



Dear parents/carers,

A busy first week back after half term!

It has been a joy to welcome our Nursery children back this week! They have returned from the half-term break, eager to reunite with their friends. They have started their new story, "The Little Red Hen," and the children have loved exploring the world of farm animals. It's been particularly lovely watching them use our small-world toys to bring the story to life through their own imaginative retelling. Well done Nursery!

It's been a busy week in Reception! The children have been celebrating Chinese New Year festivities and spotting the similarities and differences between this and other holidays like Christmas and Diwali. They've also been putting their steady hands to the test with chopsticks and learning to write numbers in Mandarin!

In Year 1, they've been reading *Stella, Sidney and the Moon*, exploring the consequences of not sharing—which, in this case, led to a broken moon! The children wrote wonderful sentences about the missing moon and got creative imagining what they would use to build a replacement. Their historical "detectives" hunted for clues about the 1969 Moon Landing, while in RE, they reflected on the deeper meanings behind the Parable of the Prodigal Son. To round out the week, they kicked off their first cricket coaching session and categorised animal groups in Science. In Maths, they've been "number-splitting" masters, systematically partitioning numbers 6–10.

Year 2 have enjoyed a truly action-packed week! They kicked off their first session with a cricket coach and took a special trip to the church for the 'Easter Experience'. They've also been delighted to welcome a new friend, Kian, to their class. It has been wonderful to see the children using their growing social skills to make him feel so at home. In RE, they are exploring the question, "Why is Easter important to Christians?"—and visiting the church provided the perfect opportunity. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 have turned into visual detectives this week! They started a new, wordless picture book in English, using their inference skills to piece the story together through illustrations alone. In Maths, they've been sharpening their 2-digit column addition to ensure they are "exchange-ready" for 3-digit equations next week. Energy levels were high on the playground as they balanced the intense competition of dodgeball with the precision and skill of our first cricket session.

It has been a productive week for Year 4. They launched their latest English unit, a Viking-themed mystery that encouraged pupils to apply their knowledge of prepositions during a clue-finding investigation. In PE, students began a cricket module with expert instruction from the Lancashire Cricket Foundation, focusing on skill-building and teamwork. To conclude the week, our Science curriculum transitioned to Electricity, where we introduced fundamental concepts and essential safety protocols.

In Year 5, they've been exploring the Lost Happy Endings. The children have been rewriting the fate of classic fairy tales, imagining what happens when the "happily ever after" goes missing. In Science, they studied mammal life cycles—be sure to ask them why the platypus doesn't quite follow the rules! They also began their local history study on the Manchester Ship Canal, discussing its massive impact on our city's identity and industry.

Year 6 have hit the ground running with a fresh slate of topics. From exploring the dark world of Grimm Tales to tackling fractions and percentages, the children have shown fantastic focus. They've also dived into the history of Propaganda, the science of Habitats, and the technicalities of Electrical Systems in DT. A particular highlight was our first session with a professional cricket coach—the class truly wowed us with their natural talent on the field!

Following Monday's release of the Every Child Achieving and Thriving White Paper, we recognise that many parents have questions about the upcoming changes. To help, I have compiled a summary of key notes from the Department

for Education (DfE) specifically regarding what these reforms mean for families. Please find the summary attached.

Our "125" class sponsored events begin the week of Monday 23rd March. To make fundraising easy, the PTA is providing a dedicated platform to help raise sponsorship money, please keep your eyes peeled for further details. Also, please make sure you have our 125th anniversary celebration marked in your diary for the afternoon of Thursday 21st May.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class assembly, 9.15am

### Office reminders

- The deadline for nursery applications for September 2026 intake is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### PTA News

We enjoyed a lovely PTA Meeting on Wednesday and are very excited to keep sharing plans for the Outdoor Transformation Project, which is our fundraising focus in 2026- our school's 125th Anniversary Year!!

Our February Fundraiser continues and you can sign up for regular or one-off giving on our GoodHub page here... <https://www.goodhub.com/go/chorlton-c-of-e-school-pta>

In March, we will launch the class sponsorship '125 Challenge' (more news coming soon!) and once again host an event in honour of Mother's Day.

Last year our events in honour of Mother's and Father's Day were very popular. We collect gifts to school and children get to choose one for a loved one during the school day. Year 3 will support the displaying of gifts this year!

All children will get a gift regardless of donation and this year's event (in honour of Mother's Day) will take place on Thursday 12th March.

You will find further details on the attached poster and we would love gift donations to be left at the school office.

Thank you for your support!