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Lower Park School

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Winning House

The house points for this week will be saved and rolled over to until after half term as it is year group and leavers photos on Monday with all children in full school uniform.

What to wear next week!

Next week there is a lot going on, so here is a quick summary to help:

Monday- Class photos - Everyone in uniform

Tuesday - Sports Day - Everyone in PE kit

Wednesday - Just Ice dress up - £1 green/blue for Fairtrade

Thursday - - KS1&F in disco clothes

Friday - Dress down for PTA sweet donation

Commendation Awards

Henry F

Max Mc

Sammy T

Imogen Mc

Chloe C

Max F

Chloe W

Frances R

Jasmine M

Evelyn C

James W

Hudson S

Olivia G

Star Writer Award

Alfie J

Xavier H

Orla K

Emily M

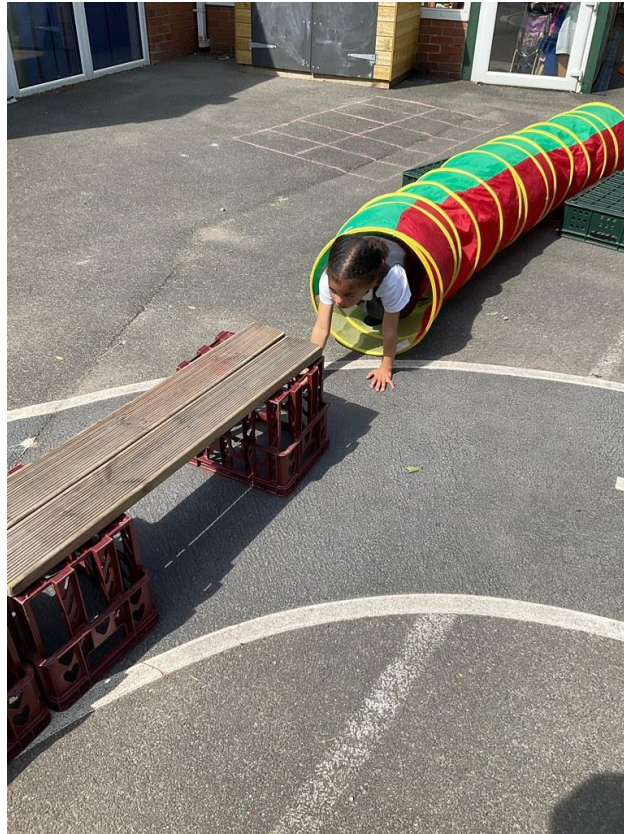
Cate T-F

Reception

In Reception, we have enjoyed looking at different famous astronauts and talking about important contributions they have made. We then created our own astronaut training course. We had to collect stars, move around the different obstacles, and place the stars in the rocket. We worked together to complete our training and are now ready for the space mission!











KS1

In ICT lessons, the children in KS1 have been using the app, Chatterpix. They began their lessons by exploring the app and key features it has. They then picked a character they wanted to be and recorded themselves being that character. The children had so much fun and were very creative with their ideas! The children will evaluate their learning thinking about their successes and what they could improve on if they were to be a new character.



