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# Lower Park School

Lower Park News 14th February 2025

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## Winning House

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*As we come back to school on a Tuesday, the points for this week will be rolled over.*

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## Bromcom - MCAS app



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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*All Halliard Trust Primary schools have recently moved to a new Management Information System provided by Bromcom. As a result, we will be moving over to a new system called My Child at School (MCAS).*

***If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. This will be the only route to pay for dinners, approve trips, receive communications etc.***

*We will fully migrate all parent accounts and balances over to the new software and will confirm the date for the changeover shortly.*

*It is recommended you download and set up the My Child at School (MCAS) application as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. This will also enable the school to resolve any queries or issues before the go live date. To sign up, please download the MCAS application onto your smartphone:*

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- 1. Search for "My Child at School" in the Apple App Store/Google Play Store*
  - 2. Install the application and if you are asked, say yes to push notifications*
  - 3. When you launch the application, you will be asked for a school ID, please enter 15512***

4. Please register with the email address and phone number you have on record with the school

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If you have any issues setting up an account, please get in touch with the school office.

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## Star Writer Award

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Jackson M

Renee C

Holly B

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## Reception

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Early Years have had a lovely time creating a collage river this week. This was inspired by the book *A River* by Marc Martin and formed part of our activities for Creativity Week. The children ripped, layered and stuck different tones of blues and whites to create their own higgeldy piggeldy masterpiece. They also enjoyed spending time outside doing forest activities with Miss Cork and getting active in the hall with Mr Cunha.

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## KS1

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What an exciting week we have had!

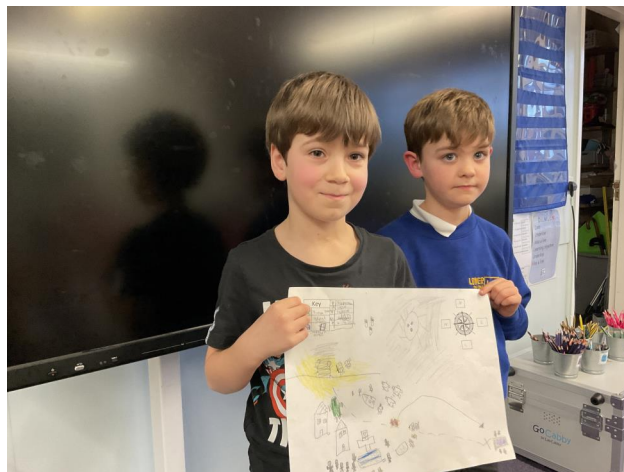
The children have enjoyed their cross curricular walk through Poynton. They used map skills to find our way and to locate familiar buildings. They thought like historians and identified how the use of buildings in Poynton have changed over time.

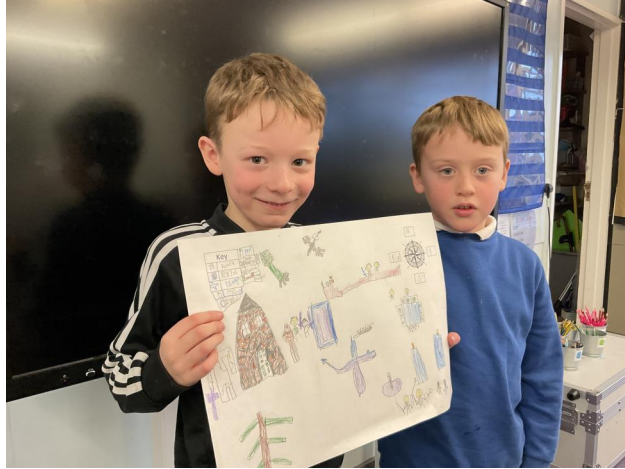
*A huge thank you to Just Ice for hosting us and providing the children with a very yummy cookie!*

