

2nd October 2026

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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

Our Celebration Assembly looked a little bit different this morning! As it was a Non-Uniform day in aid of CAFOD, the children were very excited about wearing their own clothes and looking very colourful in the process. Two of our prefects, Tabitha and Lydia, led the assembly and taught us about how the money that we have raised today will help support children in Zimbabwe to have clean running water in their schools. Well done to all in the school community, we raised £30! Thank you children and staff for your generosity. As always, we also celebrated the achievements of three of our children who have displayed at least one of our Gospel Values in and around the school this past week. Well done to the children who have been recognised by their teachers.



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Monday

- Forest School Years 3-5
- Chess Club - after school

Tuesday

- LAMDA - Lunchtime
- Computing Club

Wednesday

- P.E. lessons
- Piano lessons
- Gardening Club - Lunchtime
- Little LAMDA's - Lunchtime
- Sports Club - after school

Thursday

- Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am
- Guitar lessons
- Art club - Lunchtime

Friday

- Swimming Years 3-6



HATS OFF TO KEY STAGE 1!

Mrs Jones, Mrs Herok and our Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic time at the Hat Works Museum in Stockport today! The children loved exploring all the amazing hats, discovering how they were made and learning about Stockport's hat-making history. There were plenty of interesting things to see, lots of questions asked and, of course, a few very stylish hats tried on! A brilliant day was had by all.



CAKE SALE

The PTA Cake Sale last week raised £120. Thank you to everybody involved whether it was baking, buying or tasting the wonderful array of tasty cakes on offer!

HALLOWE'EN DISCO

The annual Family Hallowe'en Disco, organised by the PTA, will be held on Thursday 15th October from 6-7:30pm. It has been decided that one of the raffle prizes this year will be a 'BOO BOX!!' The PTA are asking for donations of cosy autumn items to put in the box. Items like Hallowe'en sweets, chocolate, kids toiletries, comfy socks, blanket, etc.

They are also welcoming other donations of cakes and goodies for the disco to be dropped off at school the morning of the disco. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS PANTO!

The PTA are pleased to announce that the children will be attending the Plaza in Stockport for a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Tickets have been booked for the matinee performance on Thursday, 10th December. More details to follow.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

One of our areas for improvement this year is to build upon the already fantastic working relationships we have with our parents and wider school community.

As part of this, we are delighted to introduce a termly Parental Engagement Day, giving parents and grandparents the opportunity to come into school and join their children for some of the exciting lessons taking place.

Our first Parental Engagement Day will take place on Tuesday 13th October, from 1:00–2:00pm.

During this session:

- Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 pupils will be enjoying their Music lesson.
- Key Stage 2 pupils will be taking part in French and Performance Poetry lessons.

We hope that as many parents and grandparents as possible will be able to join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the children in action, experience some of their learning first-hand and spend time together as part of our school community.

We look forward to welcoming you into school!

SCHOOL NATIVITY

The children's annual performance of the Nativity will take place on Wednesday, 16th December starting at 7:00pm at St. John's Church.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that there has been a change to the date for when the photographer will be in school. Photographs will now take place on Tuesday 13th October.

SCHOOL AGED IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

Please be aware that there has been a change to the consent process for the School Aged Immunisation Programme, organised by Intrahealth. Intrahealth are now using a new digital tool called Mavis, and consent forms will be sent directly to parents of pupils.

The immunisation session has been booked for Monday, 2nd November. Please look out for an email from the Intrahealth team with further information and details of how to provide consent.

YEAR 5 + 6 RESIDENTIAL

The Residential has been booked from 14th to the 16th April and all pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend. A letter with further details will be sent home next week.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS!

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2027 is 31 October 2026.

Please remember to complete the Stockport Council secondary school application, even if your child is sitting the grammar school entrance test or you are hoping for a grammar school place. It is important to name at least one state school as part of your application.

Apply and find further information here:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/secondary-school-application-dates>

CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

Children are invited to create a bright Christmas picture for the PTA fundraising project, which will be printed onto personalised products. Please follow the design guidelines on the separate letter sent home today and ensure names and classes are written clearly in black ink. Completed artwork must be returned to the school office by Friday 16 October 2026.



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Pre-Prep

This week in PP we have worked on our number knowledge, counting carefully to make sets of gingerbread men. Outside we worked on our fine-motor skills by tracing over letter shapes drawn in chalk. We really enjoyed using the new playdough to make gingerbread men in preparation for next week when we will be doing some gingerbread baking - yum!

Key Stage 1

This week in KS1 we have been exploring the beauty of the season of autumn and we have written some wonderful poems about it! We have continued to work really hard in our maths and have become super stars at using a number line. We are really excited to end a great week with our trip to the hat museum!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been exploring the human skeleton in Science, researching and learning the official scientific names for key bones—ask your child if they can point out their cranium or femur at home! In Mathematics, we are building speed and confidence in addition and subtraction by mastering various mental maths techniques. Meanwhile, in English, we are continuing our work on the Legend of Sinbad, focusing on using paragraphs to clearly organise our story retellings.

Year 5

This week in English, the children in Year 5 have been busy analysing model texts as a scaffold for their creative writing, paying particular attention to the literary devices that we have explored over the last couple of weeks. In our grammar lesson, we developed our understanding of subordinate clauses and conjunctions to extend sentences and make them more interesting, while in Maths, the children have been working hard on mental strategies for addition and subtraction.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6. In English, the children have been writing their own opening for a creative story. Their task was to imagine that they were entering the magical world of Narnia for the very first time, just as Lucy did in our class novel *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In Maths, we've looked at common factors as well as getting to know the difference between mean, median and mode. Music lessons at this time of year are always spooktacular and the children have loved learning spooky songs with Mrs Taylor!

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. -
Years 1-6 - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8.00 per
sessions (Lunchtime for Year 1-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

The account number is 01287257 (ref: child's
name)

The sort code is: 01-08-38

PTA BANK DETAILS

The account number is: 49669060.

The sort code is: 30-54-66.

