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# Lower Park School

Lower Park News 25th April 2025

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## Winning House

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

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## MCAS update - **A Big Thank You!**

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*We'd like to say a huge thank you to our amazing school office team and our wider school community for all your efforts in helping to streamline our communications. We really appreciate your continued engagement with our messages and pre-order systems—it's making a real difference!*

*Thanks to your support, things are running much more smoothly. Teachers are able to spend more time teaching, and the kitchen team can order more accurately, which helps reduce waste—win-win!*

*Following your helpful feedback on snack pre-orders, we're making a small but exciting update. As part of this trial, we'll be introducing a **Friday Treat Bagel** option—perfect for those who only wish to order snacks once a week. Friday has been the most popular day, so we hope this addition is a welcome one.*

*Thank you again for your patience and support as we fine-tune this process. And a special well done to Mrs Allatt and Mrs Buchan for their dedication and hard work behind the scenes!*

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## Commendation Awards

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*Leo T*

*William H*

*Will G*

*Naomi B*

*Sophia W*

*George H*

*Olivia G*

*Finley T*

*Noa C*

*Isobel P*

*Edward R*

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## Star Writer Award

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*Joshua C*

*Isabelle C*

*Gioia W*

*Isobel P*

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## Reception

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*Welcome back to our Summer term! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. This week, we began our new topic, 'Are we nearly there yet?' We enjoyed practising and performing*

*transport rhymes on stage, designing and making our own vehicles and digging our own roads. In Maths, we have been learning how to count on from a given number in order to add. We set up a number track outside, stood on a starting number and then jumped forwards to work out what number we would land on.*

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## KS1

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*The children have enjoyed the first week back at school after the Easter holidays. They have been busy in many lessons. In PE they have been enjoying the lovely sunshine and playing different games outside. This week, the children learned how to defend. In Geography the children learned the names of all seven continents and were able to locate and stick them on a map. They loved learning the continents song too!*

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## LKS2

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*The children have thrown themselves into the new term with great enthusiasm! In English, they've been working hard on a creative and informative project all about the Blue Whale. Their posters are packed with fascinating facts and thoughtful insights into the challenges these gentle giants face in today's oceans. To top it off, the posters feature some truly fantastic sketches.*

*In science, they've been equally engaged, exploring the topic of sound. The children thoroughly enjoyed carrying out investigations to discover how sound can be muffled and how far it can travel. There's been plenty of curiosity, teamwork, and some very clever thinking along the way!*

*Music has been just as inspiring! The children composed their own pieces of music inspired by different personalities. As their compositions played, they confidently read aloud fascinating facts about the person behind the music. It was a powerful blend of sound and storytelling – a real showcase of creativity, expression, and confidence!*

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## UKS2

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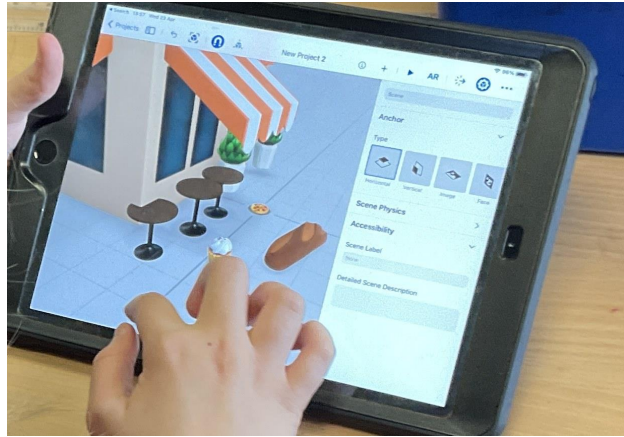
*This week, our Computing lessons introduced us to an exciting new app—**Reality Composer!** During our first session, we had some fun ‘Tinker Time’ to explore the app and begin getting to grips with its features. Over the coming weeks, we’ll be using it to create our own AR models based on the Solar System—watch this space!*

*In PE, we've been shifting our focus to athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We've kicked things off by developing our sprinting technique, working on explosive starts, driving our arms, and maintaining consistent strides with high knees. The children have shown great energy and determination in the sunshine!*

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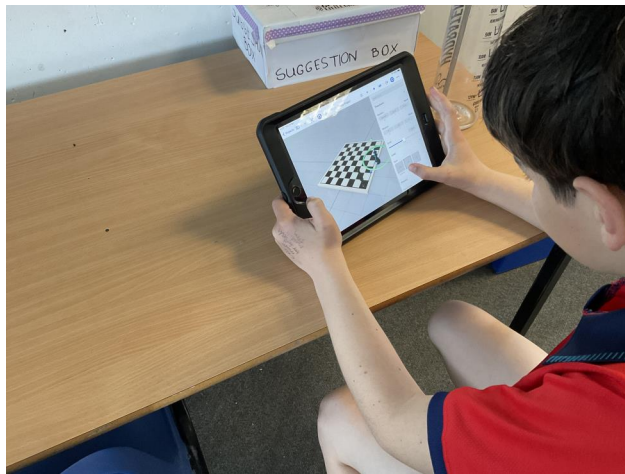














