

Thursday 13th March 2025

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It has been Science week this week which has seen all children having extra time to learn and experience new scientific facts and experiences around 'Change and Adapt'. Our KS2 children had fun and interesting sessions on Tuesday in the inflatable Wonderdome where they learned about our position in the universe, the sheer scale of the universe and how the moon moves through its phases. EYFS and KS1 had sessions with Emma's Crazy Creatures where they learned all about how animals change over time - they also had the opportunity to hold a few exotic animals too and were very brave!

Thank you to the parents who have attended Parents' Evenings this week. As always, they were very well attended and the positive feedback to both myself and staff has been very much appreciated. Staff who attended from Oulder Hill were kept very busy speaking with parents and handing our information and have asked that their thanks be passed on to everyone they spoke to on both nights.

I do need to mention carparking once again. This week we have again seen dangerous and unacceptable parking in the carpark followed by aggressive, rude and confrontational behaviour. The requirements for using the school carpark are that cars are parked in designated bays (not shoehorned between disabled bays which prevents safe access to the vehicle for children), or blocking the front of the building. Only those who have a blue badge should be parking in our disabled bays. Where spaces are blocked by those not entitled to use them, I have given my support to those who do have a blue badge, parking in front of the spaces whilst they attend to their eligible children. Anyone displaying aggressive, confrontational or abusive behaviour will be asked to leave the premises and a premises warning or banning order will be considered. Thankfully, this applies to only very, very few car park users with the vast majority of our parents and carers showing safe and appropriate use of the carpark for which we thank you very much.

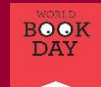
Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.01%

This week's winning classes: R2 and 1M
99.3% Amazing!



World Book Day Friday 7th March

Thank you to everyone who celebrated World Book Day last week by coming dressed in outfits to tell their story. It was lovely to see the wide range of interests our pupils and staff have.



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

Thank you for your attendance at Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found your meeting informative and enjoyed celebrating your child's successes with their class teacher.



Red Nose Day

Children may come dressed in non-uniform on Friday 21st March for Comic Relief. Donations are welcome but not necessary. Donations can be made through ParentPay accounts.

British Science Week 2025

This 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. Please see below for information about a poster competition.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Musa	5W: Rosey
R1: Deen	5M: Eiliyah
R2: Bella	6W: Sophia
1W: Aleena	6M: Albie
1M: Harry	Mrs Cadogan: Aisha
2W: Alf	
2M: Rosie	
3W: Eesa	
3M: Norah	
4W: Grace	
4M: Thomas	

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Fern, Bobby, Grace, Rosie, Safa, Rayyan, Sami, Scarlett and Arnie.

Well done to them!



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School Council News

The school council hosted a successful network event which council members from several other local schools attended. It was great to share ideas with one another. Photos of the event are on Engage Rochdale.

The school council will be running an Easter raffle over the last two weeks of term (30p per ticket or £1 per strip of tickets). Please send money into school with your child if you would like them to participate in this event. They will also be running an Easter colouring competition which is 50p per entry. The school council have voted that the money raised will go towards the purchase of new lego sets for every class in school.

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.



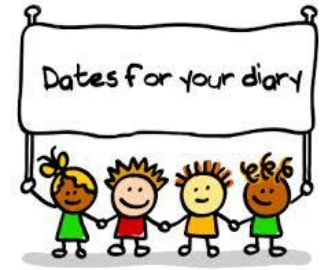
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Hayat	4M: Theo
R1: Ava	5W: Hamza
R2: Ayda	5M: Arya
1W: Hashim	6W: Eesa
1M: Evie	6M: Oliver
2W: Arnie	
2M: Hira	
3W: Skye	
3M: Isabella	
4W: Buddy	

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 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
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 2 nd April	Eid Party Day (Date added)
Thursday 3 rd April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 th April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th 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 7th to 16th 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