

Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 1st September**
INSET DAY
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
Return to school - Yr1 to Yr6.
- **Thursday 3rd September**
Reception children start school.
Nursery children have individual start dates.
- **Tuesday 8th September**
Year 4 swimming starts
- **Wednesday 9th September**
Y6 Height & Weight Screening
- **Thursday 10th September**
Year 6 Parents Residential meeting 3.30pm
- **Monday 14th September**
Yr2 & Yr 4 Road Safety Day
- **Wednesday 16th September**
Yr 6 Road Safety Day
- **Thursday 17h September**
Teacher-led clubs start
- **Tuesday 22nd September**
Phonics info meeting 9am
Nasal Flu Vaccinations 9.00am
- **Wednesday 30th September to Friday 2nd October**
Yr6 Residential
- **Friday 9th October**
Harvest Festival Assembly 9.00am
- **Friday 23rd October**
Yr5 Assembly 9.00am
School Closes
- **Friday 31st October**
Deadline for Secondary School Applications.
- **Monday 2nd November**
INSET Day
- **Tuesday 3rd November**
Return to school.

Message from Miss Astall

As we reach the end of another busy and fulfilling academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our brilliant children and staff have accomplished over the summer term.

Our curriculum continues to flourish, and a huge thank you must go to our dedicated subject coordinators. Their hard work in driving forward high-quality learning across all areas of the curriculum has had a wonderful impact on our pupils' enthusiasm, confidence, and progress right across the school.

A special mention must go to our outstanding Year 6 SATs results this year! We are so proud to share that 100% of our pupils achieved expected or higher standards in Maths, 93% in Reading, 93% in Writing and 90% in SPAG. These remarkable achievements are a true testament to the hard work of our Year 6 cohort and the ongoing dedication of our teaching staff.

One of the real highlights of this term was our whole-school Access Arts Week. It was fantastic to see the creativity flowing through every classroom! The children were thoroughly immersed in hands-on activities, collaborating using 3D materials to construct an exciting class roller coaster, crafting traditional worry dolls, and brightening up our school grounds with brilliant pavement art.

Our Sports Week was another resounding success. The children threw themselves into every challenge with huge enthusiasm, demonstrating fantastic team spirit, sportsmanship, and determination. A big thank you to everyone who came along to cheer them on!

On the pitch, our school football team has had an unforgettable season. They worked tirelessly and showed incredible teamwork, culminating in winning both the Small League Trophy and the South Area Cup! We are enormously proud of their dedication and achievement.

We also owe a massive thank you to our hardworking PTA for putting together such a wonderful Summer Fair. It was fantastic to see so many families come together to enjoy the stalls and activities, raising vital funds that directly benefit all the children in school.

Another standout event was our amazing KS2 Music and Arts Showcase. The sheer talent, confidence, and effort displayed by our Key Stage 2 pupils was truly inspiring, and it was a joy to watch them share their artistic and musical achievements with such pride.

Thank you to our whole school community—parents, carers, staff, and pupils—for your constant support, energy, and dedication throughout this year.

I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer rest, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year!

PTA Fundraising

A big thank you to all the PTA members for their support this year. The Summer Fair was another great success and has added more essential funds into the fundraising pot. A few great ideas have been proposed on what to spend the funds on that will benefit the children and a decision will be made when we return in the new academic year.

If you would like to help support with fundraising then please contact the PTA via email torkington.pta@gmail.com.

Your help and support really does make a huge difference.

Thank You

Year 1 Firefighters & Fun!

What a fabulous last half term we have had jam packed with fun! The children loved our Marvellous men day, especially doing the Danny Go wake up shake up with their adults! They enjoyed our class trip to the Fire Ground museum as well as our climate change workshop. Our reading buddies picnic may have been windy, but it was lovely to see the children all interacting in a relaxed environment whilst sharing a few snacks.

Last week we also had a whole day of Art, one of the children's favourite subjects in Year 1, we painted rainbow forests and made our own medals and the children were very proud of their work! We hope the children have had as much fun as us and we wish you all the best of luck as you continue to Year 2!



Year 5's Inspiring Trip to the People's History Museum!

We had a fantastic day out recently when we visited the People's History Museum in Manchester. The trip was a brilliant, hands-on way to bring our classroom work on Civil Rights and democracy to life.

We spent the morning exploring the museum's incredible galleries, where we learned about the ordinary people who stood up for big ideas—from the fight for the vote to equal rights for all.

The highlight of our day was a creative banner-making workshop. The museum holds the world's largest collection of historic banners, which gave us plenty of inspiration! Working in teams, we chose powerful words and eye-catching designs to create our own campaign banners. We focused on key civil rights themes like fairness, equality, and unity.

We were so proud of how thoughtful, respectful, and creative our pupils were throughout the day. We can't wait to display their brilliant banner in our classroom!

"It was amazing to see how people used art to change the world. Making our own banners made us feel like we have a voice too!" — Ava



Reception's Adventure of a Lifetime!

What an absolutely incredible final term we have had in Reception! The children have grown so much, shown immense resilience, and filled our days with laughter and learning. We kicked off the half term by transforming into real-life superheroes! Our classroom became a top-secret training headquarters where the children discovered their own superpowers, practised bravery, and learned what it truly means to be a hero.

Next, we set sail on the high seas! The children fully embraced the pirate life by designing and building their own pirate ships, creating authentic treasure maps with secret routes, and writing messages in a bottle to send across the oceans. Our final stop brought us closer to home as we explored all things seaside. We compared different geographical features, got stuck into Summer Muddy Faces outdoor sessions, and even made and ate delicious Rainbow Fish wraps.

