Salford Priors CofE Academy

Summer Newsletter

July 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

1st - 2nd: Teacher Training Day

3rd: First Day of Term

Every Monday: Forest School

11th: Art Club Starts

13th: Roald Dahl Day Non-Uniform

18th: Harvest Festival

28th: Mechanical Art and Design Museum Trip (KS2)

Guitar Tuition

Head Teacher's Welcome

As another wonderful academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly significant year for our school community.

Looking back, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together. One of our most important developments has been the introduction and embedding of our nurture principles across the school. This has helped to create a greater sense of safety and belonging for every child, resulting in a remarkable improvement in behaviour, relationships and attitudes to learning. Our pupils are increasingly demonstrating kindness, empathy and resilience, creating a calm and purposeful environment where everyone can flourish.

Alongside this, our new family-style dining arrangements have become a valued part of the school day, fostering a stronger sense of community while helping children to develop important life skills such as conversation, good manners, independence and consideration for others.

October

Every Monday: Forest School

1st: National Poetry Day

15th: Parent Consultations

16th: Bellboating (KS2)

20th: Celebration Assembly

22nd: Mediation and Snuggles (KS2)

23rd: Last Day of Term

2026 - 27 Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January
Monday 22nd February

The year has also been filled with memorable opportunities beyond the classroom. Our residential visit to St Briavel's Castle provided pupils with unforgettable experiences, and it has been a joy to hear them continue talking enthusiastically about the friendships, adventures and challenges they shared together.

We were delighted to welcome **Mrs Green** to our teaching team this year. Bringing extensive teaching experience from schools across Warwickshire, together with her enthusiasm for teaching French, she has already made a valuable contribution to school life.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, there is much to be excited about, including another residential visit—this time to **Viney Hill Adventure Centre**—along with swimming lessons, online workshops with the **Royal Ballet**, sporting competitions, enrichment activities and many more opportunities for our children to discover new interests and talents.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive governors, wonderful families and, above all, our incredible pupils for making this such a successful and rewarding year. I wish everyone a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting chapter in the life of Salford Priors CofE Academy.

Mrs. D. Gibbs-Naguar
Head Teacher

Pupil Interview



Each term, we enjoy shining a spotlight on one of our wonderful pupils, celebrating their interests, achievements and aspirations. This term, we are delighted to feature one of our Year 2 pupils as she prepares for an exciting transition into Key Stage 2.

She has a real passion for English and particularly enjoys writing imaginative stories. Mathematics is another favourite subject, and she is especially proud of being able to confidently recall her multiplication facts all the way to the 12 times table. This term, she has also loved exploring sculpture in Art, discovering how creativity can be brought to life in three dimensions. Outside school, she enjoys colouring and dreams of one day becoming an artist who creates beautiful picture books for children.

Although she is looking forward to the opportunities that Key Stage 2 will bring, she says she will really miss her friends in the younger year groups and Mrs Kent, who has been her class teacher since Year 1. When asked what advice she would give to other pupils, her answer perfectly reflects the values we strive to nurture at Salford Priors: "Be kind to others and always show respect."

We are incredibly proud of everything she has achieved during her time in Key Stage 1 and look forward to seeing her continue to flourish in the years ahead.

Library Time

Key Stage 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting the newly refurbished library, exploring the inviting space and discovering a wide range of exciting books. The carefully displayed books have been chosen to inspire curiosity and encourage a lifelong love of reading.



Collective Worship

During Collective Worship, the children learned about Islam and the beliefs and practices that are important to Muslims.

As a Church of England school, we value opportunities to learn about different faiths and cultures, helping our pupils to develop respect, understanding and compassion for others. By exploring the beliefs of different communities alongside our own Christian values, we encourage our children to appreciate diversity and live out our shared values of kindness, respect and love.





Save the Children

In June, our Key Stage 2 children organised a fundraising event in support of Save the Children. To help raise money and show their support, all pupils took part in a non-uniform day.