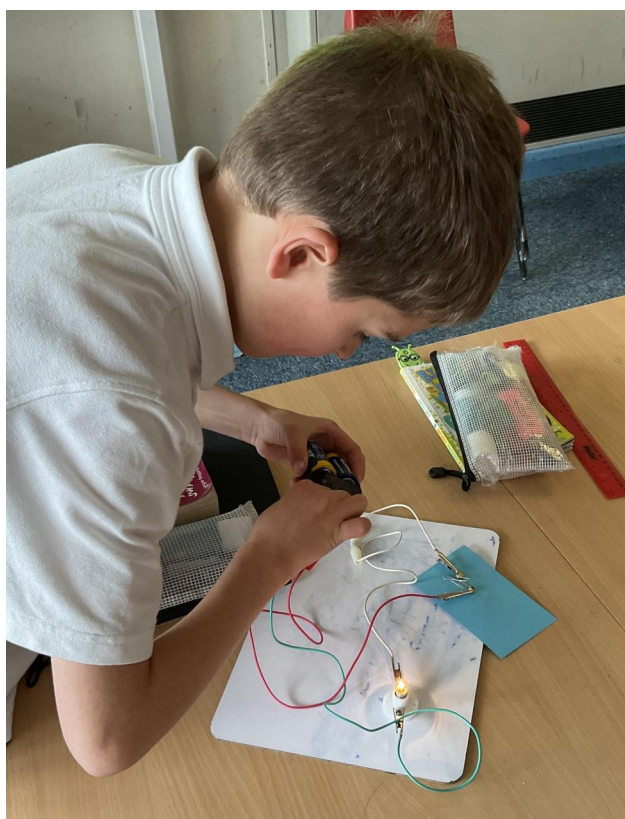
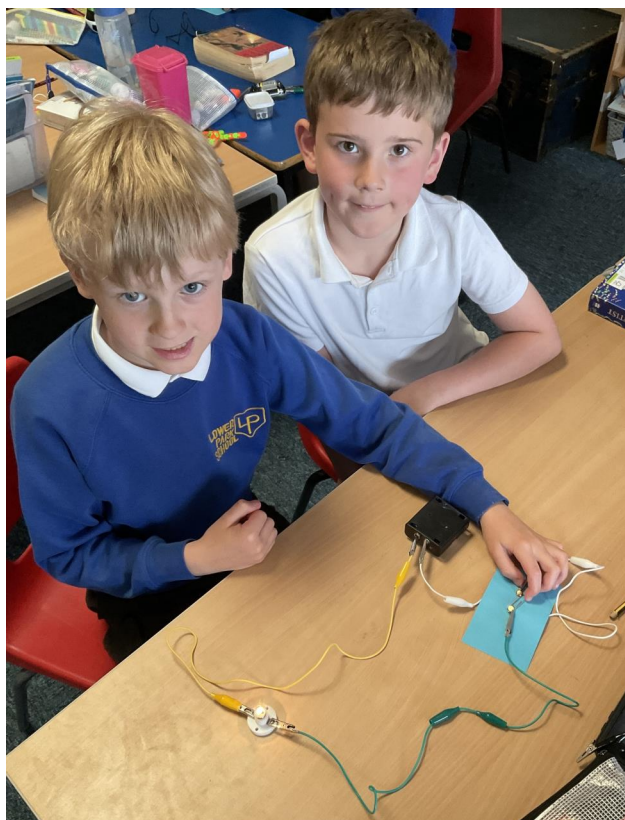


