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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

During our assembly this morning, we listened to the story of when Jesus showed compassion towards the blind man, Bartimeus. We reflected on the meaning behind the story and how it is a powerful reminder that we should not overlook the needs of others, especially those who are often ignored by society. We talked about our daily routines and the children came up with some very good examples of how we should seek opportunities to show kindness and compassion to those who need our help. Our merit badge winners were also recognised for showing any of the Gospel Values around the school this week. Congratulations children!



PTA CAKE SALE

There will be a 'Cake Sale' in the hall next Friday at the end of the school day. All proceeds will go towards the fabulous work that the PTA do for the school community. Any home-made or purchased cakes can be dropped off at the school office on Friday morning. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The school library is coming along nicely. Mrs Jones and Mrs Coen took some of our Year 6 pupils on a spending spree to Ikea on Wednesday afternoon in order to buy the furniture needed to make the library into a comfortable and welcoming space. Although they had a fabulous time, they found it tricky attempting to purchase all that they needed within a set budget! This required lots of teamwork, communication and compromise so well done children!

Thank you to Lillian's mum who has volunteered some of her time to organise some of the books in the library. Mrs Jones is hoping that that the library will be completed in readiness for World Book Day and a grand opening...so watch this space!!



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AUTHOR VISIT

We were so lucky to welcome a very special visitor into school to mark National Storytelling Week on Thursday. Author, Rosie Middleton, came to share her beautiful story Poppy and Nam from the Happy Soul Series. The book explores the joy we can feel when we choose kindness and generosity, with homelessness as a central theme. Rosie captivated everyone with her storytelling and followed this with a superb question and answer session with our pupils and parents. It was a truly inspiring afternoon that sparked thoughtful conversations and lots of smiles.



FINANCE EDUCATION

We're delighted to be working once again with the Community Trust team at Stockport County Football Club. After half term, they'll be delivering a 5-week programme for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, focusing on numeracy and financial skills. Sessions will take place every Monday afternoon from 1-3pm. In addition, the coach will also be running free girls' football sessions from 3-4pm each week for the same 5 weeks — a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, teamwork and enjoyment through sport. Therefore, the children in Year 5 and 6 will need their full P.E kits in school each Monday next half term.



CROSS-COUNTRY

It was fabulous to see a couple of our young athletes out and about at Woodbank Park last Saturday morning as they represented the school in the Stockport Harriers Cross Country League. Congratulations to Finlay (32nd) and Iris (21st) who both achieved a season's best.

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.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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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!

Correction! The school closes for Easter on Friday 27th March at 3:05pm NOT 12:00 noon.



INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

Next week, we will be taking part in Internet Safety Week, where children will be learning about how to stay safe, responsible and respectful when using the internet and digital devices.

Throughout the week, pupils will explore important topics such as protecting personal information, recognising safe and unsafe online behaviour, understanding the importance of kindness online, and knowing what to do if something makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.



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CLASS NEWS

Year 4/5

This week in Maths, students focused on division, learning about remainders and solving tricky word problems. To celebrate the start of the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy, they became international researchers, creating information sheets about the Milano Cortina Games. They discovered facts about the mascots Tina and Milo, the first Olympic logo chosen by public vote, and the split design of the medals symbolising the partnership between Milan and the mountains. The class also explored all 16 sports featured this year, including the new Ski Mountaineering discipline.

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have had another very busy week. During their English lessons they have edited and completed their second draft of their creative story in the style of C.S. Lewis. These are almost ready to be proudly displayed on the classroom wall. Maths has been all about multiplying and dividing fractions by fractions as well as polishing up on some mental arithmetic skills. They've also looked at the work of Andy Warhol and designed their own Pop Art images for display.



Pre-Prep

This week, PP have been enjoying books by their focus author, Shirley Hughes. They explored *Up and Up*, a wordless story that encouraged the children to invent their own storytelling and dialogue. The class also loved the visit from author Rosie Middleton on Thursday and enjoyed meeting her and asking questions about her work.

Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have been working hard this week. In English, they focused on creative writing, planning and writing stories set in a haunted wood with a witch. In Maths, they continued developing their understanding of multiplication and division. In Geography, the children learned how to use compass points to navigate a map, linking this to their History topic on the travels of Christopher Columbus. In French, they revised the months of the year and learned how to say their birthdays in French.

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
Saturday 31st January	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 5)	10:30am start
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	Mr Brown to lead
Thursday 12th February	Key Stage 2 History Educational Visit to Tatton Park. Travel by coach	£20 donation please Depart -9:00am Return- 3:00pm
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