



Dear parents/carers,

The first full week back and lots has been going on!

Nursery have been amazing as they continue to settle into school routine. This week, they have been reading 'The School Book' by Todd Parr. They have spent time discussing their daily routine and the things they enjoy doing in school. In Maths, they have been exploring colours and finding different colours in the environment. Well done Nursery!

The children in the Reception Class have been enjoying lessons around the story "Amazing" and have been writing speech bubbles with their name for Zibbo the dragon. In maths, they have been subitising and making different arrangements of 3. Well done everyone, brilliant first week!

What a busy week in Year 1! They have had lots of fun pretending to be the prehistoric animals from Cave Baby, and writing super labels for each animal. They made their own cave paintings and used playdough to make models of people. In Geography, they started to learn about the seasons and in Science, they made a pictogram of our eye colours and discussed their sense of sight.

Year 2 have been learning about ways to keep our rivers clean - looking at oil spills, sewage and rubbish. The children have been keen to share their ideas and have begun to write about things we need to protect through a poem. They have moved from counting in tens to writing them on number lines and subtracting and adding multiples of ten. The children enjoyed singing about continents in geography and have learnt how to move around the different stations in gymnastics, in preparation for adding the benches and boxes to their mats next week. A fabulous week for Year 2!

This week year 3 have produced some brilliant descriptive sentences on the BFG, including similes and good quality verb choices. In maths, we have refreshed our knowledge of addition strategies using number bonds to 10 and in science, we have explored the key parts of a flowering plant and their functions.

Year 4 have had a brilliant first full week back! In English, they've stepped into the wonderfully wacky world of nonsense words, inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Jabberwocky*, and the children have loved experimenting with playful language. In Maths, they've been building our confidence with column addition, working on both two- and three-digit numbers while strengthening our number facts. In Art, they became keen observers, studying the fascinating details of leaves and their intricate veins before putting pencil to paper to create some incredible sketches. It has been a wonderful start to the term!

Year 5 have worked really hard on reading and writing tenths and decimal numbers in different ways in maths lessons, ready to move onto ordering then adding and subtracting decimals. In English they have been thinking about AI and science-fiction as part of their work using *Robot Girl* by Malorie Blackman. They have had two great PE lessons, focusing on pocket passes in tag rugby and forward rolls in gymnastics. The artist Lucy Rie was introduced, in preparation for making clay coil pots later this term.

Year 6 have been working super hard on their emotive point of view writing for their class text "The Arrival". In Maths, they have been using algebra and bar models to represent addition problems. The class have shared their knowledge of the countries of the UK for Geography and they're focusing on technical passes in tag rugby. Another smashing week Year 6!

It is wonderful to see the children in class under the new morning arrangement. Please remember that the school gates open at 8.40am and children need to be in class by 8.45am.

Dates for our Autumn term community teas are now included in the table below. This year, they will involve staff or stakeholders presenting on curriculum, health and school improvement. All parents are welcome!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1 welcome meeting 3.20pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Y1 harvest service, St Clement's Church 9.15am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nursery & Reception parent open mornings 8.45-9.30am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Hi-Tea 2-4pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 class assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Community tea 9am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Community tea 9am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Community tea 9am

### Office reminders

- A place has become available in our Nursery – if you know anyone who is interested please ask them to make contact with the office
- Link to the Back to School edition of M&D Magazine <https://bit.ly/MumsDads-current-issue1>
- Link to the Autumn edition of Raring2go! Magazine <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/manchester/autumn2025/>