

5th December 2025

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NEWSLETTER

ADVENT

In today's assembly, we continued to focus upon this period of preparation and waiting during Advent. We lit the second candle on the Advent Wreath and reflected on spiritually preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming. The teachers also awarded merits to those children who had displayed any of the Gospel Values around school this week.



WRAP AROUND CARE

We continue to offer before school and after school supervision to support working parents. Drop off in the morning is from 8:00am and parents can take advantage of this free of charge. After school provision runs until 5:30pm and costs £9.00 per session. If this is something that you would like to take advantage of, please sign up with Mrs Coen in the school office. GREAT NEWS!! We've had a donation of a table football game and the PTA have bought a table tennis table in order to provide the children with fun and safe activities during the cold, winter evenings.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Everyone looked really festive today in their Christmas jumpers! Thank you so much for the extremely generous donations of bottles and chocolate for the tombola. This kept our Charity Prefect very busy this morning. The PTA are still appealing for donations for the 'Booky Dip' and these will be gratefully received at the school office.





IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!!



It's a very busy time of year so please make a note of all that we are doing in school as we lead up to Christmas.



TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS PANTO

We are all very excited about a travelling children's pantomime coming to perform Dick Whittington this year! The performance will be held at the Heaton Mersey Community Hall and will start promptly at 1:15pm. Prices for tickets are £10 per child. We would also love to see some of our parents/grandparents there too....oh yes we would!! Adult tickets are £5. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.



FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place in the school hall from 6:00-7:30pm. Please do come along to support as there'll be games, stalls and refreshments to enjoy. We're hoping for a visit from Father Christmas too!



TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert will take place at St. John's Church and will start at 7:15pm prompt. The children will be meeting in the school hall to get dressed into their costumes at 7:00pm



SOCIAL MEDIA

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ICT Club Cancellation Notice

Please be advised that there will be no after school ICT on the following date:

- Tuesday December 9th

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Forest School Clothing – colder weather

As the temperature begins to drop, we will continue to go to Forest School. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather on those days.

Thick socks or layer two pairs over each other, vest, base layers – top and bottom, long sleeved top, jumper/hoody, walking boots or wellies, gloves, hat and waterproof trousers and coat are all recommended.

We want all the children to enjoy their Forest School experience, being appropriately dressed makes a big difference to their well-being and engagement, in this fun learning experience.

Thank you for your help with this.
Mrs Jones.



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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

What a wonderful week the children have had! They have been working hard in their phonics and handwriting lessons, learning some very tricky words! We had a lovely time decorating the class Christmas tree on Thursday before setting up the Nativity scene. We're beginning to feel rather festive, especially wearing our fabulous Christmas jumpers today!

Year 4/5

Years 4 and 5 have been exploring Ancient Greece and the Americas in their lessons this week. In History, they delved into the world of the Olympian gods, researching and recording key facts about Zeus, Athena, and Poseidon in their Topic books, and are excited to share their favourite myths. In Geography, students continued their journey across North and South America, using atlases and digital resources to locate the Caribbean Sea and write informative entries about the region's unique geography and features.

Year 1/2

It has been another busy week of learning in Year 1-2. In English, the class explored fiction books, focusing on Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper and sequencing the story. In Maths, they revised addition and subtraction, with Year 2 practising subtracting two-digit numbers across ten. During Religion, the class learned the Christmas story and recorded the sequence in their Topic books.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a productive week. In Maths, they worked through past papers and practised long division with remainders, applying their skills to real-life problems. In English, they explored alliteration and onomatopoeia to enhance their creative writing.

They enjoyed building strength and stamina in PE and began creating Ancient Greek masks in Art using papier-mâché.

A great week of focus and creativity!

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)



Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

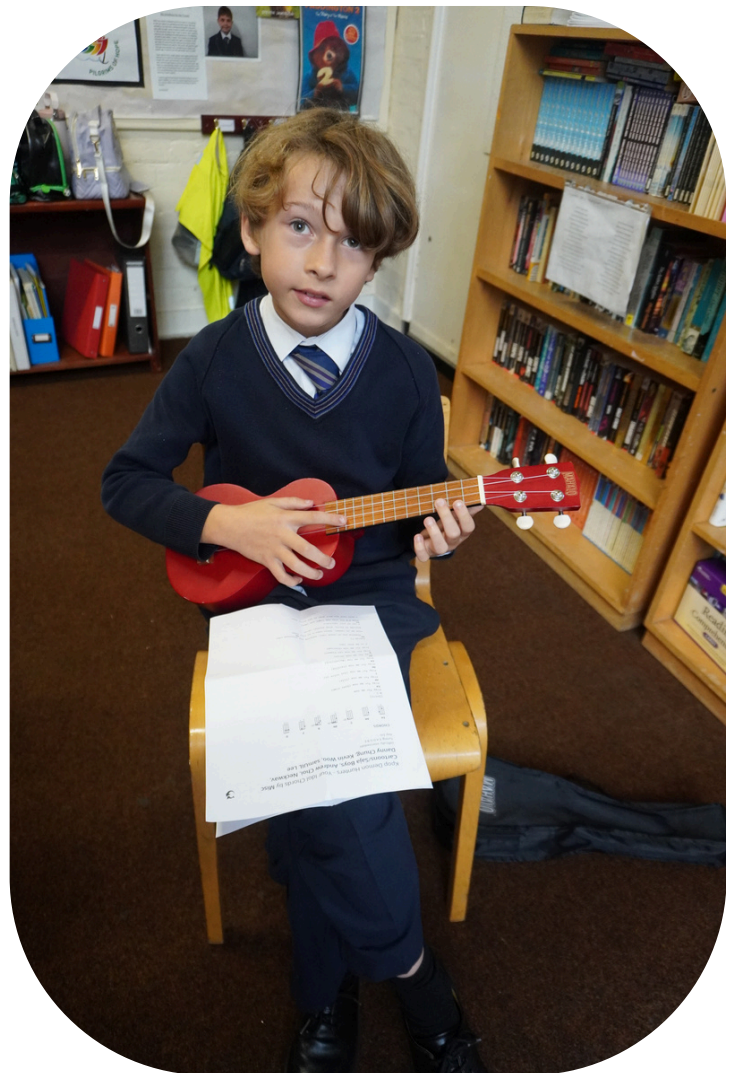
Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £7.50 per
sessions (Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth –
FREE after-school club for all ages (3.05 pm
– 3.45 pm)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Panto-Dick Whittington	1:30-3:30pm in the Community Hall
Thursday 11th December	Y6 Lowry Trip - The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe	Normal school start, returning to school at approx. 5pm
Friday 12th December	Christmas Fair	6:00-7:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 16th December *Note the date change	Christmas concert @ St. John's Church	7:15pm start. Refreshments in school afterwards
Wednesday 17th December	Autumn progress reports go home to parents	3:05pm
Thursday 18th December	Class Party Day	9:30-11:00am
Thursday 18th December	Break up for the end of term	12:00 noon