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# Lower Park School

## Lower Park News 2nd May 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 Tuesday.*

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### Commendation Awards

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*Reggie P*

*Yazmin S*

*Jessica P*

*Isla B*

*Summer C*

*Isaac F*

*George C*

*Ava W*

*Jack M*

*Harriet K*

*Elizabeth T-F*

*Jack W*

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## Star Writer Award

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*Elodi-Grace S*

*Oscar G*

*Harriet F*

*Madelyn O*

*Summer C*

*Freddie W*

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## Reception

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*We have made the most of the beautiful weather this week and enjoyed lots of different activities in our outdoor area. Inspired by our story of 'Naughty Bus', we have been digging roads, making routes for Naughty Bus to follow and role playing catching the bus.*

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## KS1

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*This week in KS1 the children have been introduced to yoga in indoor PE lessons. The children learned that yoga is good for the mind and body enabling the mind to feel calm and to increase flexibility and strength. They began the lesson by pretending to be near the ocean, they thought about what animals live in the ocean, practised their breathing and pretended to blow bubbles as they breathed out. The children then made yoga poses for different animals that they thought of. Here are some of our dolphin, seal, turtle, starfish and jellyfish poses!*

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## LKS2

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*This week, the children have been exploring the theme of diversity in their PSHE lessons, learning to appreciate and celebrate the differences that make each person unique and how we can use our own strengths to help others. In English, they've been enjoying Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty, using the stories to spark rich discussions and imaginative responses. They've also started their new book, Journey by Aaron Becker—a beautifully illustrated, wordless picture book that invites children to interpret the story through images alone. It's been a wonderful opportunity for them to use their creativity and storytelling skills!*

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## UKS2

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*This week in Upper Key Stage 2, the children have been getting stuck into our new English unit based on Pathways to Write, all about the Galápagos Islands and Charles Darwin's travels and theory of evolution.*

*They've really enjoyed learning about the animals Darwin discovered and how he came up with his famous ideas. We've had some great discussions about adaptation and how different species survive in their environments.*

*The children have been working hard and begun to create their own newspaper articles, reporting on Darwin's journey and discoveries. It's been great to see them using what they've learned in both English and science to produce clear, informative reports.*

*We're really proud of their efforts and can't wait to share some of their work with you soon.*

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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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## PTA Update

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

*Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help at the summer discos.*

*Full details about each of the discos can be found in the following posters. Important: all orders/payments must be made by 6pm on Friday 16 May:*

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- Due to the school becoming cashless - please purchase your child's £2 Disco tickets to ptalowerpark@gmail.com via **PayPal selecting Family and friends choice (so we don't incur transaction fees)** and include your child's full name and class in the information box.
- The school council will be putting a box in the KS2 area to collect children's song choices for the DJ Jayne MacFarland.
- The Disco door will open at 17:00pm please can all children enter the hall via reception.
- Children in afterschool club will be allowed to get ready at school and will be taken to the disco.
- Pick up arrangements - Children will be stood within their classes in the main hall. Parents to enter the school via reception to the main hall and exit the hall via the back exit.
- Please speak to the office/your child's teacher for any specific collection changes/ details.
- KS1 children can wear disco clothes to school that day, KS2 to wear uniform please, disco clothes for the event.
- The Disco tuck shop will be open. Price guide - Drinks, Hotdogs and Crisps £1. Haribo, Fredo, Sweets and Ice Pops 50p



- KS1 Children can come in summer party clothes to school.
  - KS1 Disco will take place straight after school.
  - Pick up time will be 16:30pm from your child's class room.
  - Please send £5 payment to [ptalowerpark@gmail.com](mailto:ptalowerpark@gmail.com) via **PayPal** selecting **family and friends choice (so we don't incur transaction fees)** and include your child's full name and class in the information box.
  - Please complete the QR code below with your child's Disco food, drink choices.
  - All orders and payments need to be sent before 18:00pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Thank you, Lower Park PTA



<https://forms.office.com/e/CweDaPcVtiG>

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### ***Summer Fair – Saturday 28 June***

*Plans are well underway and there are 3 of us taking the lead but there are lots of little jobs to do so if you're able to help out in any way, please 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 prizes and gazebos***

*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 get in touch by completing the form at the link below.*

*As in previous years, we need to borrow as many gazebos as possible for the day of the fair. These can be dropped off in advance or at 9am on the morning of the fair to suit you. If you're able to lend us one (or more!) gazebos, please let us know by completing our form:*

<https://forms.office.com/r/WLtf3bzMUD>

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### ***Dates for the diary***



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### ***Diary dates for Spring 2025***

*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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## Community noticeboard



The advertisement features a photograph of a pharmacist in a white coat and blue lanyard, holding a clipboard and glasses, talking to a customer. A large blue cross is on the left, and a green cross is on the right. The NHS logo is in the top right corner with the text 'Providing NHS services'.

**No appointment necessary**

### Waiting for an appointment?

Did you know that your local Well Pharmacy can give you **FREE** confidential advice and treatments on the below conditions, without an appointment.

**Choose Pharmacy first**

- ♦ Urinary tract infection (UTI)\*
- ♦ Sore throat
- ♦ Sinusitis
- ♦ Earache
- ♦ Impetigo
- ♦ Shingles
- ♦ 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.

