



Dear parents/carers,

Lots happening this week as usual!

It's been another jam-packed and exciting week in Nursery! To wrap up our journey with The Little Red Hen, the children became little bakers and headed to the school kitchen. A big thank you to our cook, Anthony, who helped us bake delicious loaves of bread to take home and enjoy. In honour of Science Week, we also turned into mini-scientists to investigate what happens when crayons get warm. Through the experiment, the children were fascinated to discover that heat causes the solid wax to melt and transform into a colourful liquid!

Our food journey continues! This week, the Reception Class turned into mini-researchers as they explored the world of non-fiction. Using information books, the children have been buzzing with excitement learning exactly how bees create honey. They even put their knowledge to paper by writing their very own bee fact files! Meanwhile, in maths, they've been busy "number building," exploring all the different ways we can make the numbers 6 and 7.

It has been a vibrant week in Year 1, highlighted by a wonderful Tuesday morning where we welcomed so many parents and grandparents into the classroom—thank you for your help in creating those fantastic RE story boxes! The excitement continued on Wednesday with a special musical visit from Iona, who performed two beautiful violin pieces. Her mum also shared a variety of instruments, helping us bridge the gap between music and science by exploring materials and how our ears function. To round off the week, we began investigating seasonal changes and continued to build their confidence in mastering addition problems in maths.

Year 2 have had a wonderful week with their guest teacher, who has done a brilliant job keeping everyone on track with our usual busy timetable. It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents on Thursday; the children were so enthusiastic to share all the hard work they've been doing! In English, our budding authors have begun drafting their very own sequels to Jim and the Beanstalk, while in science, they challenged themselves by creating bar charts to track the growth of a chicken. After successfully wrapping up their shape topic in maths, we are now turning our focus back to mastering the addition of two-digit numbers.

Year 3 have had a wonderfully productive week! In English, the children put the finishing touches on their informative posters exploring the fascinating history of cameras. Our young mathematicians have been busy putting their 3-digit column addition skills to the test, successfully tackling a variety of complex reasoning questions and puzzles. Meanwhile, in science, the class turned their focus to Biology, learning to identify and label the bones of the human skeleton.

It has been an action-packed week for Year 4. In English, they used modal verbs to deduce the most likely villains in our mystery stories. The children "boxed up" their top suspects, using clues to craft vivid descriptions full of expanded noun phrases, similes, and metaphors. In PSHE, they shifted their focus to self-control, identifying situations where we need it most and discussing its importance in our daily lives. They rounded off the week by celebrating Science Week with an inspiring STEM fair, where the children explored a variety of exciting future careers and aspirations.

It's been an action-packed week for Year 5! Our young authors have been busy crafting prequels to The Lost Happy Endings. Their stories are absolutely brilliant, showing fantastic progress as they've woven in feedback and class suggestions to elevate their writing. In Maths, they've been exploring the volume of cuboids. The children started with a hands-on approach using multilink cubes to build shapes physically, before successfully transitioning to using mathematical formulas. Things got moving in PE as the class brushed up on their dodgeball skills. A huge thank you to Julian Lockett for visiting our Year 5 pupils this week! As part of our Science Week celebrations, Julian shared fascinating insights into his career as a gas engineer, giving the children a real-world look at how science and technology work in action!

It's been a week of incredible creativity and focus in Year 6! Our writers have been pouring their hearts into their 'Grim Tales' narratives; it has been a joy to watch these dark, imaginative stories come to life chapter by chapter. In maths, they have turned their attention to multiplying fractions, with the children masterfully choosing the most efficient methods for different problems. Finally, their young engineers have been busy in DT, meticulously planning their moving train designs and prepping their equipment lists. They can't wait to start the build!

A reminder that parents evening is coming up on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. These meetings are a great chance to discuss your child's progress and catch up with their teacher. If you haven't had a chance to book a time slot yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE                             | EVENT   |
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| 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   | 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

- The deadline for nursery applications for September 2026 intake is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Link to the Spring issue of Raring2go! magazine  
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/manchester/spring2026/>
- Link to MCC survey regarding the Wraparound Childcare expansion programme – please do take the time to complete <https://forms.office.com/e/0GvpdxBwHf>

## PTA News

Thank you for all your support with our event in honour of Mother's Day yesterday! We hope that all the children enjoyed choosing a gift for a loved one.

All money raised will go towards developing our outdoor playing spaces.

Our next fundraising event is to celebrate our school's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year with our '125 Challenge'!

Children will be doing different sponsorship activities within their class, starting the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

You will find links to your class fundraising campaign pages and information about how to share this with friends and family in the attached document, which we will also share by email and WhatsApp.

Thank you so much for your support!