

Thursday 22nd January 2026

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All of our clubs have started this week. It has been really good to see so many children trying new activities. Mr Chapman will update you about any clubs that still have places. Thank you to the staff who voluntarily give up their time to provide these experiences for the children.

Well done to our Benchball team who represented the school on Monday. It was the first time they had participated in a tournament and they didn't let us down! They worked well as a team and their behaviour was exceptional. Next week our Y5 volleyball team will be out at Greenbank and we wish them lots of luck!

Attendance and Mild Illness

We understand that children don't always feel 100%, especially during the colder months. If your child is feeling a little under the weather but is otherwise well enough to take part in the school day, we encourage you to send them into school. Maintaining routine can be reassuring for young children and helps them stay connected with their learning and friends. As always, if your child is genuinely unwell, we trust your judgment and appreciate you keeping them at home. Last week the total days of lost learning due to children being absent from school was **49 days**.

Every week we choose a different focus to look at across school. This week we have had an in-depth look at presentation. It is clear to see that children are trying really hard with their handwriting and presentation across all of their subjects.

Please can we ask that water bottles sent into school are of a reasonable size and have a non-spill lid. We are getting a lot of Stanley cups and equivalent and bottles with screw top lids. These are far too big to fit onto our tables and if they get knocked over, spoil the children's work and resources. The ideal is a school water bottle with a sports lid top as these are a reasonable size and do not spill if knocked over.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Backhouse **Reminder: There will be no after school Dragons Den session on 31 March 2026. This is so staff can complete statutory training.**

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.5%

This week's winning class: 6M 99.7% Amazing!



Before and After School Clubs

Clubs recommenced this week. Please let the teacher who runs the club know if your child is unable to attend a session. Please speak to Mr Chapman about the spaces available in some clubs if your child has not been allocated a club but would like to join one.

Dress In Pyjamas and Movie Afternoon

This School Council Fundraising Event for Manchester Children's Hospital will take place on **Friday 30th January**. Children can come to school in pyjamas or non-uniform for a small donation to the hospital. Children may bring slippers to wear inside but must wear shoes or trainers outside. In the afternoon, classes will watch a movie in class. Thanks you for your anticipated support with this event.



PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 26th January until Friday 6th February 2026. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any copper coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

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Stars of the Week

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

Nursery: Jasmine	5W: Hassan
R1: Seb	5M: Olive
R2: Roman	6W: Evie
1W: Arthur	6M: Arya
1M: Ishaq	Mrs Cadogan: Adam
2W: Hawwa	
2M: Beauden	
3W: Ayva	
3M: Xander	
4W: Jessica	
4M: Pearl	

School Council News

Councillors met this week to discuss the upcoming Pyjamas and Movie Afternoon for Manchester Children's Hospital on Friday 30th January. Thank you to Computing Club members who designed posters for the event. One is at the end of this newsletter. Council members also discussed their ongoing Online Safety Campaign. They will shortly be sending out an information leaflet.

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: Enilia, Seb, Charlie, Ismail, Rosie, Ayda, Aryan, Amelia and Maia.

Well done to them!



GB Athlete Visit

On Thursday 29th January, a GB athlete will visit the school to lead an assembly and physical activity sessions with pupils across school. Your child should have come home with a sponsor form for this event. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not received one.

Calendar Dates

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



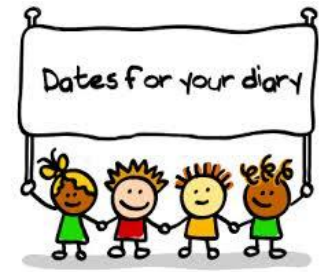
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Aadam	5W: Aria
R1: Yahya	5M: Ethan
R2: Noah	6W: Eliza
1W: Molly	6M: Ukasha
1M: Muaad	
2W: Grace	
2M: Lilah	
3W: Fara	
3M: Haniya	
4W: Ruby	
4M: Zayn	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2026

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 26 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 6 Talk With Nurse
Thursday 29 th January	Team GB Athlete Visit
Thursday 29 th January 3pm Greenbank School	Year 5 Volleyball Competition
Friday 30 th January	School Council Dress In Pyjamas & Movie Afternoon For A Donation To Manchester Children's Hospital
Wednesday 4 th February	School Council Network Event
Wednesday 4 th February 3pm Greenbank School	Year 6 Volleyball Competition
Friday 6 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
W/C Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	KS2 Girls' Cricket Competition
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 23 rd February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop
Tuesday 24 th February 3pm Greenbank School	Bowling Event - KS2 Children
Thursday 26 th February	Neeli Mosque Assemblies
Monday 2 nd March 3pm Matthew Moss High School	Year 4 Pickleball Tournament
Wednesday 4 th March	Whittaker Moss Celebrates World Book Day - more details to follow.
Thursday 5 th March	Year 3 Geography Local Walk - Norden & Greenbooth
Thursday 5 th March 3pm Matthew Moss High School	Year 5 Pickleball Tournament
W/C 9 th March	Science Week
Monday 9 th March	Live Animals Science Day - group of KS2 children
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 11 th March	Healthy Eating Assembly
Wednesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 12 th March	KS2 Mixed Football Competition
Monday 16 th March 3pm St. Mary's School	Year 3/4 Girls' Football Tournament
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 23 rd March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Assemblies

Wednesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 26 th March	Eid Party Day
Thursday 26 th March Highwood Hall 9.15am	Eid Coffee Morning
Thursday 26 th March 3pm St. Mary's School	Year 3 Boys Football Tournament
Friday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Monday 30 th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Tuesday 31 st March 3pm	Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 1 st April	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	School Council Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday 2 nd April	Close for Easter Break

! School council movie and PJ's afternoon!

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PJ'S AND MOVIE
AFTERNOON !HOORAYYYYYY!

DON'T MISS OUT.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE PJ'S YOU CAN WEAR OWN CLOTHES.

Please bring a small donation as it's going towards Manchester's children's hospital
Every donation helps.

Slippers are allowed but when we go outside please may you bring in
trainers just so they don't get dirty. 😊

Please support this event - every donation helps.

Thanks to the school council for supporting and choosing this event, every
child can have fun.

