

Diary Dates

- **Monday 1st September**
INSET DAY
- **Tuesday 2nd September**
Return to school - Yr1 to Yr6.
- **Wednesday 3rd September**
Reception children start school.
Nursery children have individual start dates.
- **Tuesday 9th September**
Year 4 swimming starts
- **Wednesday 10th September**
Yr6 Height & Weight Screening
- **Thursday 11th September**
Year 6 Parents Residential meeting 3.30pm
- **Thursday 18th September**
Teacher-led clubs start
- **Tuesday 23rd September**
Phonics info meeting 9am
- **Tuesday 30th September**
Nasal Flu Vaccinations 9.00am
- **Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd October**
Yr6 Residential
- **Friday 10th October**
Harvest Festival Assembly 9.00am
- **Friday 17th October**
Yr5 Assembly 9.00am
- **Wednesday 22nd October**
School Closes
- **Thursday 23rd October**
INSET DAY
- **Friday 24th October**
INSET DAY
- **Friday 31st October**
Deadline for Secondary School Applications.
- **Monday 3rd November**
Return to school.

Message from Mr.B

As this year draws to a close I have had a chance to reflect on the successes our children have achieved and the hard work our colleagues have put in. Our curriculum has been the focus of much of our school improvement work this year. We have put lots of attention into developing our Foundation subjects and I am really pleased with the richness and depth we cover in these subjects. The final subject we need to review and change is Spanish—we have chosen this modern language to suit the high school; we will be planning a Spanish themed week early in the next term to launch our new scheme. Governors and senior leaders conducted an audit of Maths and English this half term and even though our focus has been on developing the wider curriculum, performance in these core subjects remains very strong. Progress and attainment is very good across all year groups and our Y6 children performed absolutely brilliantly in their end of year SATs tests. We achieved a combined reading, writing and Maths of 90% of our children meeting the expected standard and 31% of them achieving greater depth in all subjects. This means we are one of the best performing schools in Stockport and in the top 1% of schools Nationally. A fabulous achievement by the team and the children.

Our caretaker, Nuno, is taking a well deserved break and therefore our building work will be restricted to deep cleaning and varnishing and polishing the floors. The remaining work we had planned for—decorating the Nursery and Reception classes and the impact rooms will be completed at October half terms. We are also reseeding all the wild flower meadows as the grass has taken over. This will look fantastic from next Spring onwards and also support our bees.

This year has been a fantastic celebration of music and the standard of singing is very high. Our thanks go to Jo Buckler and One Education for their support over the last 10 years. Unfortunately, our budget constraints mean that she will not be returning in September. The choir and wider opportunities will be taken over by Miss Kempton. We are able to keep Joanna to support our children who need counselling but we have had to reduce her hours to half a day.

We have undertaken professional development opportunities as a team and Miss Roberts has passed her NPQ, Miss Lobley, Miss Kempton and Mr Waugh have completed their NPQSL (Senior leadership) and are awaiting their final assessment tasks. Miss Astall and I are awaiting the final assessment results for headship and Executive Headship qualifications. I am grateful for the additional effort and commitment colleagues have put in.

I would like to thank all my colleagues, Governors and colleagues from the Local authority for the dedication they have shown to helping us have such a great year! Thank you to you as parents for all the support and encouragement you have shown the children and for those families leaving today, thank you and I wish you all the very best on the next stage of your journey.

A special thank you to all our children but especially to our Y6 leavers—you were amazing!! Have a great holiday.

School Fundraising

A big thank you to all the PTA members for their support this year. The Summer Fair was a great success and has raised essential funds. It has been proposed that new Chromebooks are purchased with the funds raised, which will enhance the learning experience of all pupils. A PTA meeting will be arranged early in September and if you are interested in being a part of the PTA we welcome you to attend. Your help makes a huge difference.

Thank You

Year 1 Firefighters!



We have had so much fun this half term in year one learning about 'The Great Fire of London.' We have written newspaper reports pretending we were at the great fire itself as well as diary entries. We went on our class trip to the fire ground museum which really captured the children's interest. The children were able to dress up as firefighters and explore a real fire engine. They said it was so interesting to see how the fire service has evolved since the great fire and were especially interested in the uniforms on display, the huge tower and sliding down the pole.

"I liked sliding down the fireman's pole." Mia and Mya

"I like learning about the different fire engines and dressing up as real fire fighters." Imogen and Jack

We have a had an absolutely fantastic year, well done Year 1



Year 4 Get Creative

Our recent school trip to The Lowry Art Gallery in Salford was buzzing with creativity! The children had an absolute blast at a super cool workshop all about art and the environment, and you won't believe it, bees were the stars of the show!

