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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

We listened to the parable of the 'Workers in the Vineyard' during our assembly this morning and tried to understand why Jesus told this story to his followers. We reflected upon not being jealous of other people's rewards or blessings but to celebrate God's kindness and compassion that he shows to everyone regardless of when they start to follow Him.

It was also a time to celebrate with our merit badge winners who were rewarded for displaying any of our Gospel Values around the school this week. Well done children!



WORLD BOOK DAY

An advanced notice that ALL children are invited to dress up as a character from a book this year as part of the World Book Day celebrations. This will be taking place on Friday 6th March. We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes. Further details about what we will be doing on World Book Day are to follow.



BRAND NEW!



Little Stars at Stella Maris

Free Parents & Tots Play Mornings

Come along for a friendly, relaxed morning of fun, learning, and connection. Our play mornings are the perfect opportunity for parents, carers, and little ones (aged 0-4) to enjoy a variety of engaging activities in a safe and welcoming environment.



LITTLE STARS TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group that started in September has continued to grow and we now have approximately 10 toddlers who attend regularly. 6 families have signed up to join our Pre-Prep in September 2026 so the work that Mrs Jones is doing is certainly attracting more families to our school. The group will continue to run during term time from 9:30am-11:00am on a Thursday morning. Please continue to signpost any parents with toddlers within your social circles.

PTA CAKE SALE

Thank you for supporting the Cake Sale this afternoon. The PTA will put the proceeds towards activities that will support the children's learning in school.



Follow us on Facebook for more photos and updates!





TINY TALES, BIG SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to announce that some of our pupils are officially becoming published authors! Earlier this term, pupils entered a creative writing competition tasked with writing adventure stories in exactly 100 words.

Last week, we received the wonderful news that the publishers were so impressed, they have selected our pupils' work for an upcoming book titled 'The Adventures of—Amazing Stories.' All successful writers received a certificate in assembly. Please check your child's bag for a permission letter; it contains some instructions, so their work can be included in the April release. Congratulations to our talented wordsmiths!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please feel free to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and like our posts.

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EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Our Key Stage 2 pupils were out and about on Thursday, visiting Tatton Park and stepping back in time to the Early Middle Ages!

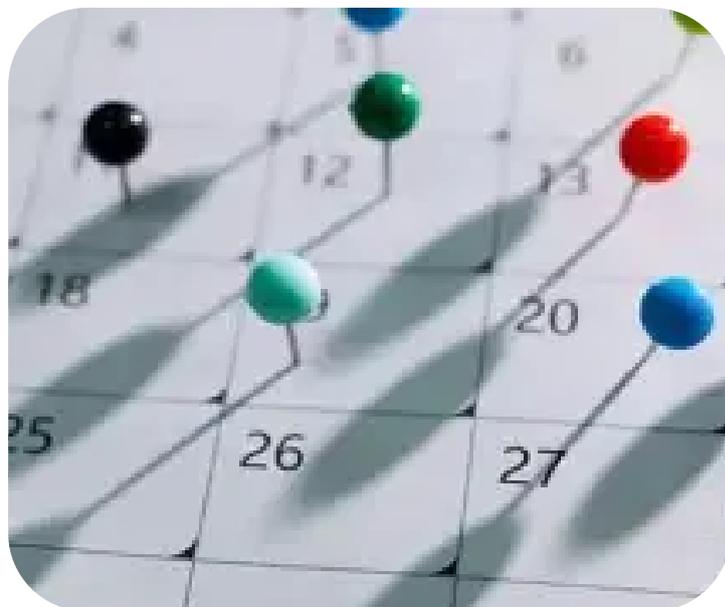
The children explored how animal horns were used as drinking vessels, bowls and lanterns, giving them a fascinating insight into everyday life in the past. They also learned how to braid — a skill Vikings used for trading and craftsmanship. Another hands-on workshop saw pupils threshing sheafs of wheat and grinding the grain to make flour, bringing history to life through practical learning. It was a fantastic day of discovery and immersive learning!

Well done to the children as they were recognised by the staff at Tatton Park for their excellent behaviour and for representing the school so well.



FOREST SCHOOL

Next half term, Forest School will continue for KS1 and Pre-Prep on a Monday afternoon. There will be a change to Monday mornings, as Year 4 and Year 6 will be having Forest School with Mrs Jones and Mrs Curly at St. John's School. These sessions will commence on Monday 2nd March as St. John's have staff training on Monday 23rd February.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We have quite a few Educational Visits and different events planned before we break up for Easter so there's a calendar of events at the bottom of the newsletter to help parents plan ahead!

FUND-RAISING

As well as our usual fund-raising for the PTA next half term, we will also be supporting Francis House with their Easter Chick Campaign and we will be bringing back the St. Joseph's Penny Lenten appeal in aid of CARITAS. More details of how we can get involved as a school community will be revealed after the half-term break.





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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

This week in PP we have been focussing on writing simple captions, carefully sounding out each word and learning about using fingers spaces between words. We have been working on our calculation skills in our maths lesson, learning to find different ways to make a total of five, and recording our findings using images and numerals. We also found time to complete a collage of a beautiful flamingo in the style of Eric Carle.

Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have enjoyed a busy week of learning. In Maths, Year 1 focused on ordering numbers to 20, while Year 2 continued their work on sharing and division. In English, the class completed and neatly wrote up their creative stories about a witch. In Religion, they explored similarities between the Christian festival of Easter and the Islamic festival of Ramadan. In French, the children learned about how Mardi Gras is celebrated in France, and they also enjoyed taking turns to read the class story aloud.

Year 4/5

In English this week, the children continued reading Viking Boy and wrote descriptive scenes based on a tense encounter with wolves. They focused on improving their vocabulary, using strong adjectives, similes and carefully chosen adverbs to build atmosphere in their writing. In ICT, we marked Safer Internet Day 2026 by exploring the theme "Smart tech, safe choices" and discussing how Artificial Intelligence can support learning when used responsibly.

Year 6

It's been a busy week in Year 6 again this week. The children have written a recount of their favourite educational visit so far this year. They've also written a book review of their favourite book. The most worthy written work was selected for our classroom display board. In Maths, they have worked on dividing fractions by and integer and practiced their arithmetic skills. They really enjoyed their educational visit to Tatton Park and stepping back in time to the Early Middle Ages.

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 13th February	School closes for half term	3:05pm
Monday 23rd February	School opens for Spring 2 After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Saturday 28th February	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 6)	10:30am start
Monday 2nd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Tuesday 3rd March	Key Stage 2 Music Educational Visit to the Halle @ Bridgewater Hall. Travel by Tram	Depart -9:15am Return- 2:00pm
Thursday 5th March	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 Science Educational Visit to Smithills Farm	£20 donation please Depart -9:00am Return- 3:00pm
Friday 6th March	World Book Day	Mrs Jones to lead
Monday 9th March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Monday 16th March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Wednesday 18th March	Festival Of the Arts	5:00pm in the school hall Parents/grandparents welcome
Monday 23rd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Thursday 26th March	Academic progress reports to go home	
Friday 27th March	School closes for the Easter holiday	3:05pm