Salford Priors CofE Academy

Autumn Newsletter

October 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd November: First Day of Term

Every Monday: Forest School

11th November: Remembrance Day

11th November: Individual Photographs

12th November: Worcestershire Fire Service School Visit

16th - 20th November: Friendship Week

20th November: Odd Socks Day

20th November: Make the Flute Online Workshop (KS2)

23rd - Tuesday 24th: Bike Ability (KS2)

A Heartfelt Thank You to Mrs Gibbs-Naguar



As we say goodbye to Mrs Gibbs-Naguar, we would like to express our sincere thanks for all her hard work, dedication and commitment to Salford Priors CofE Academy over the past 18 months.

We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done for our children, staff and wider school community.

We wish Mrs Gibbs-Naguar and her family all the very best for the future and thank her for everything she has contributed to our school. She will be greatly missed!

Mrs Gibbs-Naguar Poem

27th November: Celebration Assembly

10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

11th December: Aladdin Pantomine

16th December: Christmas Production, 2:15pm

17th December: Christmas Production, 9:15am

17th December: Christmas Lunch

21st December - 5th January: Christmas Holidays

Here is a heartfelt poem written by our Key Stage 2 pupils on behalf of the whole school. A lovely tribute to Mrs Gibbs-Naguar and the positive impact she has had on our school community.

For eighteen months you've led the way,
With kindness shown in every day.
Calm and gentle, always fair,
You showed us all how much you care.

You never needed to raise your voice,
Yet helped us make the wisest choice.
You wanted the best for every child,
With patience, warmth and thoughtful guidance.

From assemblies filled with sound bowl tones,
To helping us learn and helping us grow,
You taught us how to pause and breathe,
And find the strength that lies beneath.

Through Snuggles and Meditation too,
You shared calm moments the whole school knew.
Through art club fun, creativity and light,
You helped make difficult days feel right.

Your jokes and laughter made us smile,
And brightened every day worthwhile.
When someone struggled, felt worried or blue,
There was always support and kindness from you.

Though now it's time to say goodbye,
The memories will never pass us by.
Thank you for all you've helped us do,
Salford Priors is better because of you.

We'll miss your kindness, your fairness and care,
The calm, loving presence you brought everywhere.

With love and best wishes from everyone at Salford Priors.



New Interim Head Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Hassan as our Interim Headteacher, who will be leading the school until Christmas 2026.



Most recently, Mr Hassan held the role of Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead within a specialist setting, where he was responsible for the day-to-day leadership of the school site and was the main point of contact for staff, pupils and families.

We look forward to working with Mr Hassan and hope you will join us in giving him a very warm welcome to Salford Priors school.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Pupils

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Reception children, as well as those who have joined us in other year groups. It has been lovely getting to know all our new faces, and we hope you are already feeling happy and settled as part of our Salford Priors family!











Pupil Interview



Each term, we enjoy shining a spotlight on one of our fantastic pupils, celebrating their interests and achievements. This term, we are delighted to feature one of our Year 6 pupils, as he approaches the end of a busy first half-term.

Among his favourite subjects are PE, Art and Science. Football has been a particular highlight in PE, while Art lessons have provided opportunities to get creative with clay and painting. Science has also sparked his curiosity, particularly when carrying out experiments investigating transparent, translucent and opaque materials.

When asked about school life, he shared how much he enjoys having his class teacher and explained that his ideal lesson would involve using computers, working collaboratively with classmates and having a calm environment in which to learn.

Feeling supported at school is also important to him. Whether it's seeking guidance from the staff in Key Stage 2 or asking his classmates for help, he knows there is always someone happy to lend a hand.

Forest School has been another highlight, offering plenty of opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience and patience. From building with natural materials to helping create a café, these sessions have been filled with exciting experiences and new skills.

We are incredibly proud of the progress he has made so far. His respectful attitude and positive approach to school life make him a wonderful role model for our younger pupils. Well done!

Forest School

We've had another exciting term during Forest School, with the children enjoying plenty of outdoor adventures, exploring nature and learning new skills along the way. It's been wonderful to see their creativity, confidence and teamwork grow as they make the most of the great outdoors, whatever the weather!









Celebration Assembly

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our Celebration Assembly, where we recognised the fantastic achievements of our children. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their hard work, determination and positive attitudes towards learning.