To wrap up our year, we took a trip to Torkington Park for a very special picnic. We spent the afternoon with our wonderful Year 6 Reading Buddies. It was a lovely, bittersweet celebration as we wished them the very best of luck before they leave for High School! We want to say a massive thank you to all of our parents and carers for your incredible support throughout this year. Seeing the children blossom has been an absolute privilege. Have a wonderful, safe, and sun-filled summer holiday! We cannot wait to see the children shine as they take their next big step into Year 1.



After School Clubs

Kickstart Football after school clubs will start during the week **commencing 7th September**.

Mondays - Y4, Y5 & Y6
Tuesdays - 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 17th September**. Details will be sent home after the holidays and they will go live on ParentPay from 7pm on Thursday 10th 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 95.3%
- Year 1 96.3%
- Year 2 96.1%
- Year 3 97.4%
- Year 4 97.3%
- Year 5 96.3%
- Year 6 96.4%
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- **Overall 96.4%**

Congratulations to
Yr 3
for achieving the
highest % attendance.

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

**School Target :
98%**

Year 3 Visit the Mandir Temple

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time bringing their RE learning about Hinduism to life with a special visit to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir!

The children had the opportunity to explore the breathtaking sacred space, discover the deep symbolism behind the beautiful **Murtis** (deity statues), and learn how all five senses are used during **Puja** (worship) rituals. The children learned traditional temple etiquette, removing their shoes and sitting beautifully to listen to our guide. Year 3 impressed everyone with their thoughtful, curious questions about Hindu traditions and worship. Experiencing the sights, sounds, and atmosphere of the Mandir made their classroom learning truly unforgettable.

We are incredibly proud of Year 3 for representing our school so brilliantly with their outstanding behaviour, respect, and enthusiasm throughout the trip. Well done, Year 3!



Sunshine and Song: Our Years 3, 4, and 5 Music

We took our music lessons out into the fresh air for a spectacular outdoor Music Celebration! Pupils from Years 3, 4, and 5 came together on the school grounds for a wonderful afternoon of singing, playing, and performing.

After weeks of hard work and rehearsals in our classrooms, it was fantastic to finally perform for each other under the open sky. From lively percussion ensembles to beautiful group singing, the field was alive with energy, rhythm, and talent.

We were incredibly proud of how confidently our performers took to the "outdoor stage," supporting and cheering for each other after every piece. It was the perfect way to celebrate the musical progress we have made this term.



Hats, History & Heritage for Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day stepping back in time during our visit to Stockport's famous Hat Works Museum this half term! The children explored Stockport's rich industrial heritage, discovering how Wellington Mill once buzzed with activity as a bustling felt hat factory. They loved seeing the vintage machinery up close and marvelled at the vibrant gallery displaying hundreds of hats from across the centuries.

Hands-on workshops let the children try on quirky historical headwear and learn all about the clever felt-making process. They then decorated their own hats before exploring the Gallery of Hats. Their curiosity, superb questions, and exemplary behaviour made us so proud.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers!



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be available for all children. (Nursery to Year 6)

Information on how to consent will be communicated nearer the time but the vaccinations will be administered in school on Tuesday 22nd September 2026.

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.

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.

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 Tuesday 1st September for your child/children to be included on the milk register.

Dino-mite Adventures for Year 4!

Our Year 4 class had a fantastic science and history trip to Manchester Museum!

The day began with an interactive Classification Workshop, where the children worked as biologists to group and sort real natural specimens. Afterwards, they independently explored the museum's incredible galleries, coming face-to-face with dinosaurs and fossils, discovering biodiversity in the natural history exhibits, and stepping back in time in the Ancient Egypt gallery.

The children showed wonderful curiosity and represented our school brilliantly. A big thank you to all of our staff and volunteers!



Our Nursery Superheroes!

This final term has been filled with fun, laughter and lots of exciting learning as we explored our topics of Superheroes, Pirates and Under the Sea. The children have loved immersing themselves in imaginative play, creative activities and new experiences, showing curiosity, confidence and enthusiasm every step of the way.

We have enjoyed taking part in Sports Day, where the children showed fantastic determination, teamwork and encouragement for one another. Our Pirate Messy Faces session was a huge success, giving everyone the chance to explore, create and have lots of fun! One of the highlights of the term was our wonderful trip and picnic to Torkington Park, where the children had a fantastic time exploring, playing together and making special memories with their friends.

It has been a truly wonderful end to an incredible year. I am so proud of everything the children have achieved. They have grown in confidence, developed new skills, built wonderful friendships and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and smiles. It has been a privilege to watch each and every one of them learn and flourish throughout the year.

We wish all of our Nursery families a happy, safe and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to seeing many of our children continue their learning journey with us next year. Good luck to those moving on to Reception—we know you will all be amazing!



Wishing Our Year 6s a Fond Farewell!

As the school year comes to an end, it's time to say a very special goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils.

Throughout their time with us, they have shown fantastic determination, creativity, and kindness.

Whether on the sports field, in the classroom, or on stage, they've made memories that will stay with our school community for years to come.

Moving on to secondary school is a big step, but we know you are all more than ready for the exciting adventure ahead. Work hard, stay curious, and always remember to be yourselves.

We will miss you, Year 6—good luck!



ECO COUNCIL NEWS

Our Eco Council has had a busy and inspiring term continuing to make our school greener! First, the team created posters and helped set up a fundraiser to support WaterAid, helping provide clean, safe water to communities in need around the world. At the Summer Fair, the children acted against textile waste by helping to set up a pre-loved uniform stall. Finally, all their hard work from this past year culminates this week as we officially finish and submit our Eco-Schools Green Flag application. Thank you to our pupil champions for leading the charge!

