sprung in the reception classrooms and the children have enjoyed getting creative. They have created wonderful pictures of seasonal animals and plants using loose parts and have composed their own Spring inspired pieces of music using percussion instruments.











In PE, KS1 have really been enjoying their gymnastics unit. They have been learning lots of different gymnastics shapes and poses. They have been trying to hold the poses and practise balancing for as long as they can. The children have been showing lots of determination when balancing, even if they found it tricky. During this week's lesson, the children created their own sequences using some of the shapes, poses and balances they have previously learned. Some of the children decided to perform their gymnastics sequences to the class!





















LKS2

The children have continued with their exciting work on The Blue Whale and the children have learnt lots of new facts. Did you know that a blue whale's heart is the size of a small car? The children channelled their inner Attenborough and presented facts about blue whales using his style of narration.







UKS2

It's been an exciting week! The Year 6 children had a great time at Crucial Crew on Monday and left feeling more confident and ready for their move to high school. They enjoyed taking part in hands-on safety scenarios and learning important life skills, working with working with professionals from the Emergency Services such as the police and rail transport.

In Science, we have completed our unit on light by making our own periscopes. Using our knowledge of reflection, we carefully angled mirrors to bounce light down the tube, allowing us to see around corners. It was a great way to bring our learning to life and see science in action!

The new Muga is a great hit with everyone. The sun shone as we enjoyed our introductory session where we played football and basketball, and practised our gymnastics. We are now even more excited to use it in the coming weeks. Thank you!

















Y6 Choir Raise £315 for Summer Production!

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news from our incredible Year 6 choir members. In preparation for our summer production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, our talented children rolled up their sleeves and took fundraising into their own hands.

From designing posters and spreading the word, to baking (and selling!) delicious cakes, they showed teamwork, creativity, and dedication—and raised a **staggering £315** to help cover the cost of the performance licence.

We are so proud of their hard work and community spirit. This achievement means we're one big step closer to bringing our magical summer show to life!

Thank you to all the parents who supported the effort—whether you bought a bun or cheered them on, you helped make this happen.

Parent Governor Election

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor.

I should be grateful to receive nominations for the vacancies on the slip provided within the letter containing full details which was emailed today. Candidates are encouraged to submit a brief personal statement. Nominations and statements must be returned to Amelia Lomas by via the school office or by email to head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk by noon on 4th April 2025 at the latest.

PTA Update

Bag2School

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in their old clothes on Tuesday. We were delighted to collect over 100 bags to be sent off for weighing and hope you're now enjoying the extra space in your wardrobes!

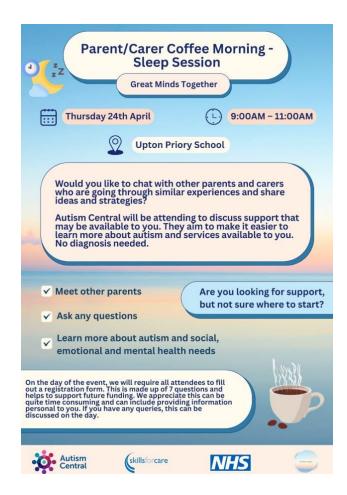
Summer Fair - Saturday 28 June

The Summer Fair is a major fundraiser for the school but we can't organise it without your help.

Our first planning meeting is this coming Tuesday (1 April – no, it's not a joke ③), so please come along and join us at Wetherspoons at 5.30pm. No experience necessary. All new ideas welcome!

Autism Central

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



Living with Autism - free workshop for parents and Pre-recorded further sessions

Thursday 3rd April from 6pm - 7:30pm

Book in advance via the Visyon website: https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentwebinars

Visyon are working in partnership with Space4Autism to offer a webinar for parents who want to understand more about living with autism. We have a guest speaker who is an autistic adult who will share his lived experience from childhood through to adulthood. The webinar is free of charge.

Pre-recorded parent webinars

Visyon's pre-recorded Parent Webinars are intended to offer information and ideas to help you in supporting your child with understanding and managing their emotions and wellbeing. These are open to parents/carers or other interested family members living in Cheshire East. Please note that these webinars were created during the pandemic, the content however is still relevant.

