

Salford Priors Church of England Academy

School Newsletter ~ Friday 17th January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! It has been wonderful to welcome back our children into school and they have had a busy first two weeks of learning. We are always so proud of the conscientious attitudes to their own progression. It has been particularly special to see the children devouring their new class texts. Please do take a look at our sequences of texts on the school website. The children benefit from a wide range of text types, different authors, new and traditional tales, fiction and non-fiction. For example, this half term Oak Class has started with *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty – a story praised for inspiring children, especially girls, to develop and interest in STEM; while Cherry Class are studying a non-fiction book, *Himalaya*, by Soledad Romero Marino, taking them on a journey to the highest and most beautiful mountain range in the world. How lucky we are to have such rich inspiration for our own writing. Enjoy reading about all of the other amazing learning going on in each class below and check our diary dates of events coming soon at school!

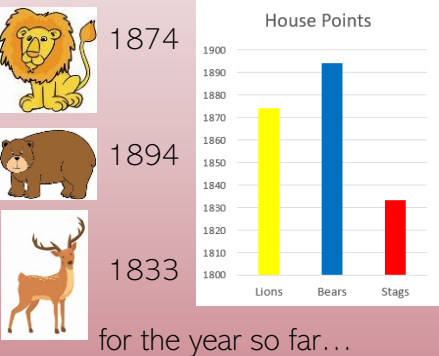
Best wishes,
Mrs Bowen

Ash Class

Ash Class has been to space this week, exploring what astronauts have to wear in order to keep safe. There is no gravity in space. We have learnt gravity is what sticks us to Earth!



House Point Totals



Golden Book

Lots of entries into the Golden Book since our last newsletter:

Chloe, Alicia, Aaron, Jessica, Laith, Ryan, Amber, Connor, Joseph, Scarlett, Lessi, Jacob, Annabelle, Flynn, Rowan, Raf, Kailan, Jenson, Tristan, Florence, Destiny-May, Blossom – all for superb writing!

Charlie – for fantastic description of *Ada Twist*.

Laith and Flynn – for being great role models, of our school rules.

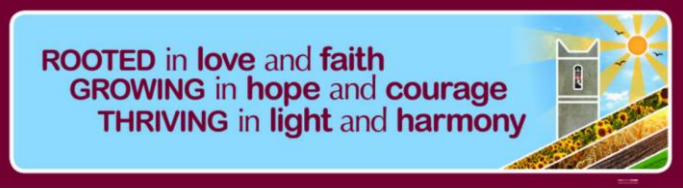
Well done children – we are very proud of you!



Oak Class

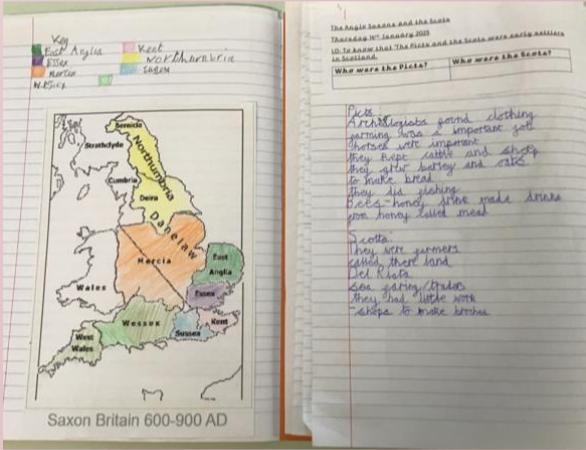
Oak Class children have had a busy start to the new term. In art, they have started their new topics on portraits, starting with self-portraits. They experimented with blending paints to create colours to match their own skin colour. In science, they have been investigating materials and structures to build the strongest bridges! We have really applied our enquiry skills across the curriculum!





Elm Class

In Elm Class, we have been researching about the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. Discussing the different Kingdoms ruled by different Kings in the UK and how the Kingdoms became richer the more land they had. In Scotland, Pictland was divided by the Scots and the Picts. Pupils have made comparisons between the information they gathered about the Scots and the Picts.



