

Salford Priors Church of England Academy School Newsletter ~ Friday 7th March 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has clearly arrived with lots of beautiful sunshine to welcome our children back to the first 2 weeks of this half term. The children have been very busy already and there's so much for you to catch up on in this newsletter: class E learning, another visit from our Porterbrook engineer, Forest School, Shrove Tuesday and World Book Day. Read on to find out more.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome so many EYs and KS1 parents into school for a maths workshop. Our children showed our grown-ups how they are developing their early number sense, so they can recall number facts instantly and can be really flexible with number. Children will be taking home activities for the next 5 weeks to continue on this exciting journey to build their own skills, and also show their parents how to help with maths at home!

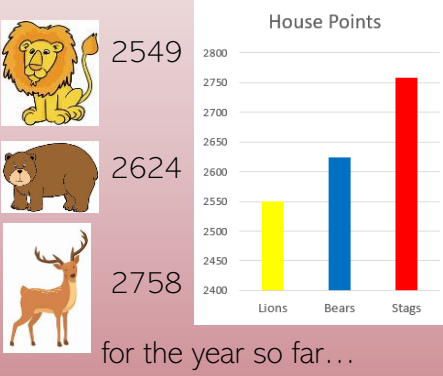
Enjoy this week's news!
Best wishes,
Mrs Bowen

Ash and Oak Classes

Ash and Oak Classes have had similar maths foci this last fortnight – the children have both been measuring the mass of different objects. EYs children have been using language like lighter and heavier, and KS1 pupils have been exploring the use of grams and kilograms to accurately measure mass. A wonderful shop, has helped children to not only measure out vegetables by mass, but also to calculate costs and change in money with our till. We also loved our visit from Porterbrook again – thank you!



House Point Totals



Golden Book

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

- Well done to:
- Jensen for lovely cards for his family
 - Jenson for almost full marks on a new Clic level in maths
 - Ruby
 - Connor
 - George
 - Chloe
 - Aaron... all for great Alps facts files!



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 Elm we are learning about, 'Who were the Vikings?' Where did they come from and why did they explore different countries across the world? We discussed Viking warriors and why it was important for the Vikings to be skilled at shipbuilding. Vikings sailed the seas trading goods. They bought silver, silks, spices, wine, jewelry, glass and pottery to bring back home. They fought and raided monasteries. They used swords in battle and a shield to protect themselves.



In Science, we have been exploring what plants need to grow and pupils have used skills of scientific enquiry. They created a fair test by ensuring the control plant had all its needs and one variable changed for test plants. They decided in their groups which element to change. Would their plant stay healthy? Group 3 decided to give the plant more heat; Group 1 to reduce the air to their plant and Group 2 took away the soil/nutrients. They are observing over time to investigate the impact of their changed environment.



Cherry Class

During our PE lessons, Cherry have been performing through dance and learning the many wonderful skills involved within this including: rhythm, mirroring and timing. We have been focusing on the dance style of 'Zumba' where we have learned about where this style of dance originates from and have practised dance moves linked to this. The children have really enjoyed getting involved with the dancing and are looking forwards to more PE dance lessons.



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day before 40 days of Lent. Lent is meant to be a time of sacrifice, in honour of Jesus who spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness. Traditionally, Christians would eat pancakes on the last day before Lent begins, to use up things in the cupboard like flour, eggs and milk that they wouldn't be eating for Lent. And then came the pancake races... We had such a giggle – even the grown-ups raced!



Diary Dates

- 11th March – KS2 trip to St Matthew's
- 19th March – Porterbrook Engineering celebration
- 17th -21st – Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- 28th March – PTFA non-uniform
- 31st March - Eid al-Fitr
- 4th April – PTFA Easter Bingo
- 8th April – Easter Service, St Matthew's
- 8th and 9th April – Parents' Evenings
- 11th April – Last day of term



St Matthew's Event

A little reminder of this upcoming iSingPop event – Keep the date free! And you can see the Parable Keeper at 6pm On Tuesday 11th March



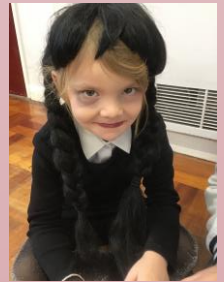
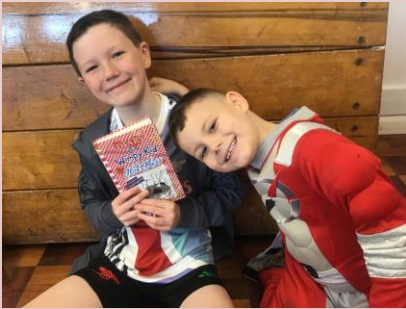


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World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day this week. We were so delighted to see that children had made such an effort to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Lots of fun was had throughout the day – children brought in their favourite books to read with a buddy from another year group, KS2 took part in national live lessons, and children created book reviews and cover designs. There's a new display going up! We love reading at school – a book can take us on so many adventures to places we can only dream about; we can go on exciting adventures, challenge baddies and solve mysteries; and we can learn so much about the world around us from the comfort of our sofas. Parents and carers – we are so grateful for the time you spend reading with you children – it helps their fluency progress rapidly but is also a wonderful bit of quiet and bonding time for you both. Thank you for your support on World Book Day and every day.



Join us at St Matthew's Church

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service

10.30AM
30TH MARCH



St Matthew's Salford Priors **March 2025**

- Sunday 2nd:** 8.45am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
- Saturday 8th:** 8.30-10am Men's breakfast at the Vineyard (please book by 7/3)
- Sunday 9th:** 10.30am Holy Communion inside, Muddy Church outside, SPYING Youth in the Church room
5pm Breathing Space (arrive 4pm for a cup of tea)
- Tuesday 11th:** 6-7pm The Parable Keeper theatre show (suitable for all the family)
- Sunday 16th:** 10.30am Café Church Family service with Bake through the Bible in the Church room
- Saturday 22nd:** Women's breakfast (fully booked this month)
- Sunday 23rd:** 10.30am Holy Communion
5-7pm SPYING
- Sunday 30th:** 10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service
- Also:** Tuesday morning prayer group 9.30am every Tuesday
Tuesday midweek group chat 7.30-9 pm on Tuesday 4th March



Saturday 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 stratliftfest.co.uk

Saturday 10th May

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



Author, performer, musician, Garreth 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 fairytales retellings: *Rapunzel*, *Snowy White* and *Cinderella*.

Saturday 10th 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 10th 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 date. 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 fully accessible. For more information on info@stratliftfest.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: stratliftfest.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.

Scan me to book

Go to our website at stratliftfest.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)



Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO



Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T



Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

Competition

TO NAME OUR FLEET CYCLES

For information
click the QR code



WCC Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name our new fleet cycles.



Closing date
31st March
2025.



Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training.



For information
click the QR code



Amazing news for the future of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The HAF team is delighted to confirm that HAF has been extended for a further year, meaning Warwickshire will be running HAF activities during Spring 25, Summer 25 and Winter 25.

As a reminder, HAF does not currently run during half term holidays, meaning the next HAF delivery period will be over the Easter holidays.

The HAF team has also completed the HAF report for Winter 2024/2025 and you can [view this here](#).

The HAF team will be updating the [webpages](#) to reflect the extension to funding over the next few days. If you have any questions, please email: hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk



February 2025

Newsletter

Thursday
20th Feb
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb
10:00 - 11:30
£24



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.

Tuesday
11th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



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
18th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

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

Contact samantha.jannaway@covmat.org or scan the QR code to register your interest



* representative parents rather than representatives of parents - it's not about gathering views but being able to present a