LKS2

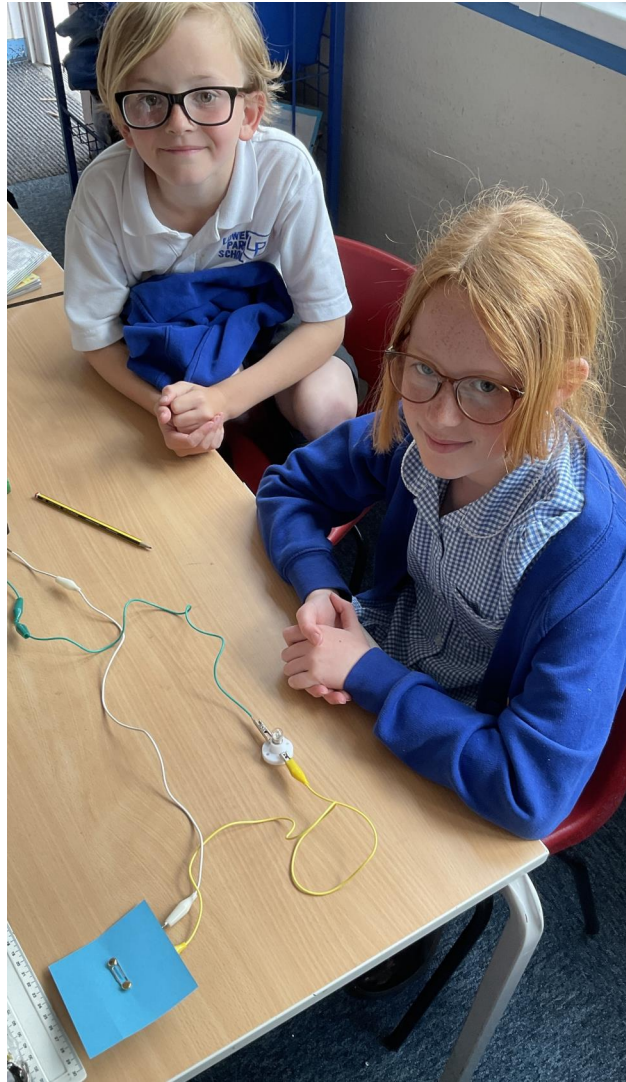
Lower Key Stage 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring electricity in science. They've been busy building circuits and learning how to incorporate bulbs, buzzers, and motors into their designs. A highlight was using motors to create paper windmills!

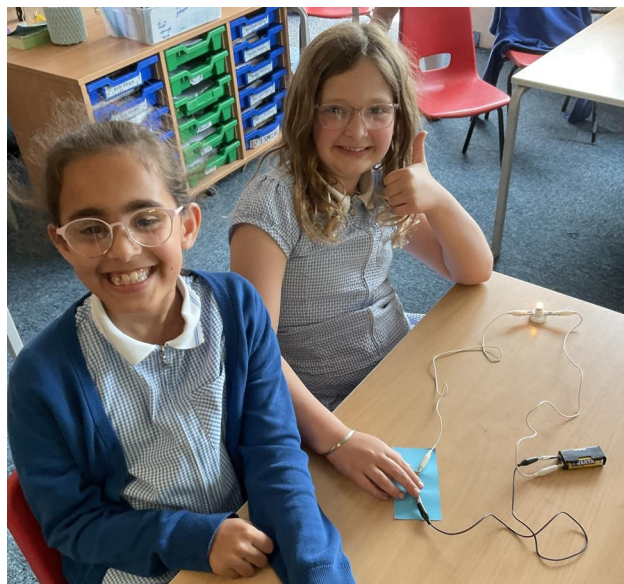
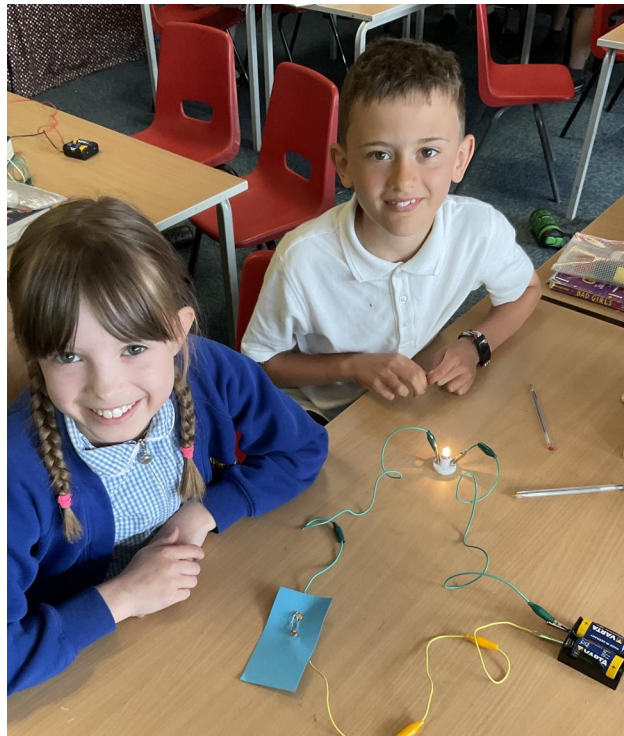
They also constructed working switches and investigated which materials act as electrical conductors or insulators by testing them in real circuits.