The children sharpened their pencils and got busy drawing bees, learning just how important these little guys are to our planet. After that, they let their imaginations run wild, creating their own awesome artworks inspired by environmental themes. It was all about showing how much we need to protect our world!

It was such a fantastic mix of exploring art and learning about nature. They all really got to think outside the box and come up with some brilliant ideas for conservation.



A Farm Trip for Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting Reddish Vale Farm this half term! They were able to meet a range of farm animals including donkeys, sheep, goats, cows and a horse! The children especially enjoyed seeing the meerkats as they recognised them from our English text Meerkat Mail.

The children were then able to hold some smaller animals including guinea pigs, rabbits and baby ducks. We were also able to see 10-day old baby bunnies!

Finally, the children enjoyed feeding the larger animals with carrots before having their own lunch. What a lovely trip!

"My favourite part was seeing the baby goats because they were so cute!" – Evie

"I liked seeing the donkeys because they are my favourite animals." – Mia



Eco Council News

The Eco Council has achieved so much in the past year. They enjoyed presenting their achievements to the rest of their peers in a whole school assembly this half term. They have taken part in the Climate Action Now Summit where our Year 6 Eco Councillors attended the live debates in the council chambers at Stockport Town Hall.

They also conducted Switch Off Fortnight back in November, where they presented the initiative to the school and chose a winner for our poster competition. At the Summer Fair, Eco Council enjoyed helping to organise and run the Used Uniform Sale. What a wonderful year Eco Council!



After School Clubs

Kickstart Football after school clubs will start during the week **commencing 8th September**.

Mondays - Y4, Y5 & Y6
Wednesdays - Y1, Y2 & Y3

Information will be sent home when we return back on how to sign up for these.

Please Note: Teacher-led clubs will **commence on Thursday 18th September**. Details will be sent home after the holidays and they will go live on ParentPay from 7pm on Thursday 11th September.

Parking and Safety of Children

We remind everyone to be considerate to our local residents and other parents/carers/children when parking at the start and end of the school day. Do not block footpaths which is very dangerous for parents with young children and pushchairs. The police may issue on the spot fines to any vehicles parked illegally. Please always be safe and considerate when leaving your vehicle - the safety of all the children is at risk from inappropriate behaviour.

Please also ensure that you supervise children appropriately at the start and end of the school day.
Always use the footpaths when entering or leaving school.

Attendance for the whole year

- Reception 97.0%
- Year 1 95.9%
- Year 2 97.3%
- Year 3 97.1%
- Year 4 95.8%
- Year 5 97.4%
- Year 6 97.0%
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- **Overall 96.8%**

Congratulations to
Yr 5
for achieving the
highest % attendance.

Huge congratulations to
the 21 children who have
100% attendance for the
whole year. Such an
amazing achievement!

**School Target :
98%**

Reception's Summer of Fun!

What a brilliant final half term we've had in Reception, filled with excitement and unforgettable experiences! We kicked things off by diving into the world of Superheroes and the wonderful people who help us. The children shone in their class assembly, showcasing how a growth mindset can transform us into superheroes, while also celebrating the heroes within our community.

We were thrilled to welcome some real-life superheroes too! Our little ones had the chance to meet some engaging firefighters and even explore their impressive fire engine. They also learned important lessons in care from our local nurses and had a fascinating morning with police detectives, complete with a visit from a real police car. A huge thank you to our brilliant parents for dedicating their time to share their work and inspire our children!

The geography fieldwork morning was a highlight, as the children learned about maps, symbols, and how to navigate using a compass. They eagerly embarked on a pirate treasure hunt, collaborating as a team to solve clues that led them to a delicious treat at the end!

We wrapped up our exciting journey by exploring the seaside and celebrating with a well-deserved treat at Torky Ice Cream parlour. It has been an absolute pleasure working with our amazing Reception children this year, and we wish them all the very best as they embark on their new learning adventure in Year 1!



KS2 Musical Showcase

Years 3, 4 and 5 had a fantastic time sharing their musical talents at our Music Showcase this half term.

They worked hard to produce a fantastic array of creative songs, dances and instrumental pieces.

They were all able to show off their skills in front of their grown-ups, who were all very happy to see them achieve.

Football Final Winners!

It was very fun. In the league we drew 2 and won 2. In the final we played against Queensgate and won 3-2 it was a very tight game but Torkington just got the edge.

It was a pleasure to play for the school football team and was a fun experience against other schools. To be picked for the team you had to try very hard on the Monday training sessions



Year 5 Go Out of This World

This half-term, Year 5 pupils had an out-of-this-world experience as the Wonderdome mobile planetarium visited our school! This fantastic workshop was a brilliant highlight of our Earth and Space science unit.

