



Dear parents/carers,

Another very busy week!

In Nursery, the children have been learning all about "light and dark" through hands-on exploration. They started by discussing how to make their classroom as dark as possible, shutting the blinds and turning off the lights to investigate what we could still see. The excitement continued as we built a "dark den" using a parachute, where the children used torches and light-up toys to illuminate the space. To finish their week, they ventured outside to discover how the sun creates shadows on the ground.

Continuing their exploration of the food theme, the Reception Class has been continuing with activities inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have been busy developing their fine motor skills by sculpting caterpillars out of playdough and beads, and they even flexed their creative writing muscles by authoring an alternative version of the classic tale titled The Very Hungry Child. This learning extended into their maths lessons as well, where the pupils have been investigating the concept of doubles and practising how to create and identify repeating patterns.

It has been a wonderfully busy week for Year 1! Our young chefs had a fantastic time on Tuesday learning how to safely cut, chop, and grate vegetables with Anthony, our school chef. In the classroom, they've been mastering the subtraction sign in Maths and refining their sentence-writing skills in English. Computing was equally hands-on, as they used puppets to explore and retell important online safety scenarios. Taking advantage of the beautiful sunshine, they've enjoyed outdoor play while observing the changing seasons. To top it all off, they stepped back in history through drama, channelling their inner Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong to reenact the iconic moon landing.

It has been a busy and productive week for Year 2, starting with our PE sessions where the children have been combining their skills into competitive games. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our smoothie-making session this afternoon; the classroom was buzzing with excitement all week, and the children gained valuable organisation and preparation skills—even if not every flavour combination was a hit! Looking ahead, we have begun learning our songs for the Easter Story Assembly. Well done Year 2!

It's been an action-packed week in Year 3! Our young authors have been hard at work crafting the next exciting chapter of our English focus book, Flotsam, while over in maths, they've dove headfirst into mastering the 4 times tables. To round things off, the children have been sharpening their digital citizenship skills in computing, exploring the many essential ways to stay safe and responsible online.

Our young authors in Year 4 have been busy crafting their own dramatic conclusions to The Riddle of the Runes, focusing on techniques to build tension and resolve mysteries. In Maths, they turned into investigators to explore the impact of multiplying factors and dividends by 100, deepening their grasp of products and quotients. Meanwhile, their Science lessons were full of energy as the children discovered how switches function to control electrical circuits.

This week, Year 5 have been refining their maths skills by exploring the most efficient ways to multiply three numbers together. Beyond the classroom, the children made the most of the sunshine with Mrs Halligan, who taught the class Irish dancing outdoors. The active theme continued during PE, where everyone had a fantastic time playing dodgeball and cricket in the sun.

It's been a fantastic week for Year 6, who should feel incredibly proud of the dedication shown during their recent SATs practice. Beyond their academic focus, the children have been busy crafting gruesome tales in English and interrogating the validity of Victorian propaganda in History. To cap it all off, they took to the field to showcase some brilliant tactical skills in cricket. It's been another week of fantastic effort across the board—keep it up, Year 6!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to our 125 sponsored event taking place next week! We are pleased to announce that the school has raised £1,297 so far. To see how your child's group is doing, please check the attached class list for the latest totals as of this morning. We encourage you to keep sharing the event with friends and family to help sponsor the children and reach our goal!

Please stop by the book fair during parents' evening next Tuesday and Wednesday! Facilitated by our PTA, it's a wonderful chance to pick up some new reads while supporting our school; for every book sold, a percentage of the proceeds goes directly back into school funds.

We would like to share that Aurora from Year 3 will be featured on Channel 4's programme 'The Dog House'. Make sure to tune in on Tuesday 24th March at 8.00pm to catch her appearance!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
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
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y2 Singaround trip
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 RHS Bridgewater trip
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y3 & Y4 Singaround trip
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	EYFS Easter bonnet parade
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes for Easter holidays <b>**2pm** (no Treehouse)</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for summer 1

### Office reminders

- Link to the Trans Pennine Trail's Easter activity pack <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/>

### St Clement's Church

St Clements will again be organising Chorlton Fun Run. This is a fantastic community event which lots of local families take part in. This year it will be on the 4th May 2026. Tickets are available to buy online for the early bird discount. More information and tickets are found here: [www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk/our-gatherings/funrun](http://www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk/our-gatherings/funrun).

We hope to see you there!