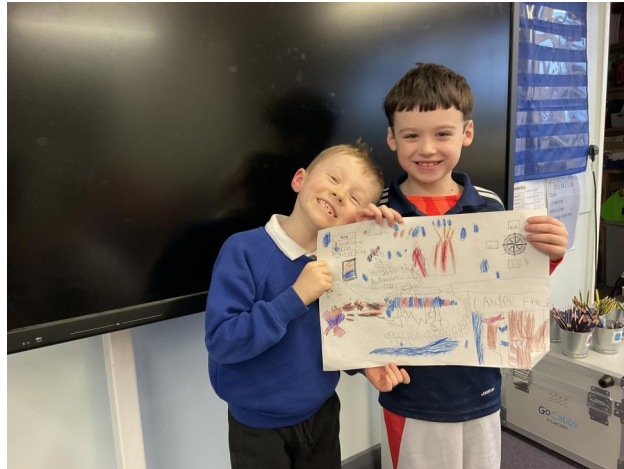
*Creativity week has been a bundle of fun! The child took part in a variety of sessions with teachers from across the school. They have created lots of fabulous work based around the theme of 'journeys'.*

*Wishing you all a lovely half term break.*

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## LKS2

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*This week we have had a little cross over between History and Geography. In Geography, we have been looking at land use of our surrounding area but this week we compared the land use from ancient times. First we looked at a Stone Age settlement in a book called A Street in Time, and then we looked at the same area in the Iron Age and considered the differences. We looked at how forts were built to protect from rival tribes, how trees were cut down to make way for farming and how boats on the river allowed them to fish for food. This week has also been creativity week and we have looked at the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna which is a story about people fleeing their homes due to war. We discussed the things that were most precious to us and what we would take if we have to leave our home.*

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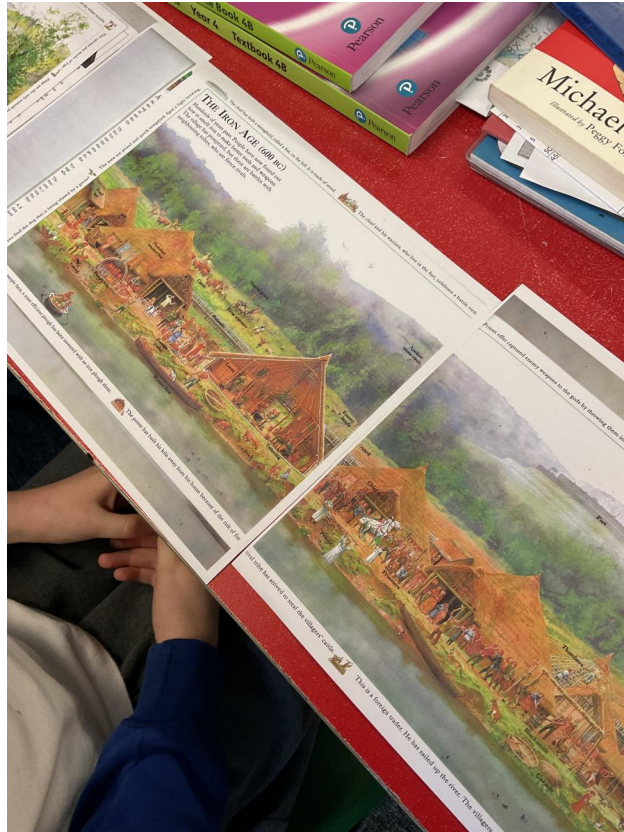












## UKS2

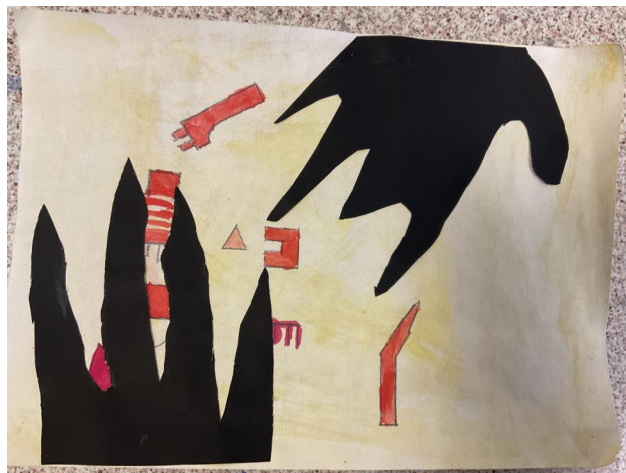
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*This week, Upper Key Stage 2 children have been busy showcasing their creativity and persuasive writing skills. As part of our Creativity Week, they explored *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna, producing incredible artwork inspired by the story's themes of courage and hope.*