Cherry Class

In Cherry Class, the children have had a wonderful experience this week at Forest School where they thoroughly enjoy the outdoor learning environment. This week, the children practiced their communication skills during teamwork activities. They have also climbed trees to explore nature, learned how to make a fire safely and they have used a hammer and nails to build different structures using woodwork.



Diary Dates

- 29th January – Chinese New Year
- 30th January-Alcester Fire Service visiting Oak/Cherry
- 31st January – Trim Trail official opening
- 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

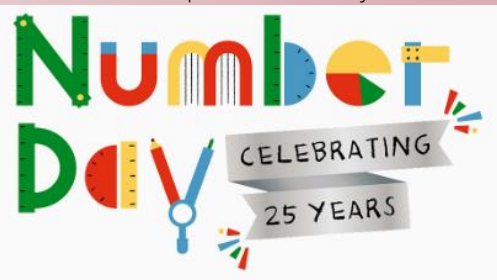
Website

Have you visited our website recently? You may well have found this newsletter on it... but have you taken a moment to explore all the whole site has to offer? Enter the tabs and you will find information about our staff and Academy Governance Committee members; about our wonderful curriculum; key information about our classes; policies and lots of information about the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust. Click on this link to start discovering!

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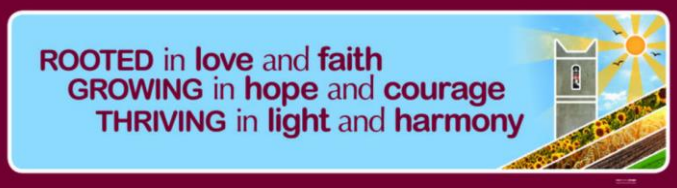
NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we will be joining thousands of schools and nurseries up and down the country in taking part in the NSPCC's fun-filled day of maths! The children will be participating in numerical games, activities and 'dressing up for digits', while raising money to support the charities vital services like Speak out, Stay safe and Childline. Further details to follow!



You can also find links to our Facebook and Instagram pages.





News from St Matthew's

This week, Mrs Folkes came in and talked about the value: Love. This links to our school's vision about being 'rooted in love'. The pupils were encouraged to think about how it feels to be loved, who they love and who loves them. They heard that sometimes, we might feel a bit alone. Perhaps we have had an argument with a friend or someone in our family, or perhaps someone we love has gone away. When we aren't sure about being loved, it can feel sad and lonely. The children were reminded that they are in a school where they are loved and cared for. They will always have someone in school whom they can talk to.

Christians believe that God loves people very much. They see this as great news because it means that there is someone who always loves us, whoever we are and whatever we do.



We watched a story told by Jesus; The parable of the lost sheep from Luke 15.3-7. You can watch this together using this link: [The Lost Sheep](#)

No matter how many of us there are in our school, in our family or in the world, each one of us matters to God. Remembering this should help us never to feel alone and always to feel pretty special.

At Leading Learners Faith Club, Mrs Folkes brought some mini calendars and card for the KS2 to creatively make their own poster for the year. We listened to some relaxing music and talked about our feelings.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us. Being loved makes us feel safe and happy.

It makes us feel warm and special on the inside. Help us to love others so that they may feel that way, too.

Thank you for the people who love and care for us. Help us to show them that we are grateful. Help those people who feel lonely and sad. May they remember that they are never alone because you are always there.

Amen



| St Matthew's Salford Priors January 2025 | |
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| Sunday 5th: | 8.45am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service |
| Sunday 12th: | 10.30am Holy Communion inside, Muddy Church outside, SPYING Youth Chat in the Church room 5pm Breathing Space (optional arrival at 4pm for refreshments) |
| Sunday 19th: | 10.30am Café Church |
| Sunday 26th: | 10.30am Holy Communion |



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

Flyers we have received