

Thursday 6th March 2025

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This week marks the beginning of a significant time in both the Islamic and Christian faiths. Children have enjoyed making pancakes in school and a visit to the local church by Year 1 children marked the start of Lent. We have 48 Year 5 and 6 children fasting during the holy month of Ramadan which started last Sunday. Our Friday assembly this week will once again be led by Neeli Mosque. As always, we thank our friends at both St Paul's and Neeli Mosque for their time and commitment to the children of the school and providing such informative, fun and engaging sessions.

On Monday of this week, allocated high school places were sent out to parents. If parents haven't already, we would ask that you log into the portal and either accept, update or decline the offer made. We are aware there have been some difficulties with the BRGS allocations and hope these are now resolved.

Our School Council are hosting the Rochdale network meeting this week. It will be very busy with at least 8 different schools and council members in attendance. Year 4 are also going on their trip to Liverpool World Museum to enhance their unit of work about the Ancient Egyptians.

Lastly, a letter and Parentmail have gone out this week regarding the myHappyMind app for parents. Please do sign up for it as it contains lots of information and a range of activities you can do at home with your child to support and enhance what we are doing in school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Backhouse



### Interesting Fact:

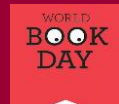
We all have 24 different **character strengths**, we just have them in different amounts. Knowing which we have more/less of helps us to understand our personalities and how to develop our character.

### Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:  
96.16%

This week's winning class: R2 100% Amazing!



### World Book Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'My Story' Children are invited to come to school dressed in an outfit that celebrates them. It could be the kit they wear for the local sports team they play for or it could be an outfit to highlight a hobby or interest. We just request that children wear sensible footwear.



### Marie Curie Daffodils

Throughout the month of March, the school council will be selling Marie Curie daffodils. If you would like your child to purchase one in aid of this worthwhile charity, please send a £1 donation in to school with them. At Whittaker Moss, we are proud to support many different charities, and we thank parents for their continued generosity.

### Parents' Evenings

This term's Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March between 4pm and 7pm. A letter was sent out last week, explaining how to book an appointment through your child's school Google account. Please indicate in the confirmation box if you would like a virtual or face-to-face appointment when booking.

## British Science Week 2025

Next week is British Science Week. This year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. To celebrate, KS2 pupils will visit the Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school and KS1 and EYFS pupils will have a visit from Emma's Crazy Creatures. Thank you to the PTA for funding these experiences. Pupils will also be completing a range of science activities in class during this week.

### Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Liyana	5W: Alizah
R1: Aysha	5M: Safa
R2: Hashim	6W: Zac
1W: Jenson	6M: Zaara
1M: Aminah	Mrs Cadogan: Isla
2W: Hollie	
2M: Max	
3W: Faith	
3M: Owen	
4W: Willow	
4M: Alfie	

### Lunchtime Stars

Unfortunately, we can no longer award lunchtime stars golf vouchers due to Rochdale Putt Stars being taken over by Hollywood Bowl. Pupils who received our new Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Liyana, Jamal, Eva, Imogen, Libby, Aisha, Evie, Rubens and Caleb.

Well done to them!



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### School Council News

The school council met on Thursday to finalise plans for their network event which they will host for other local schools this week. They have created an agenda and an online safety leaflet about Roblox to share with councillors.

### Spring Art Afternoons

Parents/Family Members are invited to join us to complete an art activity with pupils. Please see below for the dates for different year groups.



### Red Nose Day

Children may come dressed in non-uniform on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March for Comic Relief. Donations are welcome but not necessary. We thank you for your support.



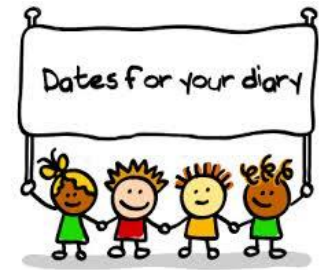
### Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for the week before the holidays:

Nursery: Ismaeel	4M: Alfie
R1: Nahla	5W: Eliza
R2: Hattie	5M: Amelia
1W: Alice	6W: Mia
1M: Annie	6M: Aaliyah
2W: Fara	
2M: Yusuf	
3W: Sierra	
3M: Nomi	
4W: Arib	

## 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.



Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Eid Party Day (Date added)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Close for Easter Break

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **British Science Week is here again!**

We are going to be celebrating British Science Week in school from 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March. Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths. In school we will have the Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) and Emma's Crazy Creatures as part of our celebrations for this week.

We would like to invite pupils to get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme for 2025, '[Change and adapt](#)', – there are loads of STEM topics to be explored. Pupils could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology. They could look at climate change and how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment, or their favourite science experiment and how it shows change. The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!

The poster must be on A3 or A4 paper. Children can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs and materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, and paper to create their posters. We will then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes.

Your poster must be submitted to your child's class teacher by Monday 24th March 2025.

### **Information from British Science Association...**

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.

Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

### **What are the prizes?!**

Prizes for the 2024 competition winners included:

- Cool Cat Chem Cards
- 15-minute STEM books
- Shape Aliens Game
- At the museum jigsaw
- A Day in the Life...books
- Shroot pouches
- Memberships for My Science Club
- MegaWatt Games
- A collection of Science Works books