*In English, the children took on the role of advocates, writing compelling letters to *The Selfish Giant*, demanding—using the powerful subjunctive mood—that he open his garden to the children once more. Their persuasive arguments were both heartfelt and forceful, proving that their voices have the power to bring about change, even in fiction.*

*It has been a fantastic week of learning, creativity, and expression. Well done, UKS2!*

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Let it mean in psychology and training for general speech and writing.

Dear Friend,

I am writing to express my concern about the well-  
being of our four noble grandsons here. It is my  
opinion that the children of the village desire to  
have freedom about where they choose to play.  
The garden is the only open ground in the village.  
I am sure you, I would not put my grandsons in the way of  
their gods. I understand that it would be a  
significant change for you, but it would also be  
greatly beneficial for them. The boys in such  
care no danger is involved, parents could  
manage the children's needs.

My noble plea for equality is this: everyone  
deserving the same so can you please bring back  
the way we once had? We all share this world  
and I request that you play your part in making  
it a better place.

Yours,  
A supporter of the Children.

## Book Bus

*Many thanks to everyone for your support.*

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## Creativity Week

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*This week, we were delighted to take part in a creativity project in collaboration with Ignite, generously funded by the Halliard Trust. The week began with **The Big Sing** at Fallibroome Academy, where our choir joined others for a fantastic celebration of music and performance, setting the tone for an inspiring week ahead.*

*The theme of 'Journeys' ran throughout the week, explored through a range of creative activities. Children took part in **Samba workshops** with Junk Percussion – Street Style Surgery, a **theatre workshop** with Goofus Theatre, and **dance workshops** inspired by the text Coming from America. KS1 explored local journeys with visits into Poynton, while both KS1 and KS2 used *A River* by Marc Martin as inspiration for their creative work—imagining and illustrating their own journeys through different landscapes. KS2 also explored *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna (Amnesty International), a moving story about a family's search for safety, which led to thoughtful discussions and creative responses in art and drama. Children also took part in **Forest School**, creating **Journeying Sticks** to represent personal and imaginative travels using natural materials.*

*A highlight of the week was the way teachers across the school contributed by leading creative sessions in **art, drama, dance, and music**, giving children the opportunity to work with different staff members and explore new ways of being creative.*

*It has been a fantastic opportunity for children to engage with the arts in different ways, and we are grateful to Ignite, the Halliard Trust, our visiting professionals, and our staff for making it all possible.*

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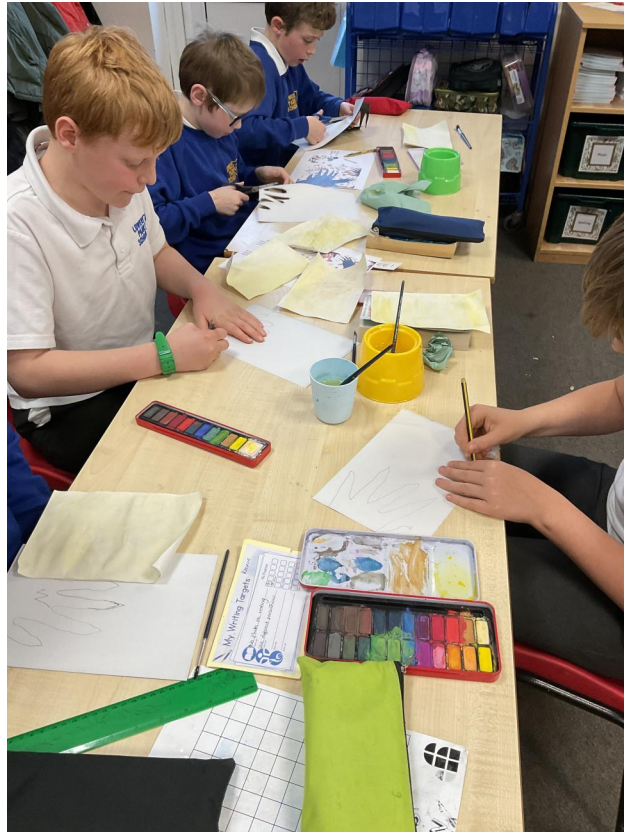