During assembly, some of our Key Stage 2 children shared information about the important work carried out by this charity and explained why supporting it matters.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for raising awareness and showing such kindness and generosity. We know that Save the Children will be very grateful for the support and donations received from our school community.



"We have chosen this charity because we want kids to live a good life, and we all deserve a happy childhood."

"We also chose this charity because there is conflict in the world and as a child, bad memories can stay with you forever."

"Save the Children helps children like us and their families after disasters strike in the world."

William Morris Reduction Painting

Our Key Stage 2 pupils recently enjoyed learning about the work of William Morris and exploring the traditional art of reduction printing. They discovered how Morris's intricate patterns and designs continue to inspire artists today.



Putting their new knowledge into practice, the children had the exciting opportunity to create their own reduction prints, carefully building layers of colour and pattern. We were incredibly impressed by their creativity, patience, and enthusiasm, and the finished prints were truly outstanding.

Radiant Child

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed using an Art Gallery active learning approach to launch their new class book, Radiant Child. The session encouraged curiosity, discussion and creativity as pupils explored themes linked to the text. It was a fantastic way to generate excitement and engagement ahead of their new reading journey.







Gardening

Our Key Stage 1 children have been busy helping to brighten up our school by planting a wonderful selection of colourful flowers. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands dirty while learning about caring for plants and the environment. Their hard work has helped create beautiful displays around the school, making our outdoor spaces even more welcoming for everyone to enjoy. Well done to all of our young gardeners!







Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of sporting achievement, teamwork and community spirit. Blessed with warm sunshine, pupils from across the school took part in a wide variety of exciting events, including obstacle races, skipping challenges, hurdles, relay races, tug of war and a host of fun team activities. The enthusiasm and determination shown by every child was inspiring, with pupils encouraging one another, celebrating successes and demonstrating resilience throughout the day. Whether racing to the finish line, working together in team events or simply giving their very best, every child embodied our school values of perseverance, respect and good sportsmanship.













The event was made even more special by the wonderful support of our parents, grandparents, families and friends, who lined the field to cheer on the children with tremendous enthusiasm. Their encouragement created a fantastic atmosphere and helped make the day one to remember for everyone involved. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated staff and volunteers, whose careful planning and organisation ensured the event ran smoothly from start to finish. Sports Day was a fitting reminder that success is measured not only by crossing the finish line first, but by showing courage, determination, kindness and teamwork—qualities that our pupils demonstrated in abundance.

Transition Day

KS2 pupils enjoyed an exciting Transition Day filled with team games and challenges.

Activities included Capture the Keys and building structures using spaghetti and marshmallows, helping the children develop teamwork, resilience and new friendships.





Year 6 Leavers Trip

To celebrate the end of their primary school journey, our pupils enjoyed a memorable educational visit to Bristol. Throughout the day, they explored the city's rich history with visits to the M Shed and the iconic SS Great Britain. They also took a walk along the picturesque waterfront, where they admired the Clifton Suspension Bridge and Banksy's famous Girl with a Pierced Eardrum.





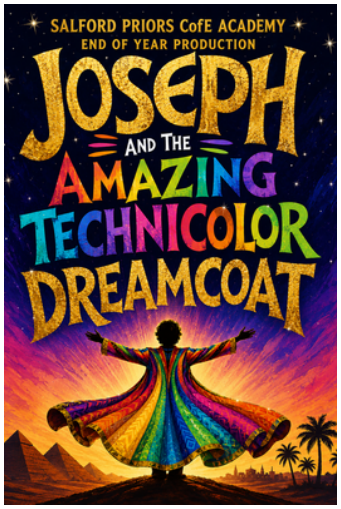




The trip provided a fantastic opportunity to learn outside the classroom while celebrating the children's time at Salford Priors. It was a wonderful way to mark the end of their primary school years and create lasting memories before they begin their next adventure at secondary school.