## Staffing Update

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### ***A Fond Farewell and Warm Wishes***

*As we move through the school year, we have some heartfelt goodbyes and cheerful welcomes to share.*

*First, we'd like to say a big **thank you and goodbye to Sue Berzins**, who has been a valued member of our office team. Sue has played a key role in supporting the school through the academisation process, providing invaluable financial expertise and a steady hand throughout. She's now heading off to spend more time with her family and enjoy the things she loves – we wish her every happiness in this next chapter.*

***Congratulations and best wishes also go to Mrs Breen***, who will be retiring this summer. As one of the first friendly faces our youngest children meet in Reception, Mrs Breen has brought warmth, kindness, and a comforting presence to so many families over the years. She will be truly missed by all of us, and we hope she enjoys every moment of her well-earned retirement. We have lots of time to say our goodbyes, but wanted to share this with you.

*We'd also like to say a heartfelt **thank you to Laura Cahill**, who has come to the end of her term as a Parent Governor. Laura has given her time generously as a volunteer, offering professional insight and strong support, especially during our transition to academy status. Her contribution has been greatly appreciated by everyone involved.*

*At the same time, we are delighted to **welcome Robert Hardman** as our new Parent Governor and **Sandra Taylor-Farrell**, who will also be joining our Governing Body. We look forward to working with them both and are excited about the experience and perspectives they bring.*

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## New Website Photography next Tuesday

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*On Tuesday 29th April we have photographers coming in to school to take new photographs for our website. Could we ask please if your children have Lower Park branded uniform, that they wear it on this day.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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## Finance Officer Vacancy

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*We are currently recruiting for a Finance Officer to join our busy school office.*

*The hours are 12 per week to suit and would be term time only - 39 weeks.*

*Please follow the link below for more detail and to apply.*

*[Halliard Trust - Lower Park School Finance Officer Vacancy](#)*

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## End of day pick up

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*Just a reminder that the school playground equipment including the astro should not be used at the end of the day. Please can we remind you to leave the playground promptly in order for our children in afterschool club to be able to access the outside area.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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## Social Media Safeguarding

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*To help your child stay safe online at home, please check your 'Safety and privacy settings' on any device children access.*

*Exploring the safety and privacy settings on apps will help you decide which are right for your child to use.*

### ***Age ratings and features***

*Each app your child uses will have an age rating and it's useful to know what these are. Many have a minimum age of 13 years, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure.*

*Reminder - the following social media apps have age restrictions of 13+*

*Facebook, Instagram, Snap chat, Tiktok and What's app.*

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## PTA Update

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*Welcome back everyone – we hope you had a great Easter holiday!*

*A quick update on our events for this term:*

### ***Summer Discos – Thursday 22 May***

*Planning is underway for the summer discos and we'd like to express a huge thanks to all those who have already offered to help out on the day. We're still in need of a few more people for the KS2 disco so if you're able to volunteer, please complete the form at the link below.*

<https://forms.office.com/e/1N3sHkQQ55?origin=lprLink>

## **Summer Fair – Saturday 28 June**

*Plans have started and there are currently 3 of us taking the lead but there's lots to do so it would be great to get a few more parents or guardians involved. Just send us an e-mail ([ptalowerpark@gmail.com](mailto:ptalowerpark@gmail.com)) or pop in to the office to make yourself known!*

*As usual, we'll be inviting the children to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for donations. We thought we'd give you as much notice as possible to get the dates in your diary and plan ahead:*

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- *Friday 23rd May: sweets or **nut-free** chocolate*
  - *Thursday 19th June: new or used books and/or games for our new book and toy stalls*
  - *Friday 27th June: bottles for the hugely successful bottle golf game!*
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## **Raffle**

*The raffle has always been a very popular part of our fairs and a great fundraiser. We are currently sourcing prizes so would love to hear from you if you own or work for a company that could donate something. We'd naturally be happy to advertise your business in return. Please simply e-mail us at [ptalowerpark@gmail.com](mailto:ptalowerpark@gmail.com).*

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## Dates for the diary



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### *Diary dates for Spring 2025*

*Tuesday 29th April - Photography for website*

*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*

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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+

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### 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.

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### ALPHA SWIM

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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.



## 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



## DROP-IN WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



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 informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice, and explore strategies to support your child. They are not for Local Authority processes (e.g., EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

### Examples of topics include:

- Concerns about speech development
- Managing challenging behaviours
- Social skills or play difficulties
- Anxiety 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 coincide 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

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**

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10:00-11:30am  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 19:00-20:30



**School discount codes do not apply for this talk**



## Easter Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
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Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
<b>FREE</b> Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm