

Salford Priors Church of England Academy

School Newsletter ~ Friday 14th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, the first half term of Spring and 2025 has passed! We have had a wonderful few weeks with the children – take a look at this fortnight’s updates. It was great to have such a good turn out for our Y6 SATs information evening. It makes such a difference when parents and carers are actively involved in their children’s education. So many little things have such a great impact – reading at home with your children, a little maths practice and learning weekly spellings. These are all things we obviously do in school, but a revisit and consolidation make that learning have depth and security.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 25th February.

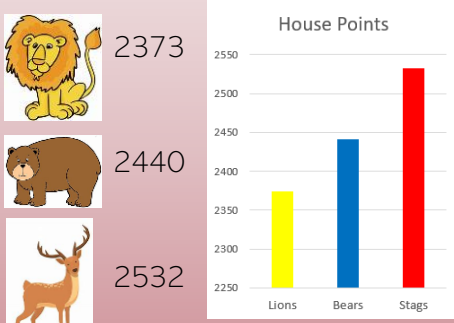
Best wishes,
Mrs Bowen

Ash and Oak Classes

We did it! Ash and Oak Classes managed to persuade Mrs Watton and Mrs Kent that they should have a treat of ice cream today! The class used their writing skills to make a poster to explain which flavour of ice cream is the best flavour, and that the whole class would benefit from the treat. Some very persuasive arguments were used!



House Point Totals



for the year so far...

Golden Book

Several children have made efforts so brilliant, they have made it into the Golden Book. Well done to:

- Laith for excellent maths reasoning
- Max, Blossom, Poppy, Florence and Kailan for their setting descriptions

We are very proud of you children!

St Matthew’s and Leader Learners Faith Club (LLFC)

Mrs Folkes came into Collective Worship on 11th February to help us think more about our school vision on being 'rooted in love'. She, with the help of some pupils in LLFC told and acted out the fable of 'The Fox and the Crane'. You can watch a version of this here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo3830fWDOc&t=1s>

We thought about the moral of the story; 'Treat others as you would like to be treated.' This idea of showing love can be found in the Bible too: Love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:37–39). We were invited to join in with this prayer:

Dear God,
Please help us to act kindly to others
and to treat people as we would like to be treated.
Amen



Then we learned a new song together about kindness, you can watch and hear this one here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK-OKAHqAkQ> Each pupil was given a paper crane to take home to remind them of the story and the moral.





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GROWING in hope and courage
THRIVING in light and harmony



Elm Class

Elm class investigated the effects of different liquids on tooth enamel using eggs to demonstrate the damage caused. This is the effect after 96 hours. The diluted blackcurrant squash caused the most damage. However, the egg in the water had no damage on its enamel.

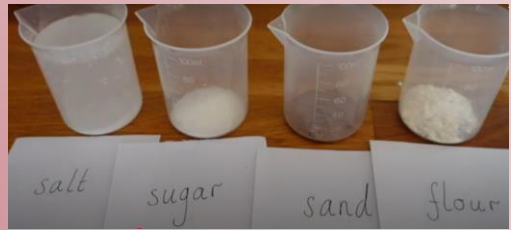


Elm class settle into their morning starter using the laptops and/or iPads to practise reading and spelling on the Nessy Programme, their timetables on TTRS and their maths fluency online Big Maths Clics. For Internet Safety Day, we discussed online safety too, particularly focusing on this year's theme – being aware of scams.



Cherry Class

In Cherry Class during science, we have been learning about the properties of different materials and how these are useful in everyday life. The children have transformed into scientists, where they have tested the solubility of a variety of materials by adding a solute to a solvent to create a solution. Cherry enjoyed predicting, testing, recording and discussing their findings together.



NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February, children enjoyed celebrating all things maths for the day! In collective worship, we explored the magic of maths, when Mrs Bowen pretended to read our minds through calculation! Then through the day we made number badges so we could add and multiply each other, we played games, used maths in science and even read number stories. We also raised awareness of NSPCC's 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' campaign.



Diary Dates

- 17th – 21st February – Half Term Week
- 24th February – INSET Day
- 6th March – World Book Day
- 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



World Book Day

We are really looking forward to World Book Day on 6th March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day, for a £1 donation to charity. Lots of fun is planned through the day – children can bring in their favourite books, we will have buddy story sharing, cover designing and more...

St Matthew's Event

Have a look at this upcoming iSingPop event – keep the date free!





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Whole School DT Rail Project

We were delighted to welcome back the Primary Engineer Rail Project this half term. The focus has been on all things rail - children have been learning about the history of rail and key individuals in its development, rail safety, and designing and making their own rail locomotives. Pupils thought about the purpose of their designs e.g. carrying designer cars to prospective buyers and transporting meat eating dinosaurs to a safer place away from humans! Locomotives were also required to travel along tracks, with carefully located wheels, means of propulsion and have braking systems. Children experienced positive problem-solving activities that encouraged curiosity and developed skills, knowledge and understanding of Design and Technology, through hands-on, practical experiences. Huge thanks to our teachers for organising this super opportunity and to Gary from Porterbrook for guiding our activities and giving us a taste of the life of a real engineer!



Trim Trail Opening

It was lovely to have members of the Perkins Educational Foundation join us for the official opening of the trim trail they so generously funded! We had a ribbon cutting ceremony, lots of cheers and a demonstration for our visitors of what a great facility it is in our field! THANK YOU once more!



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.

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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

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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
collective and informed view from parents