

27th March 2026

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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

During assembly this morning, we focused on the Gospel Value of 'Gratitude.' Together, we reflected on the many blessings of the Spring Term and gave thanks for the wonderful experiences we have shared. It has been a term full of happy memories, enriched by fun and engaging learning across the school.

We also took time to say a fond farewell to Mrs Ashworth, who has been a valued member of our school community for the past six years. We expressed our sincere gratitude for her dedication, care, and the positive impact she has had on the children she has taught. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness and success in the future.



AN EASTER REFLECTION

On Thursday afternoon, our children visited St John's Church to take part in a reflective and interactive journey through the events of Holy Week. Working in small groups, the children moved thoughtfully through a series of stations, exploring the significance of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally celebrating the joy of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each station provided an opportunity for the children to engage in hands-on activities, as well as time for reflection and discussion. The visit offered a valuable opportunity to deepen the children's understanding of Holy Week in a meaningful and memorable way. We are very grateful to Reverend Liz and the parishioners of St John's Church for hosting such a special and enriching experience for our pupils.



PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHING

After the Easter break, Mr Bowie will be leaving his role as our 1:1 peripatetic music teacher. We are pleased to welcome two new teachers: Rebecca Chambers (piano) and Richard Taylor (guitar, ukulele and drums), both of whom bring extensive experience and expertise.

We were treated with a taste of what's to come from Mr Taylor during our assembly this morning and lots of children are excited by the prospect of being taught by him in the Summer Term.



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ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

Stockport Grammar School is delighted to invite current Year 5 pupils to their upcoming Taster Days. These events will offer pupils the opportunity to experience a range of engaging activities, explore our school site, and get a feel for life at our Senior School.

The Taster Days will take place on:

- Wednesday 20th May
- Thursday 21st May
- Tuesday 16th June

Here is a link to the taster day website:
<https://stockportgrammar.co.uk/taster-days-2026/>

READATHON

The Readathon organised by the PTA was a huge success again this year with over £400 raised! This money will go directly towards curriculum enrichment activities to support the learning of the children so thank you to all in our school community for your support. The winners were announced this morning during our assembly. Congratulations to Lillian and Adrith (most pages read) and Nancy and Erin (most money raised.)



EASTER PARADE

To celebrate springtime and Easter, the PTA held their annual Easter Bonnet Parade this afternoon. The children made a wonderful effort, and the creations were incredibly original and full of creativity. Well done to all of our winners!

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the Easter hampers—your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

We want to wish all in the school community a happy and holy Easter break. Thank you for making this term at Stella Maris a remarkable one! We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Monday 13th April.



ST JOSEPH'S PENNY

Our Charity Prefects have been busy counting up all of the generous donations for our annual St. Joseph's Penny Appeal in support of CARITAS. As a school community, we are delighted to share that we collectively raised £30.56.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity—your contributions will make a meaningful difference.



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EASTER BONNETS!





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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

This week in PP, we have been very busy getting ready for Easter. The children have enjoyed making colourful Easter cards and learning about the Easter story, taking time to reflect on its meaning. A highlight of the week was taking part in the Easter bonnet parade, where everyone proudly showed off their wonderful creations. It has been a fun and creative week, and a lovely way to celebrate together and get into the Easter spirit.

Year 1/2

It's been a busy final week of the Spring term in Year 1-2. In French, the children learnt about le poisson d'avril and April Fools' traditions. In English, they explored fantasy poetry, focusing on dragons and imaginative settings, while also practising the use of commas in a list. In Maths, Year 2 worked on measuring in grams, kilograms and capacity, while Year 1 focused on numbers to 50. In Geography, the children continued their "Our World" topic, learning how to use a compass to show direction.

Year 4/5

This week in English, we explored our class novel Viking Boy, imagining life in a busy Norse port. The children identified different groups, including Saxons, Celts and Franks.

We linked this to Geography by researching where these groups came from and plotting their journeys on a world map, helping us understand how connected the Viking world was.

In Maths, we are finishing our work on fractions. The children have shown great perseverance and their confidence has grown—well done to everyone for their hard work.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6! In English, the children have been practising contractions and using apostrophes for omission. In Maths, they have been converting imperial measures into metric. They have particularly enjoyed learning about Viking beliefs, exploring gods such as Freja, Odin, Loki and Hel.

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 - £8 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
Monday 13th April	School opens for Summer 1	8:00am
Monday 13th April	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Thursday 16th April	Pre-Prep and KS1 @ Lowry Theatre to see Zog	Leave school @9:15pm Packed lunch required
Monday 20th April	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Monday 27th April	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Monday 11th May	Key Stage 2- Educational Visit to the Museum of Science and Industry-Cosmic Chaos	9:05-3:00pm Packed lunch needed Full school uniform
Wednesday 13th May	LAMDA examinations	
Monday 18th May	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Friday 22nd May	3:05pm School closes for Whit holiday	School closes for 2 weeks
Monday 8th June	School opens for Summer 2	8:00am
Tuesday 9th June	Greater Manchester Fire Service workshop for KS2	1:00pm
Wednesday 10th June	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle Orchestra	Leave school at 11:00am Return to school at 3:00pm Packed lunch required
Thursday 17th June	Key Stage 2 go to the Palace Theatre to watch Annie	Leave school at 1:30pm Return to school at 6:00pm
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day	1:30pm St. John's playing field
Tuesday 30th June	Summer Production-The School-O-Vision Song Contest	6:00pm @ Heaton Mersey Community Hall
Tuesday 7th July	Pre-Prep + Key Stage 1 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Wednesday 8th July	Year 4+5 Assembly	