- understanding and managing anxiety
 - understanding the teenage brain
 - managing big emotions
- <u>building resilience and self esteem</u>
- the science of sleep (and tips to improve it)
 - family communication
 - sensory processing
 - supporting you child's wellbeing
- supporting your child through exam stress

Lower Park School Vision Survey

Thank you for those who have taken the time to participate in this survey. Your opinions are invaluable as we shape the future of Lower Park School over the next five years. This survey is designed to gather feedback on various areas of our school life based on our vision and mission. Your responses will help us ensure that we are meeting the needs of our children, families, and the wider community. The survey is anonymous, and your honesty is greatly appreciated

<u>5 year Vision survey</u>

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Spring 2025

Saturday 29th March - Planting Day Arrive 9.00 - 9.30 - estimated finish time11.00am

Monday 31st March - Year 5 residential visit to Robinwood

Friday 4th April - School closes for Easter break

Tuesday 22nd April - School opens

Monday 5th May - School closed for bank holiday

12,13,14,15th May - Year 6 SATS

Friday 16th May - SATs party Year 6

Monday 19th May - School photos class/leavers

Tuesday 20th May - Sports Day (EY/KS1/KS2)

Wednesday 21st May - New intake meeting

Thursday 22nd May - PTA Disco

Friday 23rd May - School closes for half term

Monday 9th June - School opens

w/c/ 9th June - Year 1 Phonics Screen and Year 4 MTC check

Community noticeboard









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 $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots,n\right\}$ 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

If you have any queries about the role, please contact The Hollies' Manager, Debbie, via email (debbie@thehollies.org) or call Debbie on 01625 850176.

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.





Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a

FACE School Annual Membership

which means ALL parents and ALL staff
get unlimited FREE access to ALL16 parent talks

Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday 18 th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.

This session explains what it is, why it
happens and how you can help.

Tuesday 3 rd April 10:00 - 11:30 £24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Spring Timetable all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk			
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		





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 (Inds 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.







FREE WILDCAT FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football, make new friends & have fun.

We offer a clear pathway through to playing for our teams on a Saturday



Easter PERFORM Holiday Clubs Bradshaw Hall Primary School

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th April There will be different Disney themes each day including: Lion King, Moana, Aladdin, Descendants and much more! Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Each day is a combination of singing, dancing and drama



Cost: £35 per day All childcare vouchers accepted Timings: From 8am to 5pm

www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301





Macclesfield Model Railway Exhibition **05 – 06 April 2025** Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4:30pm

Tytherington School Manchester Road, Macclesfield, SK10 2EE

Adults £10.00, Accompanied Children FREE (under 16)

www.macclesfieldmrg.org.uk

See web site above for full details

All Major Cards Accepted

Free Vintage Bus Service











The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering parent/carer drop-in sessions at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held once per half term in both the North and South localities. These informat sessions are an apportunity to discuss connerns, seek advice, and explore strategies to support your child. They are not for Local Authority processes (e.g., EKCs or placement changes) or hild assessments.

- (CPs or placement changes) or child a: <u>Examples of topics include:</u>
 Concerns about speech developme
 Managing challenging behaviour
 Social skills or play difficulties
 Anxietry or school-related issues
 Preparing for adulthood

Parents/carers can book a 30-minute slot by calling their local Family Hub. Sessions will be themed based on age groups (e.g., Start for Life, Primary, Secondary/Post-16) to align with the Family Hub journey map. Afternoon sessions will Confide with the Little Stars stay-and-play group for children with SEN.

Date	Location	Age Range	Times
14.03.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
18.03.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Secondary/Post 16	9.30am – 4.15pm
01.05.25	Congleton Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.05.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.06.25	Ash Grove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am-4.15pm
13.06.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Secondary/Post-16	9.30am – 4.15pm
15.07.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Primary (6- 11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
18.07.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
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We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible

Call your Family Hub to book a slot:

Oakenclough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm
Talks are recorded and available to watch

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24





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