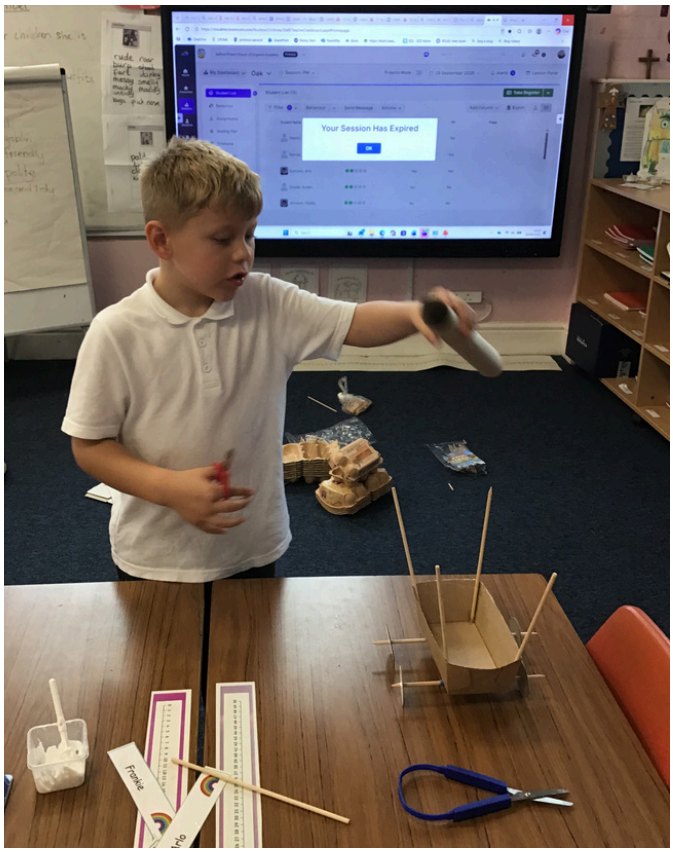
We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and everything they achieve. A huge well done to everyone who received an award!



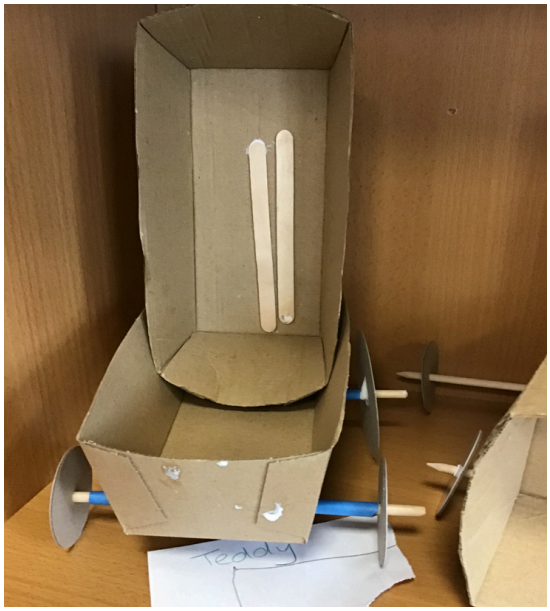


KS1 Design Technology

Our Key Stage 1 children had great fun during their Design and Technology lessons, designing and making their very own vehicles! They enjoyed getting creative, putting their ideas into practice and developing their problem-solving skills along the way. What fantastic little designers and engineers we have!







KS2 Design Technology

Our Key Stage 2 children have also been busy in Design and Technology, designing and making their very own mechanical toys!

They have shown fantastic creativity, patience and problem-solving skills throughout the process. It was a delight to see the excitement and pride on their faces when their creations came to life and worked just as they had hoped.







The MAD Museum

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to The MAD Museum in Stratford-upon-Avon, where they explored the fascinating world of mechanical art and design!

The children had a wonderful time discovering a variety of weird and wonderful moving creations, interactive exhibits and clever inventions. It was a brilliant opportunity to spark their curiosity, inspire creativity and see science, technology and engineering come to life. A fun and educational day enjoyed by all!









Bell Boating

Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Fladbury, where they took part in an exciting Bell Boating experience on the River Avon.







The children had a wonderful opportunity to develop their teamwork, communication and paddling skills as they worked together to navigate their boats along the river. It was lovely to see everyone encouraging one another, showing determination and enjoying the great outdoors.

A brilliant experience filled with fun, laughter and teamwork. Well done, Key Stage 2!

Attendance

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.

Colouring