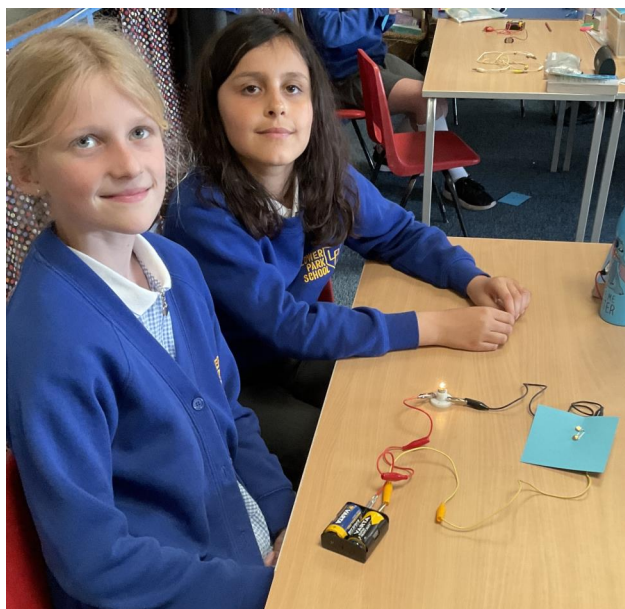
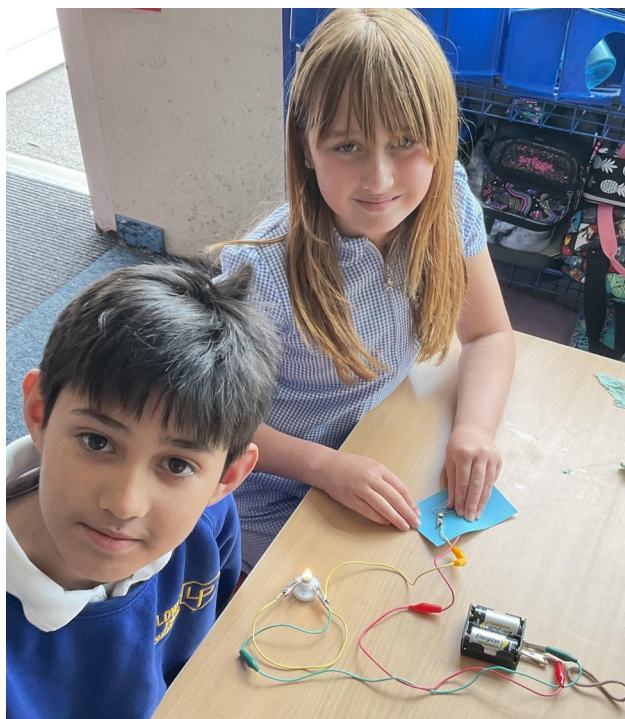
In English, they have been inspired by Aaron Becker's beautifully illustrated wordless book. Without any text, the stunning visuals have encouraged them to use their imaginations as they create their own pieces of work. It's been wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm in their writing.

