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# Lower Park School

## Lower Park News 4th July 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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## Star Writer Award

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*Connor C*

*Charlie P*

*Wiktor S*

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## Reception

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*The children in reception have enjoyed sustainability week, exploring nature and reusing recyclable materials. They made very cute squids reusing cardboard rolls and were very proud of their creations.*

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KS1

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*It has been Sustainability week at Lower Park this week and the KS1 children have enjoyed some activities. They all enjoyed making their own birdfeeders on Thursday afternoon. They made them using yoghurt pots, string, cereal, raisins, apple, cheese and lard. The children liked chopping all the ingredients up and mixing them together. They took their bird feeders home. We hope the birds enjoy them! The children in year 2 had a visit from Julie at the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, who delivered a workshop on pollinators. The children listened respectfully and took on roles to collect data from our school grounds. The children became; Entomologists, who had to record habitat, date, and time information. Identify and count the insects landing on flowers; Botanists, who had to identify the most common flower within the quadrat and estimate coverage. Count the number of different flowers; and Meteorologists, who had to assess the wind, cloud cover and temperature (using the internet or a thermometer). The children worked collaboratively to collect their data and demonstrated fantastic teamwork.*

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### Quadrat Sample Wildflower Survey

1. Choose one flower. What is the name of the flower, if you know what it is? Please provide the scientific name if you can.

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2. In the quadrat, how much space does the chosen flower cover? (Please circle one answer)



Less than half



About half



More than 1/2

3. How many of the chosen flowers are there in the quadrat? (Please count each individual flower head)

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One of these pictures show what your chosen flower head may look like.

NEXT, in your group, each take one large step away from the quadrat, in different directions, so that you surround the quadrat in a big circle. Now look at the flowers inside this circle.

4. Are there any flowers growing around the quadrat? (Please circle one answer)



None



Only our chosen flower



More than one flower type

1. How many different types (species) of flowers are in your quadrat? 2
2. Is there one flower that takes up a lot of your quadrat space? yes

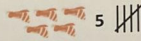














## Pollinator Count Insect Recording Sheet

For every insect that **LANDS** on the chosen flowers, record a tally next to the correct insect category below.  
Don't count them if they just fly past.

Example:



Start the timer.		
Type of insect	Count (Record your tallies below)	Total number (Add up your tallies and put the numbers below)
Bumblebees		
Honeybees		
Solitary bees		
Wasps		
Hoverflies		
Other flies		
Butterflies and moths		
Beetles		
Small insects (less than 3mm long)		
Other insects/ We don't know what it was		

Now, add up how many of each type of insect you saw and write this in the right-hand column.



## Pollinator Environmental Conditions

1. Which **habitat** are you doing the pollinator count in? (Please circle one answer)

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) Trees                        | f) Vegetables and fruit trees |
| b) Hedges and bushes            | g) Flower gardens             |
| c) <u>Grass and wildflowers</u> | h) Fence and walls            |
| d) Tall wild patches            | i) Ground without plants      |
| e) Water habitats               | j) Green roofs and walls      |

2. Is **shade** covering the quadrat? (Please circle one answer)



No shade



Some shade



Full shade

3. What is the **temperature** now? 20 °C

4. How **cloudy** is it?



No clouds



Some clouds



No blue sky

How **windy** is it? (Please circle one)



No breeze: Leaves are still



Gentle breeze: leaves rustle



Moderate breeze: leaves and branches sway







## LKS2

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*While our Year 4s have been off enjoying their residential at Trafford Hall (photos coming soon once we've all caught our breath!), Year 3 have been having an unforgettable week of their own right here at school.*

*From scaling climbing walls and showing off their aim in archery, to tackling tricky team challenges and diving into laser tag battles on the field — the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm and bravery.*

*Back in the classroom, things didn't slow down! Year 3 got hands-on (and a little messy!) with clay as they sculpted their own scarab beetles while delving into the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt.*