School Production

Our talented pupils brought the academic year to a joyful and memorable close with two wonderful performances of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**, held on Tuesday 14th July at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday 15th July at 9:15 a.m. From the opening scene to the final song, the children captivated audiences with their enthusiastic acting, confident singing and energetic performances. Their dedication throughout weeks of rehearsals was evident, and they should be immensely proud of what they achieved together. The production was expertly brought to life under the artistic direction of **Mrs Kent**, with valued support from M**s Catterall**, whose creativity, encouragement and commitment enabled every child to shine on stage.









The performances were very well supported by our school community, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents, families, visitors and well-wishers who joined us to celebrate the children's achievements. We were especially delighted to welcome **Reverend Sheila, Mr Michael Cowland, Chief Executive Officer of the Coventry Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust**, and members of our Governing Body, whose presence reflected the importance of this special occasion. The warmth, encouragement and generous applause from our audiences created a truly memorable experience for our pupils and provided a fitting celebration of another successful year at Salford Priors.

Year in Review

As another successful school year comes to a close, we are delighted to look back on the many experiences, achievements and special moments that have brought our school community together. Throughout the year, our pupils have embraced new opportunities, developed their knowledge and skills, and grown in confidence, resilience and independence. From exciting educational visits and performances to sporting events and everyday classroom learning, each experience has helped our children flourish. We hope you enjoy looking back on some of the highlights that have made this year so memorable.

Christmas





Forest School











World Book Day







New Dining Experience







Residential











The Big Sing







End of Year Show









Primary Age Support (4-11 years)

Younger children need clear rules, close supervision, and repeated guidance to stay safe.



Road Safety

- Practise "Stop, Look, Listen, Think" every time you cross a road.
- Always hold hands near traffic or in busy areas.
- Teach children to use zebra or pelican crossings where possible.
- Ensure they wear seatbelts and appropriate car seats/boosters.



Seasonal Safety

- **Summer:** Apply sunscreen, encourage hats and hydration.
- **Winter:** Dress warmly and watch for slippery pavements or ice.
- Teach awareness of weather conditions (e.g. not playing near flooded areas).



Burns and Scalds

- Keep hot drinks and food out of reach.
- Turn pan handles away from the edge.
- Supervise in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Always check bath water temperature before use.



Choking Hazards

- Cut food into small, manageable pieces (e.g. grapes, sausages).
- Encourage children to sit while eating and chew properly.
- Keep small objects (coins, toy parts, batteries) out of reach.

SEND Children

Children with SEND may need extra support to stay safe as they can find it harder to recognise danger, communicate concerns, or process risk.

Simple Strategies to Support your Child

- **Teach safety clearly and often** – use simple, consistent language.
- **Use social stories** to explain situations like road safety, strangers, or what to do if worried.
- **Use visual timetables and reminders** to build safe routines (stopping at the door before going out).
- **Practise real-life situations** – e.g. crossing roads, asking a safe adult for help.
- **Use visual cues and symbols** (traffic lights, danger signs) to support understanding.
- **Support communication** – ensure children can say or show "help" or "stop" in their preferred communication method.

Safety at Home: Top Tips

- Use locks, gates, and safety equipment where needed.
- Keep routines consistent.
- Talk through safety during everyday moments (e.g., cooking, bath time, going out).
- Reinforce messages calmly and regularly.





Safety at School: Key Considerations

- Individual risk assessments for pupils with additional needs.
- Clear plans for: transitions, toileting, break/lunchtime supervision.
- Identified trusted adults.
- Visual supports used consistently across settings.

Remember:
Children learn best when safety is **visual, practical, repeated, and personalised.**

Family Activities

FREE FAMILY CYCLE DAYS THIS SUMMER



THURSDAY 23RD JULY

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

10:00 - 14:00

EXTRA BONUS ON THE 23 JULY:
THE WALK WHEEL CYCLE TRUST WILL BE ON SITE OFFERING FREE DR BIKE BICYCLE SAFETY CHECKS AND BIKEREGISTER SECURITY MARKING
NO BOOKING NEEDED – JUST TURN UP WITH YOUR BIKES, HELMETS AND LOTS OF ENERGY!

