

Salford Priors Church of England Academy

School Newsletter ~ Friday 31st January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The January blues have certainly been banished from Salford Priors CofE Academy – we have had such a busy, exciting start to 2025. If you'd been a fly on the wall, you will have seen children preparing for their rail engineering project with Porterbrook coming up next week, craft activities to mark Chinese New Year, visits from the Fire Service, and lots, lots more! We even had our official trim trail opening! We have lots planned on our calendar too, including Number Day on Friday when we will celebrate all things mathematical and raising pennies for the NSPCC.

Take a look at each class's news below.

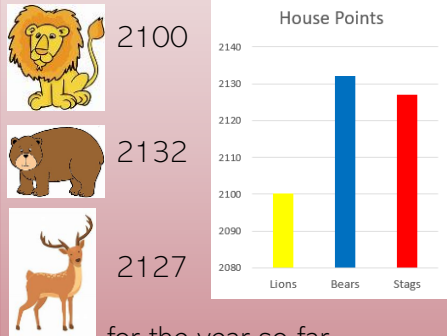
Best wishes,
Mrs Bowen

Ash and Oak Classes

On a windy day this week, Oak and Ash children made windmills in forest school - very apt given the weather! They learned how to use a hammer and nails safely and loved watching their mills spin. Ash and Oak also explored and discovered in science (becoming Ada Twist, Scientist from their English lessons) by testing out the behaviours of different liquids. We ensured our safety by wearing lab coats, goggles and gloves! The excitement didn't end there – they made lanterns and snakes for Chinese New Year and enjoyed a visit from our local fire brigade, joining Cherry Class, to talk about fire safety. Amazing!



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:

- Alfie for his fantastic baking skills
- Hardy for super spelling practice
- Kailan and Poppy for beautiful handwriting and gaining their pen licences
- Lessi for a wonderful rail safety poster – see below
- Alfie again for excellent sentences
- Poppy for hard work in her writing

We are very proud of you children!





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



Elm Class

Elm Class have been learning some gymnastic shapes: pike, straddle, and tuck. They put these together into sequence of moves. They added a balance with a hoop, and were extremely excited to perform their routine with music to Mrs. Bowen. In English, we have been reading the story Beowulf. We have explored alliteration, expanded noun phrases and onomatopoeia to write a creative and interesting character description of Grendel. Everyone worked extremely hard with their presentation and their handwriting too. The children also enjoyed Chinese New Year, learning about traditions and creating snakes! Well done, ELM!



Cherry Class

In Cherry class, we had a lovely visit from a local fire service where the children met some fireman and learned all about fire safety. They also learned what to do in an emergency and also ways to help prevent fires happening around the home. This was a really informative session and the children really enjoyed the visit! During PE in gymnastics, the children have been focusing on partner work and working together to create short sequences and also practising gymnastics movements. This has required them to work on their balance, strength, timing, co-ordination and communication. They have also been practising their counter-balances with a partner and working together to put these into a sequence. We also enjoyed Chinese New Year celebrations.



Diary Dates

- 5th February – Online Safety Week
- 5th February – Portersbrook Engineer visit
- 7th February – NSPCC Number Day
- 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- 14th February – PTFA Bake Sale and Uniform Rail
- 17th – 21st February – Half Term Week
- 24th February – INSET Day

St Matthew's Salford Priors February 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 7/2)
- 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)
- Saturday 15th:** 3-5 pm Family Board games afternoon (everyone welcome; meet in the Church room)
- 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
1-3.30pm SPYING and KS2 children social trip (meeting at venue)

St Matthew's Events

Have a look at upcoming events at our local church:

More details to follow for this KS2 event.

St Matthew's Church presents



Our KS2 pupils will be going to Church for a special 1 hour performance exploring many of the parables of Jesus by theatre company '4Front' with energetic songs and interactive storytelling.

For further information, follow the QR code to 4Front's website with photos and promotion video



SCAN ME

FAMILY BOARD GAMES

You're Invited

Free!

February 15th | 3-5pm

St Matthew's Church
Salford Priors

Games, refreshments and friendship

Flyers we have received

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

FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

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.

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.

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

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