



Dear parents/carers,

Happy new year! I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas holiday. The first newsletter of 2026 and lots happening as usual.

Happy New Year from Nursery! The children have had a wonderful first week back at school settling back into routines. It was lovely to see so many happy faces! They have been exploring the signs of winter, talking about the cold weather and looking closely at snow and ice through stories and play. On the first day back, they even managed to build a snowman with the little snow they had!

The children in the Reception Class have braved the cold weather and have continued their learning about the seasons of the year while playing outdoors. Back in the classroom, they have been making snowflakes out of paper and out of loose parts. The children have also been writing their holiday news and have been subitising in maths. Great start to 2026!

Happy new year from Year 1! The children have settled back into class brilliantly and they've had a busy week of learning, including using the bar model in maths, hand printing in art and looking for signs of winter in Science. Maya the Octopus arrived in their class and has been teaching everyone about how they are all unique and how they all find different ways of staying calm.

It has been lovely to all be back together again in Year 2 - the children loved sharing their Christmas stories. They started their new Geography topic of hot and cold places by looking at the Equator and how it affects the countries on the world map. They have begun to develop golf and ball skills in PE. They were excited to read their new story about the tadpole and the butterfly, although they are only up to page 4, they have made promises (like the tadpole) and looked at the use of apostrophes in contractions and possession.

Year 3 have had a great first week back. They have started their new maths unit on angles and read the first few pages of their English book: *The Tin Forest*. They connected their understanding of shape and colour to the paintings of Henri Rousseau. Great job year 3!

In our first week of 2026, Year 4 have made a fantastic start to their new learning! They explored the frosted winter world of *Frindleswyld*, writing creatively using modal verbs and conjunctions, created and performed interpretive dances inspired by cultures from around the world, and investigated states of matter in science by sorting materials into solids, liquids and gases — a fun, energetic and imaginative start to the year.

Year 5 have had a busy first week back and I have been really impressed with their attitude since returning. They have started new topics in lots of subjects, including looking at landscapes in art, dances through the ages in PE and properties of materials in science. In English, the children have used passive voice and made some great observations when looking at images from our new book 'The Island'. In Maths, they have been using short division, both with and without remainders.

Year 6 have had a brilliant first week back! The class started their new text called "stonewall" and looked into the history of rights and protections in legislation. They also started their new maths unit on multiplication and division. They did a great job orally rehearsing the algorithm for long multiplication. In PE, they worked hard at immersing themselves into the start of their Haka routines and for Science the class created scientific diagrams of simple circuits for Electricity - What a top start to 2026, well done!

I would like to make parents aware of the parking concerns on Vicars Road. The school have received complaints from local neighbours who have experienced difficulties, due to vehicles blocking their drives. This has caused inconvenience and frustration within the community. Please can I kindly ask all parents to be considerate when parking near the school and to avoid parking in front of residents' drives. It is essential that we maintain good relationships with our neighbours and show respect for their property. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to resolve this issue.

Mrs Power was delighted with the gift she received from the parents for her retirement. Mrs Power said: 'Thank you for my lovely kind and very generous gift. I would like to wish you a happy New Year and lots of love and luck for the future'. Miss Kelly Mulrooney has replaced Mrs Power in the role.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	EYFS parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Front Row Music assembly, 2.40pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term

## St Clement's News

### BIG BAND EXTRAVAGANZA!

Following the successful charity fundraising events, Sing along Sound of Music and the Abba Tribute night, St Clements is delighted to be partnering again with the charity Kidneys for Life. The Cadishead Public Band will play a selection of Pop classics to get your foot tapping and your body moving! Door open at 7.30pm. Tickets: £8/£12

Join us on Friday 30th January! Tickets available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-band-extravaganza-at-st-clements-church-tickets-1976459848612>

Rev Ken



## PTA News

Our co-chair Abi did her sponsored dip on New Year's Day in Anglesey (with a water temperature of 6oc!) to raise funds for a bug zone pond to go in the new nature and nurture zone behind the nursery, for all years to use.

Thank you to everyone who has donated. we're at 81% of our target.

Please donate a pound if you can...It's a great return on investment - for every £1 donated, Aviva Investors turns it into £2 and gift aid turns it into £2.25 but the matched funding runs out this week.

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/chorlton-c-of-e-primary-school-207444>

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### New year, new funding pots

Did you know many employers will match money raised for registered charities, such as your PTA, often doubling the impact of school fundraising at no extra cost?

A wide range of UK employers offer matched funding for fundraising events, volunteering activities, sponsored challenges or personal donations. If you work for one of the organisations listed below, it is well worth checking with your HR, People or sustainability team.

The PTA can help arrange fundraising activities that meet the requirements of the company you work for's matching scheme, whether that is a sponsored event, volunteering opportunity or a particular type of fundraising activity.

The list below isn't exhaustive so even if your employer isn't listed, it's well worth asking. Employers known to offer matched funding (A to Z):

Arthur J Gallagher, ASDA, Aviva Investors, Bank of America, Bank of Ireland, Barclays, BP, British Gas and Centrica, Capital One, Colliers International, Deutsche Bank, DHL, EY, Google, HSBC, Jones Lang LaSalle, Legal and General, Lloyds Banking Group, Marsh McLennan, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, Morrisons, Nationwide, NatWest Group, PwC, Royal Mail, RSA Insurance, Sky, State Street, Vodafone, Whitbread, YouTube.

A quick conversation with your employer could make a huge difference to what we can raise for the school's playing fields and playground projects in 2026.

Please contact Abi for more information - [a.herron@chorlton.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:a.herron@chorlton.manchester.sch.uk)