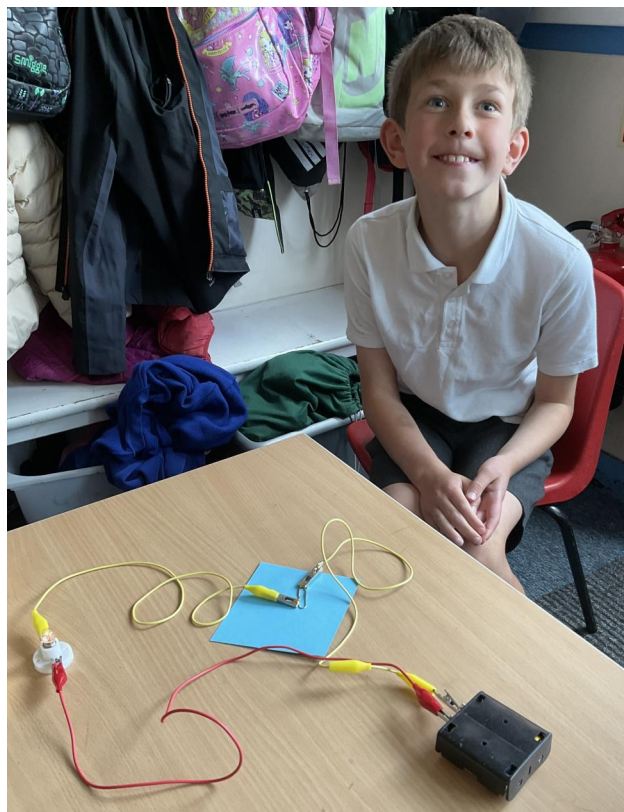
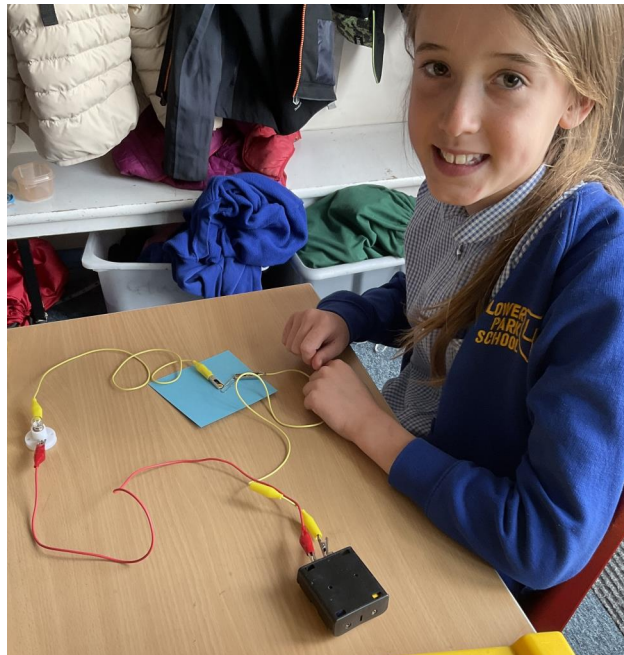


