

9th October 2026

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NEWSLETTER



GOSPEL VALUES

This week, our assembly focused on the Gospel Value of 'Trust.' The children explored what it means to trust others and considered the people they can depend on when they face difficult or worrying situations. Through a fun trust experiment, the children saw how trust involves believing that someone will support and care for us. We also reflected on how Christians believe they can put their trust in God, particularly during challenging times. The children were encouraged to think about who they trust in their own lives and who they can turn to for help when they feel worried, uncertain or need support.

We also celebrated with the children who were presented with a Merit Award for displaying any one of the Gospel Values around the school this week. Congratulations to these children selected by their teachers.



WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Monday

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

Tuesday

- LAMDA - Lunchtime
- Parental Engagement Day 1-2pm
- 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/Drum lessons
- Art club - Lunchtime
- Hallowe'en Disco 6-7:30pm

Friday

- Bonfire + Firework Safety talk for KS2
- Swimming Years 3-6
- School closes for half term

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A reminder that our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 13th October for our individual and sibling photographs.

Please note that there will be no Daily Mile walk that morning to allow photographs to take place.

We look forward to capturing some lovely memories of the children!



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HALLOWE'EN DISCO

A reminder that our annual Family Hallowe'en Disco, organised by the PTA, will take place on Thursday 15th October, 6:00–7:30pm.

No tickets are required – admission is £3 per person, payable on the door.

The PTA would also be very grateful for donations towards our 'BOO BOX!!' raffle prize. We are looking for cosy autumn/Hallowe'en treats such as sweets, chocolate, children's toiletries, cosy socks, blankets and similar items.

Donations of cakes and other goodies for the disco are also very welcome and can be dropped off at school on the morning of the disco.

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful 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. A letter with further details will be sent home after the half term break.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

A reminder that our first Parental Engagement Day will take place on Tuesday 13th October, from 1:00–2:00pm. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to join their children for some of their exciting lessons:

- Pre-Prep & Key Stage 1: Music
- Key Stage 2: French and Performance Poetry

We hope as many parents and grandparents as possible will be able to join us. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the children in action, experience their learning first-hand and spend time together as part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming you into school!



NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

A date for your diary! The children's annual performance of the Nativity will take place on Wednesday, 16th December starting at 7:00pm at St. John's Church. This year's performance is called 'Once Upon a Nativity' and the children will be learning the songs and parts during their music lessons with Mrs Taylor next half term.



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MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - OPEN EVENTS

Manchester High School for Girls have asked us to share the following upcoming dates for families of Year 5 and 6 girls who may be considering the school for their daughter:

- Open Evening: Thursday 15th October, 6:00–8:30pm
- Whole School Open Morning: Saturday 14th November, 9:30am–12:30pm
- Working Day Tours: Friday 20th November, 10:00am–12:30pm

These events provide an opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and pupils, and find out more about life at Manchester High School for Girls.

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.

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>

BONFIRE AND FIREWORK SAFETY WORKSHOP

As part of their PSHE curriculum, the children in Key Stage 2 will be visited by firefighters from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service next Friday. They will deliver a special workshop focusing on bonfire and firework safety, helping the children understand how to stay safe during the upcoming celebrations.

YEAR 5 + 6 RESIDENTIAL

A letter was sent home last week detailing more information about the Year 5 and 6 residential. Thank you to those parents who have returned their child's consent form and paid the £50 deposit. A polite reminder that the deadline for returned consent slips and paid deposits of £50 deposit is Wednesday, 14th October.



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Pre-Prep

This week in Pre-Prep we had fun making and baking delicious Gingerbread Men. We worked together to measure the ingredients and combine them together into the dough. We were a bit worried that they might all try to jump out of the oven and run away, but Mrs Jones kept a close eye on them to make sure they didn't! We also had a fun time in our Music lesson learning some 'spooky' songs in readiness for Hallowe'en.

Key Stage 1

This week in KS1 we began our week with our end of unit Maths assessments. It was wonderful to see how much the children have learned and how they could apply their Maths skills independently to solve the problems. In our literacy we are planning a recount of our trip to the Hat museum challenging ourselves to use longer sentences and lots of adjectives. Another super week of hard work, well done!

Year 3

This week, in English, we have been learning how to punctuate direct speech correctly. The children have worked hard to apply the rules in their creative writing, bringing their characters' voices to life!

In Maths, we have wrapped up our addition and subtraction unit by developing our mental maths skills.

The children have been using known facts and place value to solve calculations quickly—for example, knowing $13 + 6 = 19$ helps them work out $130 + 60 = 190$ and $1,300 + 600 = 1,900$. Why not ask them to show off their new mental maths tricks at home?

Year 5

Year 5 has had another busy and productive week. In spelling and grammar lessons, we have been exploring homophones and near homophones. In Maths, the children have been working hard on adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits, using the column method. In English, they have been working on their own creative setting descriptions in the style of our class text, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, writing about a character who goes from one setting to another as they enter a portal into another land.

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have been working hard in Maths this week. They've covered a lot of content including, factors and prime numbers as well as square and cube numbers. In English, they've worked on punctuation and using the hyphen correctly. They continue to work very hard on Verbal Reasoning and Non Verbal Reasoning style questions in preparation for their entrance exams next term.

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.

