

# Salford Priors Church of England Academy

## School Newsletter ~ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have loved the arrival of spring over the last two weeks. Forest School saw the children exploring signs of life emerging from winter hibernation and the dry field has meant we have had daily use of our brilliant trim trail along side bigger games of football at lunchtime and those childhood past-times we all remember so well outdoors – daisy chains, building nests with the cut grass and collecting leaves, twigs... The list of wholesome fun goes on.

We are looking forward to seeing you all for parents' evenings this week. If you've not made an appointment or would prefer a phone call, contact the school office now to arrange this. Our teaching staff have been working hard to assess learning this term and identify the support and challenge needed for each child. Thank you to them all for their, limitless efforts to help every child reach their potential. We have high expectations for all.

This is our last newsletter before Easter and my last newsletter to you all. I would like to thank you all for your support during my time at Salford Priors. It has been an honour and a privilege to support our little school community and its wonderful children. I would like to wish each and every one of our families the very best for the future. In the meantime, we are looking forward to one more week, and a lovely Easter service at church.

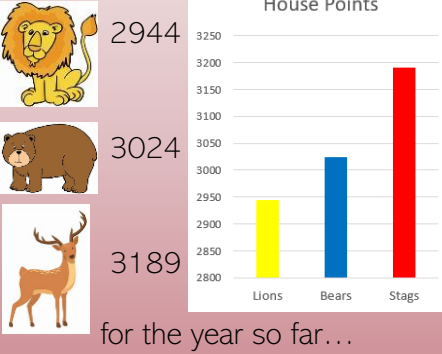
Best wishes,  
Mrs Bowen

### Ash and Oak Classes

Andy Goldsworthy is a sculptor who uses natural materials which he finds in the countryside. He arranges these materials in different shapes and using different colours and sometimes makes works of art which are symmetrical. The sculptures he makes are temporary. After a while the wind, water, or animals destroy them. Oak and Ash Classes have created our own sculptures made from natural materials in his style



### House Point Totals



### Golden Book

Several children have made efforts so brilliant, they have made it into the Golden Book.



- Well done to:
- Mia - magnificent independent maths
  - Freddie – fantastic poster writing
  - Jamie – his ice hockey report
  - George D – his splendid spellings!

We are very proud of you children! That extra determination and hard working attitude helps your learning to fly!



**ROOTED** in love and faith  
**GROWING** in hope and courage  
**THRIVING** in light and harmony



### Elm Class

In art, Elm Class pupils have continued their exploration of Anglo-Saxon art. One of the most famous pieces from this time is thought to have been designed and constructed by Anglo-Saxon artists – The Bayeux Tapestry. It is an embroidered cloth nearly 70 metres long. It depicts the events leading to the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, led by William, Duke of Normandy, challenging Harold II, King of England. Elm children studied this incredible, historical piece of art, then recreated scenes from it in their own way, using collage.



### Cherry Class

In Cherry class we are 'investigating over time' how plants adapt and change to their environments. The children have been investigating the reproduction of plants and have previously taken 'plantlet' cuttings from a spider plant. They were placed in water for two weeks and the plantlets started to grow their own roots! The children have then worked together to plant their spider plants into soil so they can continue to grow strong and healthy. Cherry's scientific investigation continues and the children are measuring and recording their plant's growth and are observing how the plants adapt and grow in their surroundings.



### Eid al-Fitr

In RE across the school, we learnt about the very special occasion for Muslims, Eid al-Fitr which marks the end of the month of Ramadan, a period of month-long fasting for Muslims around the world and the start of Shawwal. We made traditional decorations!



### Diary Dates

- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service, St Matthew's
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April – Parents' Evenings
- 11<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school after Easter
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Forest School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – KS2 Swimming starts
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Cherry Class celebration day in school
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Bikeability starts
- 26<sup>th</sup> May- 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Return to School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Y4 Multiplication Tables Check starts
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check starts
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – iSingPop starts for one week

### Open the Book

We love it when the kind volunteers from 'Open the Book' come to see us in school. Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children. We love it!



# MESSY EAS+TER

FRIDAY  
18TH APRIL  
11.AM-12.30PM

FREE  
ENTRY

CRAFTS  
ACTIVITIES  
REFRESHMENTS  
SONGS

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
SALFORD PRIORS

ALL AGES WELCOME

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## Flyers we have received

# SEN FRIENDLY *Easter events...*



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

The Hub, Henley-in Arden

Easter themed group session with craft and sensory activities

April  
**5**  
2025



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Reynolds Cross School, Solihull

SEN zone's Easter Event, with lots of sensory activities, animal experiences and food!

April  
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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

St Peter's Hall, Balsall Common

SEN sessions with sensory bouncy castles, sensory soft play and wiggle cars

April  
**17**  
2025

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## Eat Well, move *more*



Swap sugary drinks for water or milk.



Check portion sizes and give children smaller plates.



Make exercise fun with active games.



Walk, cycle or SCOOT for short journeys.



For help to stay healthy go to:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eatwellmovemore](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eatwellmovemore)

## **St Matthew's Salford Priors**

**April 2025**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 8.45am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am **Palm Sunday**; Holy Communion inside, Muddy Church outside and SPYING youth in the Church room

5pm Breathing Space (arrive at 4pm for refreshments)

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Holy Communion

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:** **Messy Easter** 11am-12.30pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>:** **Easter Sunday:** 6am Sunrise service

10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am Holy Communion



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Nadia Shireen and Charlie Higson**  
**What's That Noise?**  
£8 | 10-11am | Age 4+



Join author, actor and comedian Charlie Higson and award-winning illustrator Nadia Shireen for this fast and funny event based on their brand-new picture book, *What's That Noise?* Laughs, noisy games, live drawing and fun for all the family guaranteed!