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N.B. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT & NOT FOR COMPETITIVE RACING


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Kids Eat Free



Poppy Playtime





We would like to make you aware of a game that some children in school have been discussing and accessing, which is not appropriate for their age.

Poppy Playtime is rated PEGI 16 due to its intense horror themes, jump scares, and unsettling content. It is classified as a survival horror game and includes frightening scenes, as well as elements of violence.

Content of this nature can be particularly distressing for younger children. Exposure to scary or mature themes may lead to anxiety, sleep disturbances, nightmares, or new fears, as younger children can find it difficult to separate fantasy from reality.

We kindly ask for your support in monitoring your child's access to games and online content. Checking age ratings, reviewing game content, and having open conversations about online safety can help ensure children are engaging with age appropriate material.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our children safe both in and out of school.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
  - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
  - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days.No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Action Counters Terrorism – Trust your Instincts



The safety and wellbeing of our children, families and staff is always our priority.

While incidents are very rare, it is helpful for everyone to know where to find trusted advice and information. The GOV.UK ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) initiative provides guidance on recognising and reporting concerns, as well as practical advice on staying safe.

Key resources include:

- **Report Suspicious Activity**: Share concerns about suspicious behaviour, materials, or online content confidentially.
- **Run Hide Tell**: Simple guidance on what to do if you ever find yourself in an emergency situation.
- **ACT Early**: A dedicated support and advice service if you are worried that a someone may be vulnerable to radicalisation
- **Free Training**: Short online learning modules for members of the public and education staff

In an emergency, always call 999.

Summer Reading Challenge

Be a reading Rockstar!

Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge for **FREE** at your local library!

Read any 6 books over the Summer, and receive stickers and character cards for each milestone.

On completion, all participants receive a certificate and medal to mark this achievement!



The challenge runs nationally From 4th July - 6th September, for all children aged 4 to 11.

Summer Fun Activities

Welcome to the Activities Page—a special section of our newsletter designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and connection. This page is a small attempt to offer a variety of engaging activities that children can enjoy on their own or share with their siblings and family members. Whether it's a puzzle, a craft idea, a simple recipe, or a fun challenge, there's something here for everyone to dive into. We hope these activities provide a chance for some quality time, laughter, and learning beyond the classroom. So, grab your pencils, scissors, or maybe even an apron—whatever the task calls for—and get ready to explore! Let the fun begin!

UNDER 5S

Arts & Crafts Activity Resource Pack

Paper Plate Fans



Materials:

- Paper plate
- Acrylic or tempura paints
- Jumbo craft sticks (or dried lolipop sticks)
- Glue gun
- Scissors

Your child may need assistance with this activity, especially with scissors and glue!

How to:

1. Cut a paper plate in half.
2. Paint a spring or summer scene on your plate. Paint a rainbow, a cherry blossom, butterflies or any other design of your choosing.
3. When you have finished painting your fan, set it aside to dry.
4. While you wait for your plates to dry, grab two of the jumbo craft sticks. You can choose to paint them or leave them natural. If you paint them, make sure you let them dry completely
5. Glue the craft sticks into a wide "V" shape to form the fan's handle.
6. Glue the handle to the bottom of your painted fan.
7. It is as easy as that. Make a bunch with different spring or summer designs. These are perfect for a warm day. Just grab one and enjoy the breeze.



https://thepinterestedparent.com/2017/04/spring-and-summer-hand-fans/

Cutting through cardboard can sometimes be tricky, so please ask an adult for help if you need it

6-11 YRS

Arts & Crafts Activity Resource Pack

Pom-Pom Decorations

Materials:

- Assorted wool (at least one pack for each colour)
- Scissors
- 2 Cardboard rings (multiple if you wish to vary in size but must always have 2)
- Extra Cardborad for mounting pom-pom creation



