

**17th October 2025**

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# NEWSLETTER

## GOSPEL VALUES

The children have been focusing on the Gospel Value of 'TRUTH' this week and they listened to a traditional fable called 'The Boy who cried Wolf!' We had a very open and honest discussion about how it is important to be truthful with ourselves, our friends and the adults who are helping us to grow both at home and in school.

The school staff have been on the look out for particular children who have displayed this specific value in and around the school this week. Well done to these children who were given the 'Merit Award' during our assembly this afternoon.

## BIKEABILITY

A polite reminder that the children in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course after the half term break. A separate letter containing all the relevant information has already been sent to Year 5 + Year 6 parents.

## MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

All of the children and staff had such a marvellous time on the educational visit on Monday. It was wonderful to see our students being such fine ambassadors for the school and many members of the public commented on how polite and well-mannered they were on public transport and at the venue itself. Thank you to the PTA for making the funds available for the trip to go ahead.



## COUNCILLOR DENA RYNESS

We had a special visitor during our Daily Mile on Tuesday morning. The children wished to express their gratitude to Stockport Council for the recent upgrades to the local footpath and invited Councillor Ryness to join them.



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## HALLOWEEN DISCO

It was lovely to see the whole school community coming together yesterday evening for the Halloween disco! There were some tired eyes in school this morning but at least the children (and staff) have a full two weeks to recover! Overall, the PTA managed to raise an impressive £439.00! Thank you to all who contributed to making the evening such a huge success.



## PTA BANK DETAILS

The PTA have asked if their bank details can be shared in case parents wish to make donations, make payments for raffles, events, tickets or uniform. The account number is: 49669060. The sort code is: 30-54-66.



## THANK YOU!

Dear Stella Maris School,  
Thank you for your gift of £57.70 this Harvest.

Your support means women like Waré no longer have to walk miles each day just to fetch water. Thanks to this project, Waré and her family now have safe drinking water close to home. She shared her joy from the project:

"We were happy working together to achieve something by building that tank. We are optimistic that once it is full, it will support us."

Because of your kindness, people around the world who face injustices of poverty, conflict, and climate change - people whose opportunities are limited through no fault of their own - will get the support they need to learn new skills, fulfil their God-given potential, and thrive.

Yours sincerely,  
Michelle Oakford  
Head of Supporter Relations

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## HALF TERM ACTIVITY PACK

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) National Office have been in touch to share a free resource for schools that encourages children to get active outdoors and discover the natural world around them.

Their Children's Activity Pack is full of fun, nature-based activities suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2, designed to inspire outdoor exploration along the Trail or in your local green spaces.

Parents can download the free pack by visiting their children's page, at:

<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>







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# CLASS NEWS

## Pre-Prep

We've had a fun and spooky week in Pre-prep! First, we made models of pumpkins, skeletons, mummies and ghosts - wow! Then, we enjoyed investigating what is inside a pumpkin with our friends from the toddler group.

We also had a great time at the Halloween Disco, especially wearing our wonderful costumes!

## Year 4/5

Our children had an absolutely delightful start to the week with our fantastic trip to the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester. Their joy and enthusiasm were palpable, reassuring us of the positive school experience they are having.

Back in school, we have been diligently completing a range of assessments. These assessments will help inform our upcoming pupil progress meetings, which I will arrange with parents after the half-term break. We want to keep you informed and involved in your child's education.

It's truly inspiring to witness the progress all the children are making in developing their array of skills.

## Year 1/2

The children in Years 1 and 2 have had a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, they revisited 3D shapes and had great fun building their own castles using them. They also practiced interpreting bar charts and tally charts.

In PSHE, the class explored feelings and discussed ways to express them, while in History they proudly completed their 3D castles for the classroom display.

During English, the children continued their work on poetry and created acrostic poems using the word 'Halloween' – a wonderfully creative way to celebrate the season!

## Year 6

It's been a very busy week in Year 6. The mornings have been devoted to assessments in Maths, English and Reasoning. The students worked extremely hard and gave of their best. They have really enjoyed their lessons in the afternoon learning about the Ancient Greeks in History and Art as well as P.E with our sports coach from Stockport County.



# 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

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Date	Event	Time and further details
Saturday 18th October	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 2)	10:30am start
Monday 3rd November	Return to school for Autumn 2	8:50am
Monday 3rd November	Bikeability -Year 6	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Tuesday 4th November	Bikeability -Year 5 Group A	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Wednesday 5th November	Bikeability -Year 5 Group B	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Saturday 22nd November	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 3)	10:30am start
Monday 24th November	Ice Skating @ Cathedral Gardens, Manchester (Whole School)	Leave school at 10:00am Return by 2:30pm
Wednesday 3rd December	Christmas concert @ St. John's Church	7:15pm start. Refreshments in school afterwards
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
Friday 12th December	Christmas Fair	6:00-7:30pm in the school hall
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