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dame Jacqueline Wilson**  
**The Seaside Sleepover**  
£8 | 10-11am | Age 6+



One of the UK's bestselling children's authors (and a Festival Ambassador) brings you the latest in her hugely popular *Sleepovers* series featuring Daisy and her friends - and Daisy's sister Lily. The summer holidays have finally arrived, and Daisy longs for a proper holiday at the seaside, building sandcastles, eating lots of ice cream and maybe even spotting a mermaid in the sea. Daisy's sister, Lily, wants to come too, but she uses a wheelchair which can make trips to the seaside tricky. Especially with all that sand!

Then Scuff arrives in their life...



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Bunny vs Monkey Trail**  
FREE | All day

Can you find mischievous Bunny, Monkey and their friends around the Festival site? Go on a hunt for these beloved characters in this family-friendly trail created especially for us by Bunny vs Monkey author and illustrator, Jamie Smart.



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Superhero Drop-In and Do**  
**Drawing, craft and games!**  
FREE | 11am-1pm | Age 5+

Pop along and get creative with superhero craft and games, plus create your own character with The Phoenix comic artist Abby Bulmer.



In partnership with The Phoenix Comic

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Maz Evans**  
**Oh What a Knight!**  
£9 | 11.30am-12.30pm | Age 7+



Embark on a madcap journey with superstar author Maz Evans - from the Alps underfoot, through Ancient Egypt and all the way to Camelot to find Excalibur and save the world. Join in the fun and games and discover ancient myths and Arthurian legend in this hilarious, energetic event.



Box Office: 0333 666 3366 or online at stratfest.co.uk

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Garreth P. Jones**  
**Fairytales Musical Mash-Up**  
£8 | 1-2pm | Age 5+



Author, performer, musician, Gareth does it all! Come and sing, laugh and learn along as he brings his books to life in an interactive musical performance based on his favourite retellings: *Rapunzel*, *Snowy White* and *Cinderella*.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Comic Workshop**  
**With The Phoenix Comic**  
£10 | 2-3pm | Age 8+



Channel your inner artist and get creative in this interactive comic creation workshop with cartoonist and comic artist Abby Bulmer as seen in *The Phoenix comic*, *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *My Little Pony*.



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Introduction to**  
**Dungeons and Dragons**  
£10 | 3.30-4.30pm | Age 11-16



Interested in playing *Dungeons and Dragons* but not sure where to start? Or perhaps you are a *Dungeon Master* looking for tips and tricks? Bring your friends along to this interactive D&D workshop where you'll explore how to play, how to create characters and how to run your own game at home!

Please note: Adults are also expected to buy a ticket to events. See full terms and conditions.

**Terms and Conditions**

Most events take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, but please check your ticket and website before you travel.

- 39 All events take place at the venue printed on your ticket. You will be contacted by email in advance of an event if the venue or any details change.
- 39 Tickets are sold through an external box office. Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for a different event. Children over 14 may attend alone but must be delivered and collected by a responsible adult and are not the responsibility of the Festival. Adults attending children's events are expected to buy a ticket unless otherwise stated. Children under 2 and under 5 do not require a seat but need a ticket.
- 39 We reserve the right to alter the programme or circumstances beyond the Festival's control. We will do our very best to replace like with like. Please check our website or follow us on Instagram for programme change alerts. Ticket bookings will also be emailed about any programme changes.
- 39 All seats are reserved. Some events may have staggered pricing based on where you will be seated in the auditorium.
- 39 No animals are permitted into the Crowne Plaza Hotel except assistance dogs.
- 39 Accessibility: all venues can accommodate wheelchair and those with mobility issues, and there is an accessible toilet. All venues are accessible to those with hearing aids on info@stratfordfestival.co.uk if you have particular needs or require a seat close to the stage due to hearing or sight challenges. All speakers use a microphone.
- 39 All details and prices are correct at time of going to press.

**How to Book**  
By phone: 0333 666 3366 (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm)  
Online: stratfest.co.uk  
In person during the Festival:  
At the Box Office and Information Desk, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bridge Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6YR (during the Festival only)  
All tickets incur a booking fee to cover the costs of our external box office. There will be a £2.50 charge to post tickets.

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Go to our website at stratfest.co.uk for the latest news and any programme changes or additions

- Amie Ashworth (Festival Director)
- Charlotte Brennan (Festival Administrator)
- Jo James (Operations Director and Programming)
- Becci Smith (Schools and Children's Events Programming)
- Suzanne Worthington (Stewards and Volunteers Coordinator)
- Alison Morris (Author Care)
- Judy Reeves (Set Design)

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# VACANCY: A message from our AGC



## Show you care, get involved



Become an Academy Governance Committee member  
(‘school governor’) as a parent\* or a member of the  
local community

Provide  
support, monitoring  
& challenge  
around educational  
experience &  
performance

Recieve  
reports, attend  
meetings &  
carry out  
monitoring visits  
to school

Support  
Church, community  
& stakeholder  
engagement &  
Trust strategy,  
approach, ethos  
& values

Experience  
strategic  
leadership for  
great personal  
development &  
work within a code  
of conduct



Training is an  
ongoing &  
essential part of  
the role & is  
provided free of  
charge

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representatives of parents - it's not about  
gathering views but being able to present a  
collective and informed view from parents