

**27th February 2026**

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# NEWSLETTER



## GOSPEL VALUES

During assembly this morning we listened to the story of Jesus spending time in the wilderness for 40 days and nights. We reflected upon how we sometimes make the wrong choice and listening to our guardian angel will help us to learn to stay on the right path and make good decisions. We talked about how we are now in the season of LENT and how Christians make conscious efforts to pray, fast and give in the build up to Easter.

Our Merit Badge winners for the week were announced and it was lovely to hear the reasons why they were selected by their teachers. Congratulations children!



## EXAM SUCCESS!

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have all been offered a place at their respective 1<sup>st</sup> choice high schools. This is a magnificent achievement and well-deserved for all of their preparation during the exam and interview process. Well done children!

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

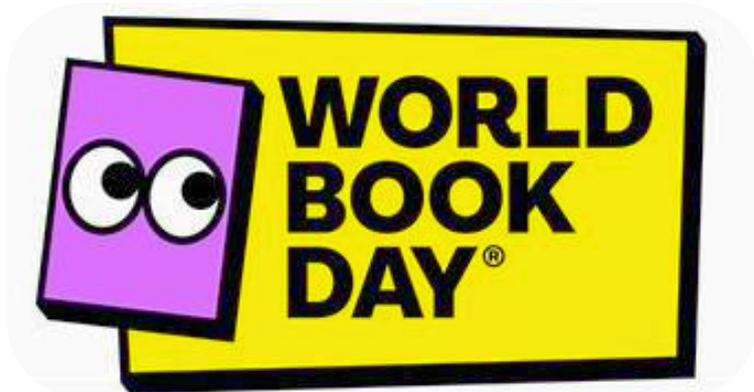
The children in Key Stage 2 are really looking forward to their visit to the Bridgewater Hall on Tuesday in order to enrich our Music curriculum. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and travelling by tram. Children are advised to have a hearty breakfast and to bring a healthy snack to eat before going into the theatre. We will be returning to school at 1:00pm and having a later than usual lunch. The children are expected to wear full school uniform please.

On Thursday, the children in Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 will be travelling by coach to Smithills Farm to enrich the Science curriculum. We will be having lunch at the farm so please bring lunch in a disposable carrier bag. A polite reminder about wearing suitable clothing and footwear for a farm visit and to bring a waterproof coat.



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## WORLD BOOK DAY + READATHON

We are very excited about World Book Day next Friday! The day will begin at 9:00am with a costume parade in the hall followed by the grand opening of our new library! Parents are very welcome to come along and it should take no longer than an hour.

World Book Day also marks the beginning of our annual Readathon, organised by the PTA. Full details have already been sent home with your child.

## CANCELLATION OF SWIMMING

There will be no swimming lesson for Key Stage 2 next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Next Monday, Forest School will continue for KS1 and Pre-Prep during the afternoon. During the morning, there will be a change as Year 6 and Year 4 will be taking part in Forest School sessions.

## THANK YOU!

The PTA would like to express their gratitude for supporting the Cake Sale at the end of last half term. The event raised £76.35. Thank you!



## FUND-RAISING

As well as our usual fund-raising for the PTA, we will also be supporting Francis House with their Easter Chick Campaign and the St. Joseph's Penny Lenten appeal in aid of CARITAS.

The children have taken home a St. Joseph's Penny box today and we ask that it be placed in the home for any spare change that family members are willing to contribute during LENT. The boxes will be collected in again by our Charity Prefect during the last week of term.

The PTA will be purchasing the Easter chicks to distribute to the children. Additional chicks can be purchased from the school office for £2 each.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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# CLASS NEWS



## Pre-Prep

We have had a great week back at school, beginning our new topic on farms. The children have been learning about farm animals and discovering where wool for jumpers comes from. They enjoyed creating mixed media cow collages while helping at Toddler Group. In class, they have also been working hard in phonics and have started weekly spelling tests to practise their new sounds and skills.

## Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have enjoyed another busy week of learning. In Maths, Year 2 continued their work on multiplication and division, while Year 1 practised adding numbers to 20. In Religion, the class learned about Diwali, and one child shared how his family celebrates the festival. In French, they found out about the capital city of France, Paris. The children are also enjoying the class story Zog and have planned and written their own dragon stories in English.

## Year 4/5

This week, the children approached their assessments with focus and maturity, showing a calm and positive attitude throughout. We are proud of the effort they put into each test and the way they rose to the challenge. Alongside this, learning continued across the curriculum. In Science, the class explored the Solar System, researching planets and their orbits with great interest. In Computing, they began a new unit on coding, building on their previous knowledge to tackle more complex programming tasks.

## Year 6

Year 6 loved their first Finance Education lesson on Monday with Toby from Stockport County. Their other Maths lessons this week involved adding and subtracting decimals as well as multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Speaking and listening skills continue to improve in English as they engage positively with the performance poetry lessons with Ms Mesagno. During Religion, they learnt about our class saint- St. Terese of Lisieux. A very busy week of fun and learning in Year 6!

# 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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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time and further details</b>
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 and Readathon launch.	9:00am Costume Parade in the hall followed by opening of the library
Monday 9th March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Monday 9th March	Year 5 Parents' meeting with Mr Usher regarding high school applications.	3:15pm – Year 5 classroom
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
Thursday 19th March	Readathon finishes	
Monday 23rd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Thursday 26th March	Academic progress reports to go home	
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade followed by Easter Draw.	2:45pm
Friday 27th March	School closes for the Easter holiday (2 weeks)	3:05pm