Safer Internet Day 2025 took place on the 11th of February 2025

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*Due to Creativity Week, Lower Park will be focussing on Internet Safety on the 25th February where we will be having a special assembly delivered by the CCSCOs.*

*Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year an online issue or theme is covered that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day focussed on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.*

*Children will consider the future of scams, and answer questions such as:*

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- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?*
  - What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?*
  - And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?*
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*A reminder that there are lots of useful E-Safety resources for families on our school website.  
Link [here](#)*

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## **Love Music Trust Vocal Residential**

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*Dear Parents,*

*We have received this from Cheshire East Music Hub- an invite for pupils to attend a Vocal residential with them. If it is something your child is interested in, please contact them directly via the link.*

Just a quick email to remind you of the annual Love Music Trust Vocal Residential at the Stanley Head outdoor pursuit centre in Stoke-on-Trent from Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th May. The residential course is run by the LMT Vocal Team and is suitable for all students across the borough who love to sing and want to learn more about stagecraft, vocal technique, solo and ensemble singing. The cost of the whole weekend inclusive of travel, (coach from Sandbach School at 4pm on Friday 2nd May) accommodation, meals, rehearsals and outdoor adventure activities has been subsidised by the Love Music Trust and is £175.00. The course will consist of a huge variety of workshops for all attending, plus age appropriate singing sessions, including an exciting mix of warm-ups, games, songs and choral repertoire, which will be explored over the fun-packed weekend. There will be a chance to take part in an outdoor activity, such as kayaking, high ropes and archery led by the Stanley Head Team on Saturday morning. The course will culminate in a sharing concert at 2pm to family and friends back at Sandbach School on Sunday 4th May.

This practical and vibrant course is open to students from Year 5 – Year 13 and in full time education.

Please use the following link to sign up to this fabulous opportunity to have fun all weekend with other talented singers!

<https://www.lovemusictrust.com/parents-and-pupils/vocal-residential>

*The closing date to sign up for the residential is Friday 21st March.*

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## PTA Update

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### ***Family bingo:***

*What an amazing time we had at the PTA family bingo at the start of the month. We hope that everyone who came along enjoyed it as much as we did!*

*A special thank you to the organisers Zoe Clark and Helen Greenhalgh as well as to the wonderful Jayne MacFarlane for hosting.*

### ***Bag2School:***

*On Wednesday 26 March, we will be having a fundraising clothes collection with the support of Bag2School. Charity bags (although you can donate stuff in any bag!) and full details will be provided after half term, but if you happen to have a clear out in the meanwhile, please put any old clothes, shoes, hats, bags, belts etc. aside ready for our collection. All the collected bags will be weighed and the greater the overall weight, the more the PTA will earn 😊*

*For further details please see: <http://bag2school.com/whatwecollect>*

### ***School discos:***

*As a brief date for the diary, the next school discos will be on 22 May. Keep your eyes peeled for more info after half term.*

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## Dates for the diary



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### *Diary dates for Spring 2025*

*Monday 24th February - Inset Day*

*Tuesday 25th February - School re opens for children*

*Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - Come dressed as a word! £1 contribution details to follow*

