

Thursday 9th January 2025

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Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful and peaceful break and welcome you all back to a new term. Once again, the children have returned to school happily and have settled back into work and routines with no issues at all. They are all excited about their new units of work over the Spring term. Please do have a look at the class pages on our website if you have time, where you will find the full overview for the term.

As you will be aware, we have had some 'interesting' weather this first week back. We endeavour to keep the school open whenever we possibly can. On the very rare and few occasions we have had to close, it is because there has not been any viable alternative. If you do not hear from us via text, email or website/Facebook announcement then we are open! It does mean that some mornings might flow a little differently or take a little longer whilst we get all children and staff into the building but this is far preferable to being closed and is only for a little while at the start/end of the day. Now is probably a good time to also put out a polite request to make sure all hats, wellies, gloves and scarves etc have your child's name in them! Can I also ask that if your child suffers from asthma, please will you check medications are up to date and send an inhaler into school if required? Asthma can flare very quickly in cold, dry air and we would want to ensure that all children have what they need when they need it.

Request forms for extra-curricular clubs will be going out shortly. Please respond promptly and put more than one choice on the form if your child would like to participate. Please also check that the club you are requesting is for the age range of your child. All KS2 children participating in clubs will earn credits with the Children's University (more information to follow later this half term).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.25%

This week's winning class: 6M 97.3% Super!



Clubs

Before and after school clubs will recommence from the week beginning Monday 20th January 2025. A booking form will be sent out via e-mail on Friday 10th January at 3.45pm. Completed forms must be submitted by Monday 13th January at 12 p.m. to allow time to create lists and registers. Pupils will be informed of their club allocation by Friday 17th January. Clubs being delivered this term are listed at the end of the newsletter.

PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events in the autumn term. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school. A big thank you also to our dedicated PTA members who work so tirelessly to organise all these wonderful events. Watch out for upcoming spring term events.

Learning

Please look on your child's class page on the school website to find information about what they will be learning this term.

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Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all our children who were awarded Star of the Term for the Autumn Term. We are really proud of you all:

Nursery: Musa	5W: Amelia
R1: Molly	5M: Fearne
R2: Yusuf	6W: Harry
1W: Zidane	6M: Sulaiman
1M: Annie	Mrs Cadogan: Arya
2W: Adeem	Mrs Backhouse: Iris
2M: George	
3W: Rukaiyah	
3M: Jessica	
4W: Eva	
4M: Aayan	

School Council News

Thank you to everyone who supported the council's Christmas trolley. Every penny raised will be spent on new Lego sets for classes. The school council will meet next week to discuss their upcoming Break the Rules Day for Springhill Hospice later this term.

Calendar Dates

Please see below for important dates for the Spring term. These may be added to as the term progresses.

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Vouchers will recommence this week.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.



Well done to all children in **Greenbooth** which was our winning house last term.



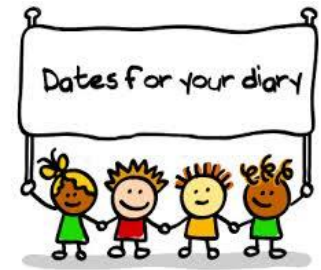
Dojo Winners

Well done to our overall class dojo winners for the autumn term. You have been amazing!

Nursery: Lottie	5W: Max
R1: Florence	5M: Isla
R2: Arthur	6W: Elsie
1W: Anaya	6M: Yousaf
1M: Amber	
2W: Aayan	
2M: Liyana	
3W: Liza	
3M: Libby	
4W: Rayyan	
4M: Emily	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



W/C Monday 20 th January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 27 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 8 th January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd January	Healthy Eating Assembly with School Nursing Team
Friday 31 st January	School Council Break The Rules Day for Springhill Hospice
W/C Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Thursday 13 th February	Year 3 Local Walk - Norden and Greenbooth
Friday 14 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 7 th March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 th March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Monday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 1 st April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Close for Easter Break

Spring Term Extra Curricular Clubs

Monday

8:00-8:45 Miss Harrison Running **KS1 & KS2**

12:30-1:00 Mrs Orley Multi-Skills **Reception**

12:30-1:00 Mrs Collier Board Games **KS1**

3:30-4:30 Mrs Buck Athletics **KS2**

Tuesday

8:00-8:45 Mrs Mellor & Mrs Boughton Cooking **KS2** (half term 1) then **KS1** (half term 2)

8:00-8:45 Mrs Hemmings Story Club **Y1/2/3**

8:00-8:45 Miss Buckley Musical Theatre **KS2**

12:30-1:00 Miss Lane Library **KS1**

3:00-4:30 Rugby Club **KS2**

Wednesday

8:00-8:45 Mrs Murphy Music **KS1**

12:30-1:00 Miss Lilley Art **KS1**

3:30-4:30 Mrs Cadogan Computing **KS2**

3:30-4:30 Miss Hill Netball **KS2**

3:30-4:30 Mr Greenhalgh Badminton **Y5/6**

Thursday

8:00-8:45 Mrs Beswick Messy Play & Mindfulness **KS1 & KS2**

3:30-4:30 Edstart Football **KS1 & KS2**

3:30-4:30 Mrs Ashton Gardening **KS2**

Friday

12:30-1:00 Miss Hilton Computing **KS1**