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# Lower Park School

Lower Park News 28th February 2025

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Winning House

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

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Commendation Awards

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*Orla K*

*Rose H*

*Hana M*

*Katie A*

*Hudson S*

*Harper H*

*Theo R*

*Alex T-F*

*Julien G*

*James W*

*Xavier H*

*Matthew C*

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## Star Writer Award

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*Robert H*

*William H*

*Adam B*

*Ziah K*

*Emily Mc*

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## Reception

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*The police officers, Lisa and Amy, came to visit Reception this week. They talked about the role of the police and then we took it in turns to visit the police car, try on police uniform and have our fingerprints taken. In maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 10 using a ten frame. We rolled a dice to see how many counters to put in the ten frame and then worked out how many more we needed to fill the ten frame.*

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KS1

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*It was lovely to see the KS1 children back in school on Tuesday after their well deserved break. They all seemed refreshed and ready for a new half term. We started this week by looking at healthy foods as part of our new DT topic. In our first lesson the children sang the song, 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' about different vegetables and fruits. They all remembered it from our celebration at St George's for Harvest! We continued to look at vegetables that grow above and below the ground (root vegetables). The children sorted the vegetables into the two groups. Take a look!*

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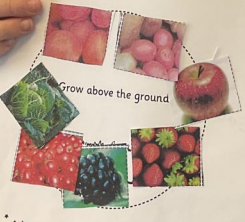




# Fruit and Vegetable Sorting Activity

I can explain where some food grows.

Grow above the ground



Grow below the ground  
(root vegetable)



Activity based on the National Curriculum, Science, Year 1, 2 and 3. For more fruit and vegetable...



## LKS2

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*It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and see their enthusiasm for learning! This term, we have dived into our exciting new science topic: Sound. The children have been exploring how sound is created through vibrations, engaging in hands-on activities to see and feel the effects in action. On the sunnier days, we took our learning outdoors, tuning in to the variety of sounds around the school—birds singing, leaves rustling, and even the distant hum of traffic.*

*Inside the classroom, there has been a fantastic symphony of sound coming from our glockenspiel lessons! The children are thoroughly enjoying learning to play and are making great progress in both rhythm and melody.*

*In French, Mme Munum has been guiding the children in learning how to describe physical features, expanding their vocabulary and pronunciation skills. It's been fantastic to see them growing in confidence as they put their new language skills into practice.*

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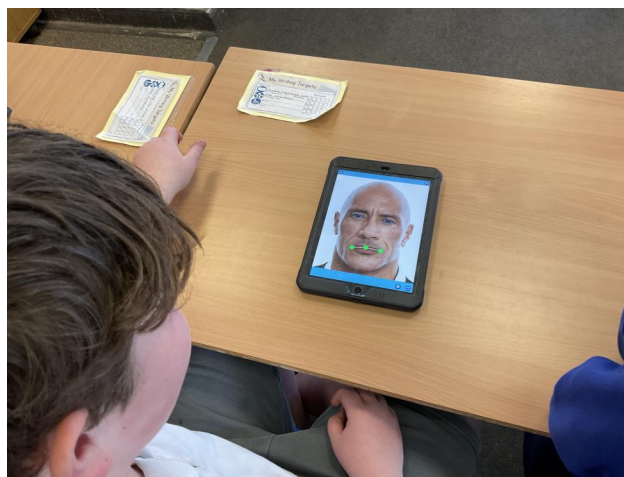
## UKS2

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Year 5 and 6 have hit the ground running after half term, returning with enthusiasm and energy!

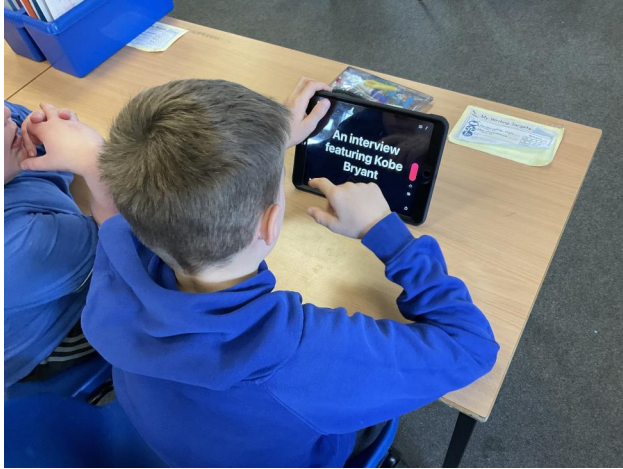
In PE, we've started our tennis sessions, focusing on perfecting our forehand strokes and learning how to hit the ball into space to challenge our opponents. Meanwhile, in computing, we've been getting to grips with the apps Animate Anything and Clips, tinkering and exploring their features. Over the coming weeks, we'll be using these tools to create our own interview videos with famous figures—watch this space for some exciting projects ahead! 🎤💻🎬

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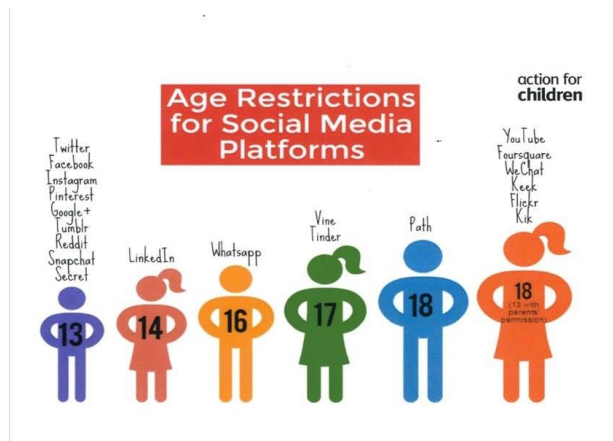
## Safer Internet Assembly