**+well Pharmacy**

# PERCUSSION HOLIDAY CLUB

BY **POYNTON DRUM SCHOOL**

 **Tuesday 27 May 2025**

Explore a variety of percussion instruments and take part in high-energy team games in this action-packed day of music, rhythm, and fun!

- **09:00 - 15:00**
- **Ages 7-12**
- **£35 per child**
- **10% discount for Poynton Drum School students**

 Middlewood House,  
Higher Poynton, SK12 1TW



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[poyntondrumschool.com](http://poyntondrumschool.com)



 **POYNTON**  
Sports Club



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

**YOUTH CLUB**

**MUSIC  
GAMES  
SPORTS  
TUCK SHOP  
NON STOP FUN**

**6-13  
YEARS  
£2  
ENTRY**

If you like sport why not  
have a go at our  
**MULTISPORT ACTIVITIES**  
Starts at 6pm  
for 90 minutes



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  
Poynton • Stockport • SK12 1AG  
Club Manager - Jane Williams 07984 526 534

 **Five Rivers.**  
*Turning children's lives around*





**Foster carers turn  
children's lives  
around - come and  
foster with us**

If you are interested in a  
life-changing vocation and  
can provide a safe, loving  
home to a child in care, we'd  
love to hear from you.

**01527 834653  
0333 0603 962  
[five-rivers.org](http://five-rivers.org)**

Your local office: Unit 28 Basepoint Business  
Centre, Isidore Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3ET

Short term and long term foster carers needed.  
Highly competitive fostering allowance of up  
to £28,000 a year, tax-free, 24/7 support and  
specialist training. Potential to combine with full  
or part-time work.

CHESHIRE EAST FAMILY HUBS  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

inourplace **NHS**

## Supporting emotional health and wellbeing from 0-19+

Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens

- Antenatal and postnatal baby bonding
- Understanding your child or young person
- Your child or young person with additional needs
- Teenager's feelings and brain development
- And lots more specialist courses

Designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and parents

Residents of CHESHIRE EAST

In paid partnership with: **Cheshire East Council** **ADDP**

Use Access Code **WHEATSHEAF**

[www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)




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.

**everybody SWIM**

# every lesson

**IMMEDIATE START AVAILABLE** **SWIM SAFE & STRONG**

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Includes **FREE** public swimming for children enrolled on direct debit lessons.

To enquire or book,  
email [support@everybody.freshdesk.com](mailto:support@everybody.freshdesk.com)

Official Partner of **Swim England**



## SWIMMING LESSONS AT EVERYBODY HEALTH & LEISURE



### 1. ADULT AND CHILD CLASSES

#### Baby and Toddler Age under 3 years

Our Adult and Child classes allow parents to be in the water with their child to help gain confidence in the water.

### 2. DUCKLINGS AWARDS 1-4

#### 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

Monthly Direct Debit - £34.99

### JUNIOR CONCESSION PRICES

Discounted swimming lessons are available through our Everybody Options scheme. Check your eligibility online or contacting us. £21.99 joining fee required.



### 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.



## 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

## FREE WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

In a fun, safe and relaxed environment

WEDNESDAYS  
6PM - 7PM

Barnaby Park  
Barnaby Road, Poynton  
SK12 1LR

Find out more by emailing:  
[communitytrust@stockportcounty.com](mailto:communitytrust@stockportcounty.com)

For ages  
8-16



Community Trust

with partners





# 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



## Dance yourself dizzy!

Poynton youth engagement provided by trained dance instructors in  
conjunction with Poynton Town Council and Cheshire East Council






MACCLESFIELD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST IN  
 PARTNERSHIP WITH POYNTON TOWN COUNCIL





**FREE MULTISPORT  
ACTIVITIES**  
 for ages 5-11  
 REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

TAKING PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING  
 TUESDAYS FROM 4PM - 5PM

29TH APRIL  
 6TH AND 13TH MAY  
 10TH, 17TH\* AND 24TH JUNE  
 1ST AND 8TH JULY

\*Session on 17th June takes place from 4:30pm - 5:30pm

POYNTON CIVIC HALL, OFF PARK LANE, SK12 1RB





**PRESENTS...**

AGE 7-13

LIONEL BART'S  
**OLIVER!**  
 BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS  
 BY LIONEL BART

**MUSICAL  
THEATRE  
WORKSHOP**

**£75**  
 FOR 2 DAY  
 WORKSHOP  
 SIBLINGS £65 EACH

**27 & 28 MAY**  
**LOSTOCK HALL**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**POYNTON**  
**9:30AM-3:30PM**

BOOK VIA  
 AWMTC.ORG



## 'Adolescence' TV show highlighted the issues



What is INCEL culture?  
Isolation and rejection  
Lack of positive role models  
Over dependence on Smart phones  
Screen addiction  
Vulnerability to online bullying  
Influenced by negative role models  
Toxic websites  
Violent behaviour & misogyny

### Cognitive & Emotional Resilience for our Children

## Online Talk for Parents

from FACE Family Advice £24

Join Jane Keyworth, FACE Lead Facilitator online  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



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**