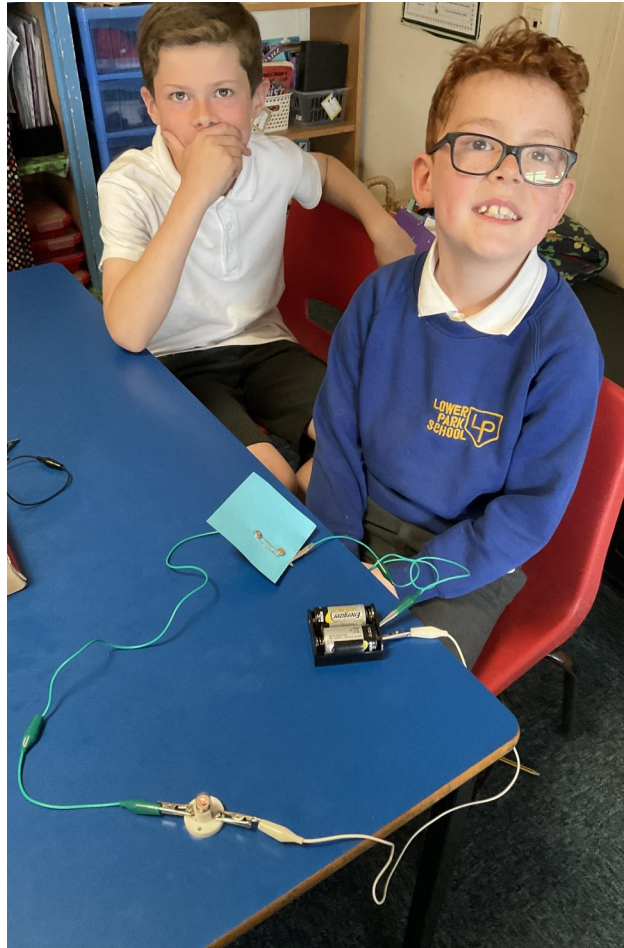


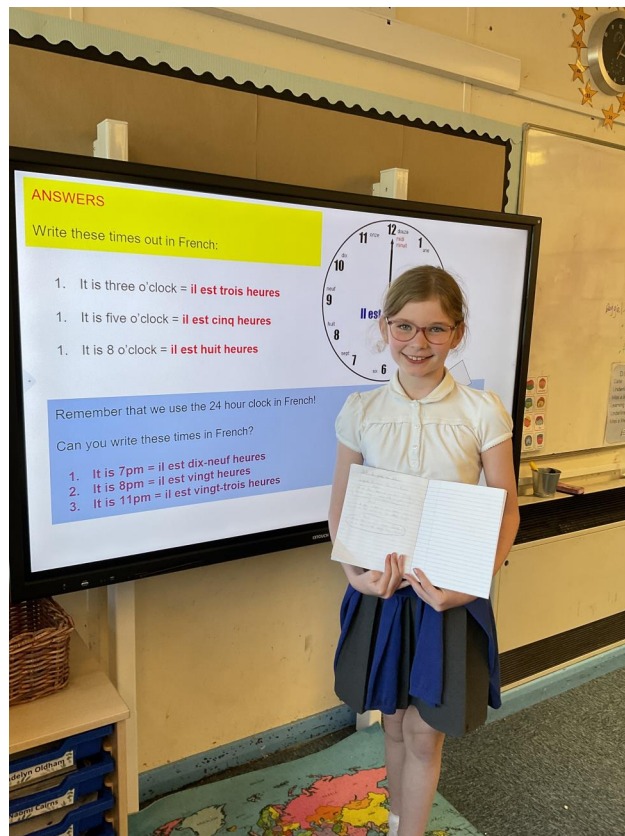
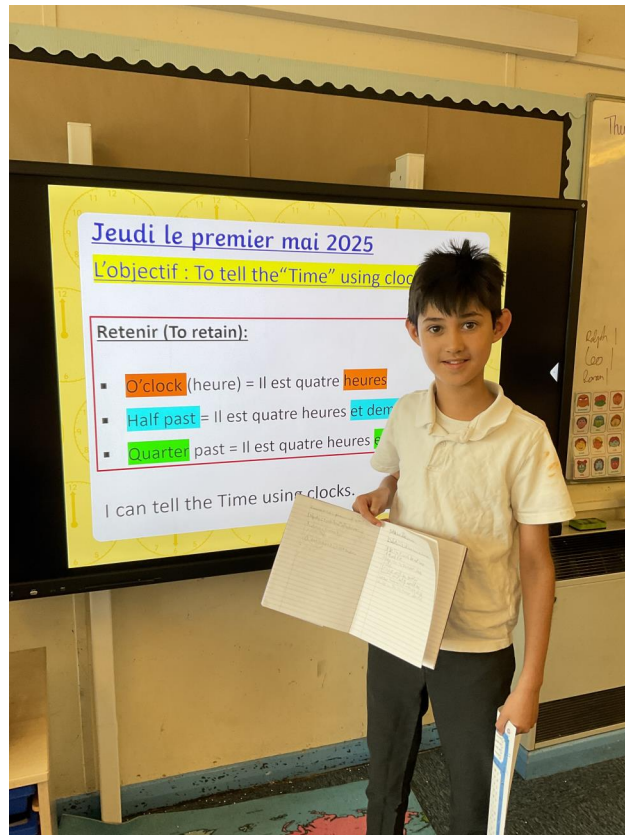