*Monday 10th March - Year 6 Activity morning at Poynton High School*

*Wednesday 26th March - PTA Bag2school collection - see above*

*Monday 31st March - Year 5 residential visit to Robinwood*

*Friday 4th April - School closes for Easter break*

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# Volunteering and the Poynton Community Larder

## OUR HELPING HEROES

Poynton Community Larder wishes to thank the following for all their amazing donations of food and financial support:

- Poynton Town Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Worth Primary School
- Graham - Highway Engineering Co
- Hope Green Residential Home
- Aldi Community Donation Point
- Poynton Round Table
- Waitrose and Partners, Poynton - Give a Little Love Scheme.
- Tesco Community Grant Scheme
- Churches Together in Poynton
- Galloways Printers Ltd



We are a member of the Cheshire East Food Alliance.

## FIND OUT MORE

**Website:**  
[www.pbc.org.uk/food](http://www.pbc.org.uk/food)

**Facebook:**  
Poynton Community Larder

**Instagram:**  
Poynton Community Larder

**Email:**  
[food@pbc.org.uk](mailto:food@pbc.org.uk)

**PBC Office Telephone No:**  
01625 859036



**Poynton Community Larder**

Bridging the gap

Registered Charity No. 1103040

## What is the Poynton Community Larder?

We are a local service that supports those in our community who need a little extra help with their weekly shop. We also aim to reduce food waste.

## When and Where are the Larder Days held?

We are open on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at Poynton Baptist Church.

## How can you help?

### Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome. Please get in touch with us if you think you might be interested in joining the team.

### Donations of food

We need supplies of tinned and packaged food, and hygiene products. If you can help by donating, please drop off items at Poynton Baptist Church, or at Clay Coffee House which is open Wed-Sat from 8:30am-4:00pm.

### Financial support

If you wish to make a financial donation, you can give through your bank as a one-off gift or standing order. Our bank details are below. Please reference your donation - FOOD.

**Names:** Poynton Baptist Church  
**Sort code:** 08-92-99  
**Account Number:** 65838440

## Who provides this service?

Poynton Baptist Church with the help of other people and organisations in the area - see 'our Helping Heroes' on the back of this leaflet.

## Who can become a member of the Larder?

Any family, single person or couple living in Poynton who are struggling to meet increased living costs. Members can self-refer and are not means-tested.

## What do we provide?

We provide nutritious food, and hygiene products at a reduced cost. We also provide a not-for-profit and dignified shopping experience.

## How much does it cost?

We charge £4 per shop which entitles customers to select 15 different items including fruit, vegetables and fresh bread, subject to availability. Currently we do not offer chilled or frozen food.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY?



### VOLUNTEER

Our service is run completely by volunteers, so without people like you our members would not be able to obtain that little bit of help with their weekly shopping.

### At the moment, we are especially short of the following helpers:

- shoppers for food and other items
- drivers of good-sized cars willing to drive to Manchester to pick up supplies for us
- people able to produce on-going social media content

Volunteers who might be interested in helping us in other ways would also be welcomed.

### DONATE FOOD AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS

We try to stock a complete range of tinned and packaged products, but at the present time we would especially welcome tinned meat, coffee and washing powder. Unfortunately, we cannot take frozen food or fresh food.

### HELP THE LARDER FINANCIALLY

To meet the increased demand, we are also very heavily dependent on financial giving to help us buy the additional supplies. In 2024 we had to buy 68% of the products needed by using financial gifts, mainly from people at Poynton Baptist Church, and as this percentage is forecast to increase, we will need more financial help..

### INTERESTED AND WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Come and see us on Larder Days on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 1:30am and 4:30pm at Poynton Baptist Church side (side entrance in car park)

Email: [food@pbc.org.uk](mailto:food@pbc.org.uk)

Telephone: Poynton Baptist Church 01625 859036

**More information can be found in our leaflet and on our:**

Website: [www.pbc.org.uk](http://www.pbc.org.uk)

Facebook: Poynton Community Larder

Instagram: Poynton Community Larder

## OUR LATEST NEWS

### Membership growing!

We now have 50 households on our register, which compares with 32 in October 2024. **Help us to help even more people in 2025.**

### Donations of food and other items also growing!

To provide for our increasing membership we have needed to see an increase in the donations of products, and thankfully this is also starting to happen. Donations have increased from 200 items per month in the first half of 2024 to 450 per month in the last half. So, a really big **THANK YOU** to all who have been so kind. But as OliverTwist said....."**More please!**".