*To top it all off, we headed to Forest School, where the children toasted marshmallows — a perfect end to a fantastic week of learning, laughter, and adventure.*

*What a brilliant time we've had!*

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## UKS2

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*On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic day of athletics in the sunshine at Woodbank Park Athletics Track. The children performed brilliantly across a range of events, showcasing their running, jumping, and throwing skills with great determination and team spirit.*

*A special mention goes to Chloe for an outstanding performance in the 600m, where she left the competition far behind! The Year 5 girls also impressed by powering to victory in the 4x100m relay. Despite these highlights and many personal bests, Lower Park narrowly missed out on bringing home a medal this year. We couldn't be prouder of the effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm shown by every single competitor.*

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## Music Competition Final

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*Well done to the Year 4 and 5 Classy Clarinets who took part in the Love Music Trust final at Congleton Town Hall on Friday evening last week. The judges remarked that they maintained a beautiful tone throughout. A big thank you to Mrs. Marley for preparing them so well. It was a great experience.*

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## Motivational Mondays

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*This week's motivational Monday shoutout goes to Year Two and Year Three, both with attendance of 97.4%.*

*Overall, our attendance was at 95.2% this last Monday.*

*If you are finding Monday mornings difficult, feel assured that we are here to support you.*

*Mr Poole*

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Sustainability Fortnight 30th June - 11th July

## Halliard Sustainability

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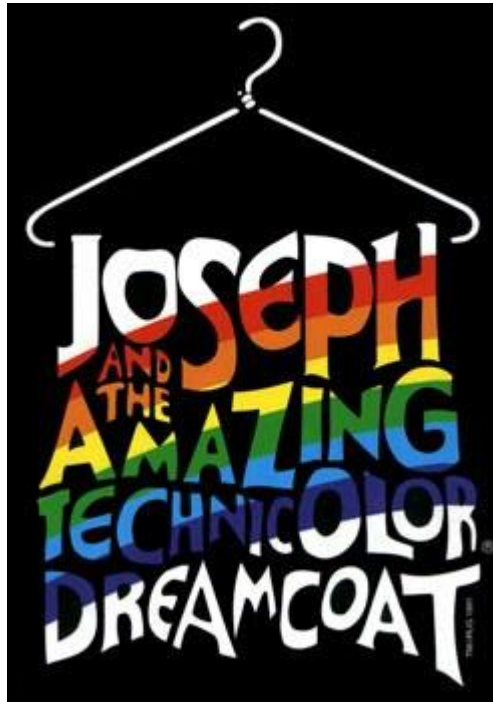
*As you will have seen from the lovely photos above, our children have enjoyed getting outside and taking part in workshops and activities to increase their understanding of sustainability.*

*Some of the children will also join Mrs Lomas and other children from across the Trust to discuss:*

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- 1. Examples where they have taken part in activities to protect our natural world*
  - 2. Any future plans for sustainability*
  - 3. Whether they or any of their friends would consider a 'green career' and why*
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## KS2 Performance - Joseph



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### *KS2 Production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

*Our school has been filled with the sound of singing and the buzz of rehearsals as the children prepare for this year's KS2 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*

*The whole team has been working incredibly hard, and we can't wait to share the results with you. It promises to be a joyful celebration of music, colour and teamwork.*

*Performance Times:*

*Wednesday 9th July 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm*

*Thursday 10th July 6:30 pm*

*Thank you to those who selected tickets via the school spider survey. All requests have been fulfilled, tickets are coming home with your child today (not Year 4 they will bring them home on Monday). Please look out for the tickets and let the office know if they are not what you selected on school spider.*

*Extra tickets (mostly Weds afternoon performance) will be available from the school office to year 6 children at 1 extra per family, on Tuesday morning. Any remaining will be offered generally at the end of the school day from the office on Tuesday.*