Our class stepped inside the incredible dome and embarked on a cosmic adventure. We learnt all about the Solar System planets, explored the fascinating relationship between the Earth and Moon, and discovered more about space exploration. The immersive visuals and engaging presentations brought the wonders of the universe right into our school hall! We even explored the different moon landings and journeys to the Moon, as well as understanding the incredibly varied sizes of different galaxies!

"It felt like we were actually flying through space, looking at all the planets. The dome was incredible!" Connor

"I really enjoyed learning about and seeing all the planets really close up, especially Jupiter with its big red spot!" Alexis



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be available for all children in Reception to Year 6.

Information on how to consent will be communicated nearer the time but the vaccinations will be administered in school on Tuesday 30th September 2025.

School Meals

School meals for junior children cost £2.60 per day. Please use ParentPay to make all dinner payments. We require a week's notice to change lunch arrangements.

The current menu is available on our Website or can be collected from the school office.

Torkington Bees

It gives us great pleasure to share how successful our Bee Hives have been this year. We have already harvested honey twice and are hoping for a further harvest in September, And... the honey tastes great!

We certainly have had very 'Busy bees' this year!

Term Dates/Year Planner

Next year's term dates are on our website and also the year planner which gives an overview of all events planned for next year.

Please refer to these and each half-term's newsletter for all important dates and events.

Ahoy Nursery!

We've come to the end of a truly wonderful year at nursery, and what a way to finish! Our final topics, *Pirates* and *Under the Sea*, have been a huge hit with the children and sparked lots of creativity, imagination, and hands-on fun.

The children fully embraced their inner pirates during our themed activities. From muddy face pirate sessions, to creating pirate jewellery using natural materials and even real drills – their enthusiasm was infectious! They went on exciting treasure hunts, followed maps, and explored clues, building teamwork and problem-solving skills along the way.

One of the highlights was seeing each child transform into a pirate – turning their photographs into swashbuckling pirate portraits to proudly display.

It's been a joy to watch their curiosity grow and their confidence shine. We're so proud of everything they've achieved this year and can't wait to see what they achieve in the upcoming school year!

"I used light blue and dark blue and then I cut out my photograph and drew on my face. I turned myself into a pirate" Darcie

"We used the drill to drill through bark to make a necklace" Lucas

"We went on a treasure hunt, we saw 'x' marks the spot and found some sweeties." Albie.



Year 6 Leavers' News!

As the school year draws to a close, we can't believe how quickly time has flown! Our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard and making the most of their final weeks at primary school.

A huge part of these last few weeks involved preparing for the highly anticipated **Leavers' Assembly**. It's been wonderful to see the children collaborating and helping each other, ensuring the assembly will be a truly memorable farewell.

Of course, it hasn't been all work and no play! We've been blessed with some fantastic sunny weather, which has meant plenty of time outside enjoying our beautiful school grounds. The fields have been buzzing with energy as pupils have enthusiastically taken part in **rounders** and **football** matches.

A special mention must go to Mrs. Millington, who has been keeping everyone cool and happy with her delicious **ice creams**!

We are so proud of everything our Year 6 pupils have achieved this year and throughout their time with us. They are a credit to themselves and the school, and we know they are ready for the exciting challenges that secondary school will bring.



Fieldwork Day for Year 3

This half term, Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in Fieldwork Day! The children enjoyed learning how to find out information, think carefully about what it means, and share their discoveries with others. We explored the school grounds and practised measuring distances by counting our steps and using ropes that had already been measured. It was a fun way to use our maths skills in the great outdoors!

The children also learned how to use maps of the school. They discovered how to turn the map to match what they could see around them, helping them to work out exactly where they were. Using map symbols and a compass, they followed directions to find special places hidden around the grounds. Everyone showed great teamwork, curiosity, and enthusiasm. The day helped us all become more confident using maps and enjoying learning outside the classroom.

"I loved using the map to find the flags in the playground!" – Theo

"We learnt how to count our steps and measure 10m" – Sara



ParentPay

Children joining us in September will receive a letter providing instructions on how to set up a secure online payment account.

All payments to school are made using ParentPay. If you require help in setting up your ParentPay account please speak to the school office.

Uniform

Details of our uniform policy are on the Website. Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights.

Naming of Property and Personal Items

Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. Encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings.

Milk

Milk is free at lunchtime for infant children and all children eligible for Free School Meals. The cost for other junior children is £1 per week which should be paid via ParentPay. Please ensure payment is made by **Monday 1st September** for your child/children to be included on the milk register.

Allergies

Please can we remind all parents/carers that we do have children within school with severe allergies.

Please refrain from sending in any form of nuts in your children's packed lunches or for snacks.

Thank You