### Christmas cheer at the December Larder Day

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we were able to give our members a few Christmas treats including a large box of chocolates, a large box of biscuits, and a packet of mince pies.



### Easter Egg Appeal 2025

As usual we want to give out Easter eggs on the Larder Day just before Easter. So, this year that will be on Wednesday 16th April. Last year we were able to give out 200 eggs! If you are able to donate a small boxed chocolate egg or even two, please bring these to the **Clay Coffee shop** on Park Lane from Wednesday 19th March onwards. The Coffee Shop is open between 9am and 4pm Wednesday to Saturday. **Maybe stop for a coffee?!**

## Community noticeboard



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appointment  
necessary

# Waiting for an appointment?

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**Choose Pharmacy first**

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- ♦ Sore throat
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- ♦ Impetigo
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- ♦ Infected insect bites

Subject to eligibility, suitability and availability of a trained pharmacist, and at the professional discretion of the pharmacist. \*UTI in women only.

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 **POYNTON**  
Sports Club



**STARTING FRIDAY  
10TH JANUARY 2025  
6-8.30pm  
(Term Time Only)**

**YOUTH CLUB**

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TUCK SHOP  
NON STOP FUN**

**6-13  
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Please note entry (pay on the day) and tuck shop are cash only!  
A parent or guardian must be present throughout the session.

[www.poyntonsports.com](http://www.poyntonsports.com)  
Poynton Sports Club • London Road North  
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Club Manager - Jane Williams 07984 526 534

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Your local office: Unit 28 Basepoint Business  
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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 funds 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](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) at no cost.



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### 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.

## JUNIOR LESSON PRICES

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## JUNIOR CONCESSION PRICES

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## ALPHA SWIM

### Disability Swimming Lessons: Age 4-17

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.

# TOURMALINE AND THE MUSEUM OF MARVELS TRAIL

When: Friday 14th Feb - Sat 1st March

Museum opening hours (Wed - Sat, 10.00 - 4.00)

Where: Silk Museum, Macclesfield, SK11 6TJ

Further Details: Free to enter / [thesilkmuseum.co.uk](http://thesilkmuseum.co.uk)

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# FREE

## DANCE SESSIONS

Every Friday evening 6.30-7.30pm at  
Poynton Civic Hall.

If you are aged between 8 and 15 years old  
come along and join in the fun.

No need to book, just turn up!

For further information contact 01625 872238

[reception@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:reception@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Follow Poynton Town Council's Facebook page for updates



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### FOOTBALL IN A FUN, SAFE & RELAXED ENVIRONMENT

#### WHEN

Starting Wednesday 2nd October  
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#### WHERE

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Poynton, SK12 1AG

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO THE SESSIONS](#)

Get in Touch



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

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# Junior Indoor Netball/Sports Camp!!



**Boys And Girls Welcome!**

With

**Liz Collins COACHing** - UKCC England Netball Level 2 Coach.

**Date's: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**AGE: 5 -16 yrs      TIME: 9.30am-4pm**

**COSTS: £30 per day - £50 both days**

AT

*Poynton Leisure Centre, Yew tree Lane, Poynton SK12 1PU.*

*All bookings & enquires to [lizcollinscoach@yahoo.com](mailto:lizcollinscoach@yahoo.com)*

*Text OR Ring: 07855754083*

*To secure your place, please make payment no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.*

**Important:**

Liz Collins **COACHing** reserves the right to cancel any camp if the numbers enrolled have not reached the minimum requirement. In this case a full refund would be returned.