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# NEWSLETTER

## GOSPEL VALUES

Our Gospel Value this week is 'Charity.' Year 6 led a thoughtful assembly this morning, sharing a brief history and background of our chosen Lenten charity, St. Joseph's Penny. They explained how the charity was established in 1904 by Bishop Vaughan to support destitute and vulnerable children across the Salford Diocese. As a school community, we spent time reflecting on how we can live out this Gospel Value during Lent by praying for and supporting vulnerable families, as well as by showing kindness and generosity to those in need. As always, the teachers gave recognition to those pupils who have displayed any of our Gospel Values in and around school this past week. Well done children!



## EXAM SUCCESS!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our 'Class of 2026' who have continued our school's tradition of outstanding success, with 100% of pupils passing their entrance examinations for their first-choice grammar schools.

This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the ongoing support of our families.

Congratulations to our wonderful pupils — we are so proud of you and look forward to seeing all that you achieve in the future.



## SCHOOL LIBRARY

Every child in the school has now had an opportunity to visit the new school library and select a reading for pleasure book. It was lovely to see our 'Little Stars' toddler group going in there on Thursday morning to listen to a story read by Mrs Jones.



## FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

We are delighted to invite parents and grandparents to our 'Festival of the Arts', taking place on Wednesday 18th March at 5:00pm in the school hall. This special evening will celebrate the creativity and talent of our pupils, who will be showcasing their artistic skills in a variety of ways. The programme will include performance poetry, musical instrument performances, singing and an exhibition of artwork created during lessons. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see the breadth of learning and creativity taking place across the school. The festival will last approximately one hour, and light refreshments will be served afterwards. We very much hope you will be able to join us to support and celebrate our young artists.



## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The children are really looking forward to the Educational Visits planned for next half term. Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 will be attending the Lowry Theatre on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April to watch a performance of Zog in order to enrich their learning during English lessons. A letter went home to parents regarding this earlier in the week. The Key Stage 2 children are excited about returning to the Museum of Science and Industry to participate in a workshop all about Space. More details about this trip will be sent to parents next week.







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# CLASS NEWS

## Year 4/5

This week in Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of fractions. We revisited equivalent fractions before moving on to multiplying fractions. Although this can be a tricky concept at first, the class used visual models and showed great perseverance, with some fantastic “lightbulb moments” along the way.

In History, we continued our learning about the Vikings by exploring the god Odin. The children were fascinated to discover his quest for wisdom, his role as ruler of Asgard, and the animals linked to his legend.

Mr Brown’s Tip: Ask your child why Odin is often shown with only one eye.

## Year 6

The children in Year 6 have enjoyed their learning this week. On Monday, the Forest School session was all about revising how to tie a variety of knots. During their Religion lessons they learnt about how and why the St. Joseph’s Penny Lenten appeal was set up by Bishop Vaughan over 100 years ago. They presented their findings to the rest of the school during a very informative and reflective assembly this morning. In Maths, they’ve worked on improving upon their arithmetic scores and practised finding fractions of an amount. They also loved using charcoal to draw images of Easter Bunnies during Art on Thursday.

## Pre-Prep

It’s been another busy week for PP Class. In phonics, the children have been learning about double letter endings such as ck (rock), ll (bell), ss (boss) and zz (fizz). In Maths, they have been recording their work using numerals and pictures to show different ways to make a total of 5.

The children have also been practising their poem ready for their performance at next week’s Arts Festival. On Thursday, they really enjoyed showing the Toddler Group our new library space during Story Time.

## Year 1/2

Year 1–2 have been working extremely hard this week. In English, the children wrote their own stories inspired by the dragon from their class book, using a picture to help them predict what might happen next.

In Maths, Year 2 began learning about measuring in centimetres and metres, while Year 1 continued practising subtraction within 20.

In Geography, the class enjoyed learning more about Stockport. In French they learnt the names of different fruits and watched a French version of The Hungry Caterpillar.

# 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)  
NOTE - not on next two Tuesdays

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>
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