*Arrangements for the evening performances: Y6 children to arrive at 6:00 pm and children in years 3, 4 and 5 to arrive at 6:15 pm.*

*Collection is at 7:45 from the playground at your usual pick up point.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

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## Teddy Bears Picnic - 17th July



1 - Please click on the poster to see the menu



## Assessment and reports

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*This year, Lower Park will be adopting the Halliard Trust Assessment framework. This is a four point scale designed to support the children to progress in the curriculum. The scale is as follows and there will be a reminder of this within the reports.*

*Successfully learning and remembering all or nearly all of the school's ambitious curriculum, demonstrating a strong understanding and application of the knowledge and skills taught (4)*

*Successfully learning and remembering most of the school's ambitious curriculum, demonstrating a good understanding of the knowledge and skills taught, although there may be some gaps (3)*

*Successfully learning and remembering some of the school's ambitious curriculum, demonstrating a satisfactory understanding of the knowledge and skills taught, although there may be a number of gaps (2)*

*Not successfully learning and remembering the school's ambitious curriculum, with important gaps in the skills and knowledge taught. Additional support required to access the curriculum. (1)*

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## Annual parent survey

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*Your feedback really matters to us. It helps us celebrate what we're doing well and understand where we can improve. Please take a few minutes to complete our [Parent survey](#) —you can use the QR code displayed in the playground or follow the link provided.*

### [Parent survey](#)

*Last year, we received just 41 responses, which didn't give us a full picture of our school community. Let's change that this year—your voice can help shape our next steps!*

*As a result of feedback we have:*

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1. *Taken part in a whole school development programme through the Halliard Trust with the Autism Education Trust to equip all our staff with strategies for children with neurodiversity. We will continue this as a priority next year.*
  2. *Reviewed our clubs; we have extended our club offer and added more lunchtime clubs run by teachers that are free for children to access.*
  3. *We now have a fully qualified member of staff to deliver Forest Schools to all our children.*
  4. *Increased our outdoor learning offer.*
  5. *Following consultation with teachers and children and research, reviewed our positive behaviour management policy and school rules that will be launched to children and families in September*
  6. *Developed a whole school approach to handwriting that is having an impact.*
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PTA Update

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*Summer Fair*

*Wow, what a day! After months of careful planning, we're delighted to say that this year's Summer Fair was another huge success. We know a few of you have been asking, so precise figures will be announced as soon as they've been finalised.*

*In the meantime, we'd just like to say how fantastic it was to see so many people enjoying the sunshine and the many stalls on offer, with everything from firm favourites like nerf, lucky dip, bottle golf and beat the goalie to new ideas like poo in the loo, sand art and the book and game stall. With the bar, BBQ, candyfloss and waffles, there were plenty of refreshments to keep everyone going too.*

*A huge thank you to those who helped in the run-up to the fair as well as everyone who helped set up, run stalls and clear up on the day – it was definitely a busy one and we couldn't have done it without you!*

*Finally, thank you to everyone who came along and to those who bought raffle tickets. We're extremely grateful for all your support.*

*If you'd like to have your say on future events, find out our plans for next year or just check out more about the PTA, join us for our next meeting at school at **5.30pm on Thursday 17th July**. This is being held towards the end of the school open evening, so you won't even have to make a special trip out for it. 😊*

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## Mental Health

### Mental Health First Aid

in "The Tram Shed" at Hickory's,  
Poynton SK12 1LQ

For parents and carers of young people  
aged 11-18 to help build knowledge and  
confidence to support their child's  
mental health issues.

**Saturday 12th July**

**9am - 4pm**

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:

[parenting@justdropin.co.uk](mailto:parenting@justdropin.co.uk)



Thrive4Life  
HUB



### Parent/Carer Peer Support Forum

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 8 - 18yrs  
old, living in Macclesfield,  
Poynton, Wilmslow or Knutsford who is looking for some support  
when it feels like no-one else gets it?

