

28th November 2025

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NEWSLETTER

TEACHING AND LEARNING

ADVENT

During today's assembly, we introduced our beautiful new Advent display in the school hall. The children learned about the significance of the Advent wreath and what each of its candles represents as we prepare for Christmas. We also explored the nativity scene together and made an interesting discovery — everything was in place except for one important figure. Where was baby Jesus? The children shared thoughtful ideas, ready to welcome Him into the scene as Christmas draws nearer. We also rewarded our merit winners for displaying one of the Gospel Values around the school this week. Well done children!



Mr Usher has visited Key Stage 1 and Pre-Prep Maths lessons this week and was delighted by the children's high levels of engagement. Teachers made excellent use of practical materials and manipulatives to help pupils visualise concepts and apply their learning. A wonderful week of hands-on Maths from our youngest children!



BOOKY DIP!

The PTA would be grateful for donations of used but good condition books for our Booky Dip stall at the Christmas Fair. We will have two categories for infants/key stage 1 and juniors/key stage 2. Please drop any donations into the school office before 10th December





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.



FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children can come into school wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper in exchange for a donation of a 'Bottle and a Box.' These donations will be put towards the Bottle Tombowla and the Chocolate Tombowla at the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.



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 dates:

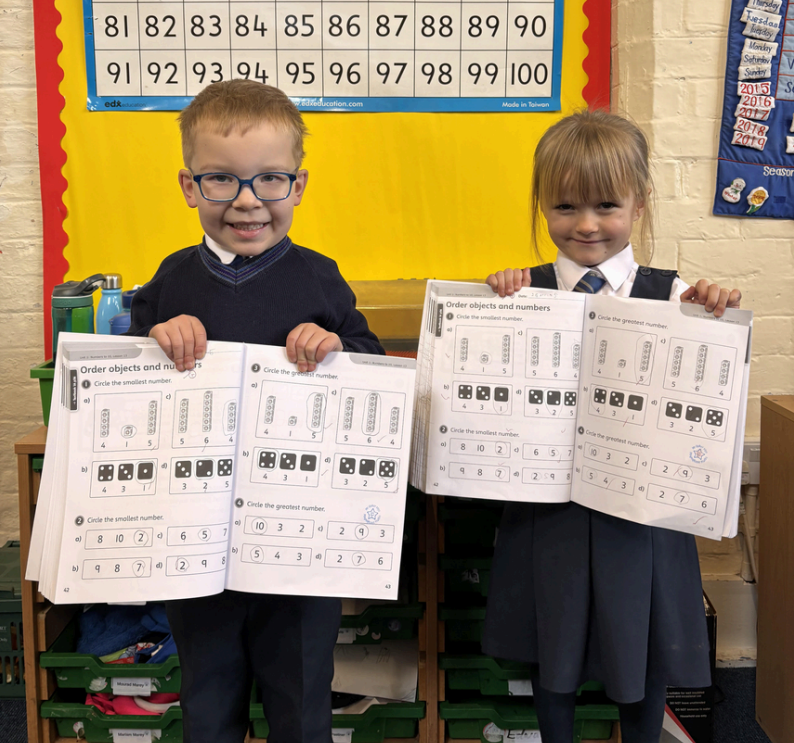
- Tuesday December 2nd
- Tuesday December 9th

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

This week we have been busy retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs, using story language and sequencing correctly. We've completed our rainy day pictures, which can be seen displayed in the classroom. We really enjoyed forest school where we worked on our physical skills climbing the big hill!

Year 4/5

It has been a busy and productive week for our Year 4 and 5 pupils, with great work taking place in both Science and Literacy. In Science, the children learned about the life cycle of a butterfly, exploring each stage in detail and using new vocabulary such as larvae, pupa and chrysalis. They produced clear, well-presented reports that showed a strong understanding of the topic. In Literacy, the class worked on retelling Aesop's fable The Lion and the Mouse, giving everyone the chance to focus on their individual writing targets. Pupils concentrated on improving their punctuation, dialogue and descriptive language, and took real pride in their work. Their retellings were thoughtful, detailed and full of effort, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm throughout the week.

Year 1/2

It's been another busy week in Year 1-2. In English, the children explored poems and songs, revisiting key features and using "Pussy Cat Pussy Cat" and "Round the Village" to support their learning. In Maths, they completed their unit on 2D and 3D shapes and achieved excellent results in the end-of-unit assessment. Science and PE were linked this week, with pupils learning about the seasons in Science and winter-themed dance moves in PE. In Music, they continued practising songs for the Christmas production.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy and focused week. In Maths, they revisited key areas from recent assessments, including algebraic formulas, expressions, substitution, and long division. In English, they worked on comprehension and wrote creative openings to "The Path That Wasn't There Yesterday."

They also put great effort into improving their fitness in P.E. and are thoroughly enjoying the class reader The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

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
Friday 5th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Donations of a 'Bottle and a box (chocs)' for the Christmas Fair
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