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*This week, to follow on from our learning on Safer Internet Day, we invited our Council Community Support Officers into school to deliver an assembly. They spoke to the children and shared different strategies that the children can use to stay safe online. The 'SMART' rule was shared and is attached below. Many children shared with the CCSOs the various online platforms that they are accessing, and all children were reminded of the age restrictions around these applications.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank the CCSOs for coming into school and sharing these important messages with our pupils.*

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## Netball Festival

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*The Lower Park Y6 netball team took part in a netball festival on Tuesday morning at Wilmslow High School. They spent time learning new drills and skills, before playing a couple of matches in which they were outstanding! No goals were conceded thanks to some flying interceptions, and exceptional passing and movement down the court combined with stunning shooting led to high-scoring wins. It was fantastic to see their hard work in training over the last year pay off. Well done to all the players you made us very proud!*

*Mrs Carter, Mrs Adley and Miss Booth*

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## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

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*This year, we are going to have a 'dress-up day' with a difference. We would like the children to fully enter the spirit of being 'Word Collectors' and instead of coming to school dressed as a book character, we would like the children to come to school dressed up as a word that is new or interesting to them. For example, this could be a word that they have found in their reading book that they didn't know the meaning of or a word they have recently heard that they didn't know the meaning of. It should be a new and previously unknown word for a child, so we don't expect to see lots of football kits with the word 'football' on them! We hope that everyone will be able to put together an outfit together using things that they have available at home and that no one should need to buy anything new.*

*We are trying to further enrich our opportunities around reading at school. We would politely ask if parents are able to make a voluntary contribution of £1 for the non-uniform dress-up and to support us in raising funds for new and exciting reading resources at school- children can bring their donation in cash on the day of World Book Day.*

*We are in no doubt that this day will be an exciting opportunity for the children to enjoy reading and explore lots of new, interesting and powerful words.*

*We thank you in advance for your support.*

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## Planting Day 29th March - all invited

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*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.*

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## Message from the Eco Committee...

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### ***Are you sending your children to school with unhealthy snacks?***

After conducting a survey amongst the children of Lower Park, we have realised that most of Lower Park's students are eating unhealthy snacks at breaktime. As an alternative, we would like to propose that children are sent to school with only healthy snacks such as fresh fruit. Research has shown that eating snacks that are high in sugar can have a negative impact on children's learning as well as many other ways.

More information can be found [here](#)

Additionally, there has been lots of litter blowing around our school's outdoor areas. The school playground could greatly benefit if our pupils made the change to eat more fruit, as fruit does not have plastic packaging whereas crisps and chocolate does. Therefore, there will be less litter.

Fruit is healthier, giving vitamins and minerals to the body.

**Signed the Eco Committee**

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## SEND Survey for Children and Young People

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*The [Cheshire East 0-25 SEND Partnership](#) is conducting a survey to hear from professionals, families, parent carers, children, young people, educational settings and anyone who is part of the delivery of SEND services for children and young people aged 0 – 25.*

*The partnership is interested to hear about what is working well and what we could do better for and young people with SEND.*

*You can complete the survey online at [https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND\\_Survey\\_2025\\_Young\\_People/](https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND_Survey_2025_Young_People/) before the deadline of **5 March 2025**. You might need some help from a parent, carer or trusted adult to complete the survey.*

*The feedback we receive will remain strictly confidential and will be used to help us to identify what needs to be improved.*

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Cheshire East SEND Partnership*

*Participation Team | Cheshire East Council*

*Macclesfield Youth Hub, 33 Great King Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6PN*

*Tel: 01625 384320*

*[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)*

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PTA Update

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**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 follow, 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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## Lower Park After School Club KS2

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### **KS2 - Monday – Friday 3:20pm – 5:50pm**

*We have a few spots available at our After-School Club! The after-school club is located within the school and is managed and staffed by our existing Lower Park team. Your child will enjoy a tasty, healthy snack and a variety of fun activities, from outdoor play to crafts and construction projects. You can find more details on our website, where you can book a regular spot for £16 per night, or choose to book on an ad-hoc basis for £17.25 per night [here](#)*

*Our After-School Club is led by the wonderful Mrs. Duffy , who is always happy to help with any questions or to assist you with booking a place. Feel free to get in touch via email [afterschoolclub@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)*

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## Dates for the diary



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### *Diary dates for Spring 2025*

*Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - Come dressed as a word! £1 contribution , see above*

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

*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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# 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

**Facebook:**  
Poynton Community Larder

**Instagram:**  
Poynton Community Larder

**Email:**  
food@pbc.org.uk

**PBC Office Telephone No:**  
01625 859036



## Poynton Community Larder

Bridging the gap



Registered Charity No. 110340

## 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.

**Name:** 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.

## 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?!**

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## JOB VACANCY

### *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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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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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Easter holiday club and camp dates:

- April 7 - April 18

- ✓ #HAF available
- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted
- ✓ Tax-free childcare

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## GREAT EGGS-PEDITION TO EASTER ISLAND...

Easter holiday club and camp dates:

- April 7 – April 18
- 8:45 am – 3:15 with wraparound available dependent on venue!

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