Being a parent can be the best job ever, it can also be the hardest.

You don't have to feel on your own; "Just Support" is a monthly  
group run by Clare and Michelle, our Parent Carer Peer Support  
Workers with lived experience of challenging times, who can offer a  
listening ear in a safe and non-judgmental space to share your  
questions, concerns and experiences, or help you navigate mental  
health services for children and young people.



### **Parent/Carer Peer Support Forum**

For parents and carers of young people aged 8-18 living in Macclesfield who want support.

**Wednesday 16th July  
6:30pm-7:45pm at Just Drop-In.**

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:  
[parentina@iustdropin.co.uk](mailto:parentina@iustdropin.co.uk)

## Dates for the diary



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

*Monday 7th July - Year 6 Induction day at Poynton High School*

*Wednesday 9th July - New Intake Storytime*

*Wednesday 9th July - KS2 Performance - 1.30pm & 6:30pm*

*Thursday 10th July - KS2 Performance - 6:30pm*

*Wednesday 16th July - EYFS to Reddish Vale Farm trip*

*Thursday 17th July - Teddy Bears Picnic, details above*

*Thursday 17th July - Open Evening 4.00 - 6.00pm*

*Thursday 17th July - PTA meeting*

*Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July - Bikeability for Year 6*

*Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Prom 6:15 - see letter emailed last week*

*Thursday 24th July - Bikeability for Year 4*

*Friday 25th July - Leavers Assembly 9.30am*

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## Summer PERFORM Holiday Clubs Lower Park Primary School

Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th August - TROLLS

Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st August - THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Each day is a combination of singing, dancing and drama



**Cost:** £35 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** From 8am to 4.30pm  
with a Showcase at 4pm on Thursday  
14th and 21st August



To book a paid place visit  
[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
scan the QR code  
or call 07722 014301





## July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am



**'ON THE STAGE' CLUB:**

## **Fairy Tales!**

**For children in Reception – Year 6**

We are delighted to be running our Fairy Tales themed 'On the Stage' Club in the Autumn Term! This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence and boosting teamwork. The dances, songs and drama pieces will take inspiration from Fairy Tales including Jack & the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, Beauty & the Beast and many more!

'On the Stage' will run after school 3:20-4:35pm on Fridays for children in Reception – Year 6. Each session costs £8.50 and the club will start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September and the final lesson on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December (full details can be found on our website).

We accept all childcare vouchers: payment via the Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme and payments can be made in instalments. Payments by Direct Debit or Childcare Vouchers/Gov Tax-Free will be due by September; payment via credit/debit card will be taken at the time of booking.

To sign up please visit [www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com) (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class use code OSLPPS1.

If you have any questions, please contact us on [enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com](mailto:enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com) or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson  
Rattle and Roll

You can keep up to date with all our news and events happening near you by following us on Facebook and @rattleandrollperformance on Instagram





## JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff  
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide  
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving  
practical interventions. Clear explanation of  
the condition in all its forms and extremely  
useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



### Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage  
defiant and challenging behaviour,  
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA  
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



### Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children  
who are anxious about school.  
Steps you can take to help them back  
into the classroom.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each  
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

# Free MTB/BMX Event

in partnership with



Join us at Brecon Park, Poynton, SK12 1AU for some mountain bike and BMX fun. You must register in advance, see details below.

Under 12's must be supervised by an adult. A limited number of bikes and helmets are available, please bring your own equipment if possible. See you there.



## WHEN?

8 AUGUST  
2024

10 AM - 3 PM

REGISTRATION  
AT

<https://dirtfactory.co.uk/acceptance-of-risk/>



AIR BAG JUMP  
FOR AGES 10+



PUMP TRACK  
FOR ALL AGES

WWW.DIRTFACORY.CO.UK





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

10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>\* AND 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY AND 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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

POYNTON CIVIC HALL, OFF PARK LANE, SK12 1RB