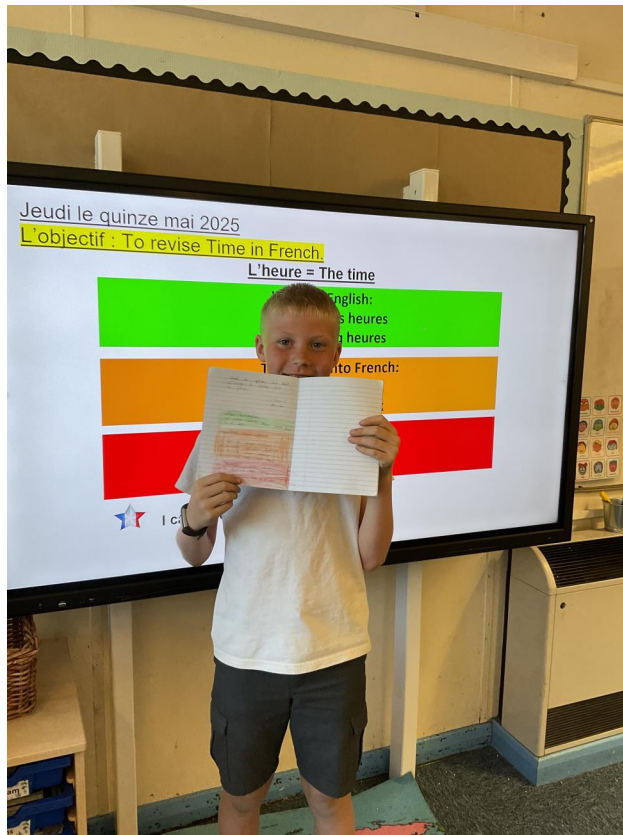












UKS2

As we head into the final week before Sports Day, our PE lessons have seen us rounding off our athletics training with a focus on discus throwing. The children have been working hard in the sunshine to develop a strong and balanced stance, practising how to transfer their weight smoothly from back to front to achieve maximum distance.

In Computing, we've taken another step forward with our AR Solar System projects. This week, we completed our voice recordings using the Voice Memos app and began arranging the planets into our augmented reality models. The children have been amazing with their knowledge of space and have shown great creativity and enthusiasm throughout.—fantastic work all round!













A Big Well Done to Our Brilliant Year 6!

We just want to say how incredibly proud we are of all our Year 6 pupils this week. They approached their SATs with such resilience, maturity, and a positive attitude – it's been truly inspiring to watch. Every single child gave their best, and that's all we could ever ask for.

They've been an absolute credit to the school – calm under pressure, kind to one another, and totally focused throughout. They've handled the week with a level of determination and grace beyond their years.

It's also been lovely to see them looking so grown-up (and very cool!) in their new leavers' hoodies. After all their hard work, they thoroughly deserved their SATs celebration – and it was wonderful to see them relaxing, smiling, and enjoying time together as a year group.

Whatever the outcomes, they should feel incredibly proud – we certainly are. Well done, Year 6 – you've been amazing!

Attendance reminder

Our attendance is currently lower than usual. Our school attendance target is to be over 97% and thanks to everyone's hard work, we usually meet this target. Since April, our attendance has dropped to 96% and we have seen an increase in families taking term time holidays. Please can I

draw your attention to Government guidelines relating to this and ask that holidays be taken during breaks unless in exceptional circumstances. "Parents have a legal duty to make sure children aged between 5 and 16 attend school regularly and arrive on time" We thank you for your support in this matter.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of Failure to send a child to school the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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Just ICE

As part of our continued community link with Just-Ice they are coming in to lead an assembly about Fairtrade on Monday 19th May. To support the work that Just-Ice do to help survivors of modern slavery rebuild their lives we're inviting the children to come in on Wednesday 21st May in non-school uniform wearing blue and/or green (the Fairtrade colours) and donating a £1.