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How to:

1. Choose one of your wools and the size of cardboard rings you would like to use. Place the 2 cardboard rings together, using one end of the wool, begin to wrap around the circle from the middle out.
2. Continue this until you cannot fit the wool through the middle of the rings.
3. Using sharp scissors, find the outside of the rings and try to cut through the wool so that your scissors are cutting between the two rings.
4. Once this has been cut all around, you should be able to see your rings clearly, however do not remove them yet.
5. Take a long piece of wool and place between the rings so that they wrap around and meet. You will then need to tie them together, pulling as tight as possible.
6. When this is done you can now remove your cardbord rings by pulling them ut sideways over the wool.
7. Once completed trim your pom-pom
8. Repeat this as many times as you wish to create your decoration

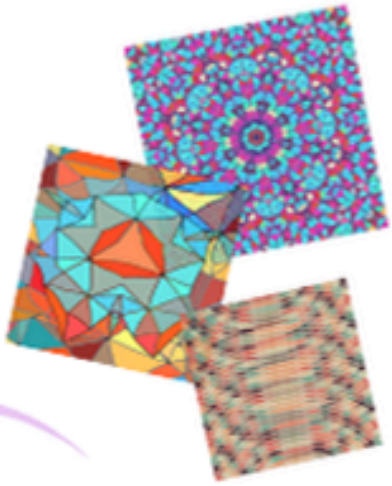


You may also find or own some pom-pom creators which you could also use with the method above, just dont use the cardboard

6-11 YRS

Arts & Crafts Activity Resource Pack

DIY Stained Paper Windows



Materials:

- Carboard to cut create the frame
- a plastic sheet (a plastic wallet is a great alternative)
- Masking tape
- Cellotape
- Different coloured tissue paper
- PVA glue watered down

How to:

1. Place your plastic sheet down on your table - you may need to tape the edges to keep it in one place
2. You will then need to put a light amount of the PVA glue and water mixture on top of the plastic sheet
3. Help your child either cut or tear up the tissue paper in to different shapes and continue until happy with your design.
4. Once you have left sit for a while and you masterpiece is almost dried, paint over another layer of your pva glue and water mixture. this creates a laminated effect and makes it shiny.
5. Now time to create your frame. Using a a piece of cardboard created a frame to cover your masterpiece. Get creative!
6. Once this is all finished and stuck together, place your framed stained artwork on to a window and what the sun shine through

Why not try and be a bit adventurous with your frame by decorating for someone or in them with you stained window. Dont be afraid to add on any glitter or accessories


FUN THINGS TO DO AT HOME!
FUN THINGS TO DO AT HOME:
Build a big fort using couch cushions and bed sheets.
Play classic board games or fast card games like Monopoly Deal.
Bake fresh cookies or make ice cream sundaes.
Do a large jigsaw puzzle on the dining table.
Have a family dance party or freeze-dance game.
MONOPOLY DEAL
CREATIVE AND CRAFTY IDEAS:
Make homemade play-dough or slime.
Paint pictures or follow an online drawing tutorial.
Build tall towers out of lego bricks or playing cards.
Set up a treasure hunt with clues hidden around the house.

Great British Summer Savings

Families can enjoy discounts this summer through the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme, running from 25 June to 1 September 2026.

The scheme includes discounted children's meals at participating restaurants, reduced-price children's and family tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and many attractions, plus free bus travel throughout August for children aged 5–15 in England.



To find participating venues near you, visit www.summersavings.gov.uk and use the Summer Savings Attraction Finder.

Colouring




END OF SCHOOL
WORD SEARCH
S U M M E R B E A C H D
F R I E N D S K P L A Y
U N S H I N E C A M P O
N T E A C H E R T M G O
S W I M M I N G V E R L
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VACATION
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CAMP
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BEACH
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FUN
GREAT JOB! HAVE AN AWESOME SUMMER!
STOP