Thank you for your support

<https://just-icepoynton.org/>



[Just-Ice Poynton](#)

Please help us bring freedom to people recovering from exploitation in modern slavery. We are looking for 25 kind and generous people like you to give £25 PER MONTH to ensure a place on our ice cream cafe employability scheme for one survivor of modern slavery & human trafficking all year.. Please click the button below to become one of our 25

just-icepoynton.org

Super stitching

Ella has been attending sewing lessons and has sewn a doll and clothes from scratch! This is an amazing example of our school values!



Poynton Show Art Competition

POYNTON SHOW
Art Competition 2025
"A Magical Forest"

Every August Bank Holiday weekend, Poynton hosts it's very own traditional agricultural and horticultural show next to Poynton Pool. As well as a fantastic day out, it is also a chance to bring the community together.

There is an art competition for children aged 4-11. The theme this year is 'A Magical Forest'. Rosettes will be awarded to winners at the show, children can also win family tickets.

Entries can be any medium, paint, crayon, felt tips or collage and should be on A4 paper. Children's name and first initial will be displayed with the artwork, if this is an issue, please let school know.

If you would like to enter, please hand in your entries to your class teacher or Miss Cork by **Monday 9th June 2025**. Please make sure that all artwork is named on the back with your surname initial.

Finance Officer Vacancy

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

Elan

As a result of there being a number of heavy vehicles along Hazelbadge this week, Elan have reinstated the banksman at the top of the road.

PTA Update

Summer Discos – Thursday 22 May

*Last chance to book for the discos! **Ordering/payment deadline: 6pm today!***

See the posters sent out by e-mail for full details

Summer Fair – Saturday 28 June

A big thanks to those who have already signed up for the day of the fair. If you've not yet done so, don't worry, there are still plenty of stalls to choose from! Please scan the QR code or click the link below to sign up for one or more 1-hour slots:



<https://signup.com/go/kJfzjrZ>

*The **first collection day is next Friday** (23 May), when we're inviting the children to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for sweets or nut-free chocolate.*

Future collections:

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- *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

We're still sourcing raffle prizes for the fair 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 at ptalowerpark@gmail.com or by completing our form: <https://forms.office.com/r/WLtf3bzMUD>.

Thanks to those who have already offered to lend us gazebos for the day of the fair but we still need lots more to cover all the stalls. 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>. Thank you!

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Spring 2025

Monday 19th May - School photos year group/leavers

Tuesday 20th May - Sports Day - KS2 - 9.15am start, KS1&R - 1.20pm Start, Please enter through the side gate near the Hollies

Wednesday 21st - Just Ice see above

Wednesday 21st May - New intake meeting

Thursday 22nd May - PTA Disco

*Friday 23rd May: own clothes day (sweets or **nut-free** chocolate donation for summer fair)*

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

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
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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

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9:30AM-3:30PM

AGE 7-13

SUMMER HALF TERM

HOLIDAY COURSES

VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2 WEEKS

Football: Reception - Year 6
Multi-sports: Year 1 - Year 6
Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th June

MIDDLEWICH TOWN FC - 1 WEEK

Football: Year 1 - Year 6
Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

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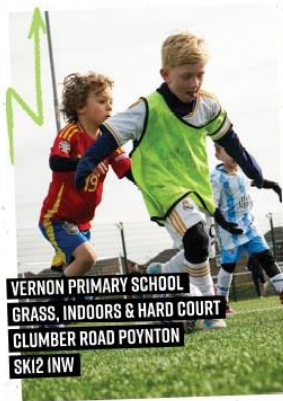
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FINNEY'S LANE, MIDDLEWICH

CW10 9DR



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