

Thursday 11th June 2026

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Another busy week in school!

Our Year 1 children have been busy completing their phonics check. They have all been amazing and we have seen some fabulous decoding and blending! Year 5 spent the day in and around our local area completing some Geography fieldwork. Once again, we have had lovely feedback from members of the public and supervising volunteers regarding how well behaved, polite and interested in learning the children were. Year 3 will be visiting Ribchester on Friday and I am certain they will have a brilliant day (fingers crossed for dry weather!).

We have a number of teams from across Key Stage 2 out this week representing the school in netball, boules and cricket. We wish them lots of luck, knowing they will play with confidence, support each other and enjoy every moment!

Next week we have our annual sports afternoons. Please check below to see which year groups are taking place on particular days. It was a huge success last year with parents/carers giving lots of positive feedback about how engaging and interactive the sessions were. We hope you enjoy this year's afternoons just as much. Although we are hoping for dry weather (and possibly a little bit of sunshine), it can't be certain so please do come dressed for the weather!

On Tuesday after school, the PTA are holding our school summer fair. Please support them/us if you can. We are very lucky to have such a hard-working and dedicated group of volunteers who make such a difference to the school. It is PTA fundraising which contributes towards a lot of our fun 'little extras' in school and they also subsidise school trips to keep costs as low as possible for our families. Thank you, PTA!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.4%

This week's winning class: 6M 99.3% Amazing!



Break The Rules Day

Thank you to all our pupils and families for supporting the School Council Break The Rules day, last week. A great day was had by all. Photos of the event can be found on the school website. The day raised a fantastic £460 for Cancer Research.



Four Books Challenge

The closing date for the read four books challenge is Friday 19th June. Sheets with verdicts written on that were given out in the autumn term must be handed in to your child's class teacher by this date. Winners will be announced shortly after this date and will receive a prize. Thank you to everyone who has read the four books assigned to their year group and has handed in their verdict sheet already.

Parents' P.E. Afternoons

Parents are invited to come into school next week to participate in P.E. and healthy lifestyle activities with their children. Please check the diary dates below for the date and time for your child's class. We look forward to welcoming you into school for these sessions, next week. Due to limited space, we ask that only one adult per child attends.

Year One Phonics Check & Year Four Tables Check

Well done to all of our year one pupils who have undertaken their phonics check this week. Also, well done to all of our year four pupils who completed their times tables check last week. We are extremely proud of you all.

Stars of the Week:

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

Nursery: Dottie	5W: Aria
R1: Bella	5M: Muhammad
R2: Zakariya	6W: Hamza
1W: Willow	6M: D.J.
1M: Muaad	Mrs Cadogan: Inam
2W: Ava	
2M: Maryam	
3W: Leo	
3M: Yusuf and Mirha	
4W: Zaina	
4M: Isabella	

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: Jude, Elliot, Hira, Hashim, Hollie, Raees, Thomas, Evie and Rory. Well done!



New Nursery Parents'

Meeting

Our meeting for new nursery parents will take place on Monday 15th June 2026 at 5.30pm. This meeting will give parents the opportunity to meet the EYFS team and see the inside and outside classroom areas.

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School Council News

Councillors met this week to discuss the success of their Break the Rules Day and to begin to plan their presentation for the upcoming network event.

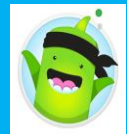
Uniform Reminders

Please remember that only plain studs should be worn in ears and that ear-rings must be taken out for P.E. lessons or medical tape placed over them if they can't be taken out.

Bobbles and headbands should be plain. Please speak to your class teacher if your child needs to wear dark trainers because they have grown out of their school shoes.

PTA Summer Fair

This will take place on Tuesday 16th June after school. Please come along and support this fundraising event. If you child attends Dragon's Den, if you send money in an envelope, staff members will take them to the fair.



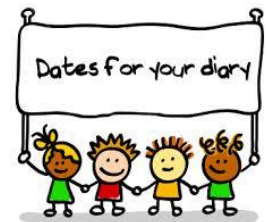
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week. We are really impressed with your efforts.

Nursery: Thomas	4M: Kaylib
R1: Hunter	5W: Jack
R2: Khadijah	5M: Buddy
1W: Arthur	6W: Elizabeth
1M: Neve	6M: Aiza
2W: Darcy	
2M: Aydin	
3W: Sami	
3M: Jessica	
4W: Eesa	

Dates for the Diary Summer 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 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 5 Geography Fieldwork Trip
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 3/4 Boules Tournament
Thursday 11 th June	Year 5 Boules Tournament
Friday 12 th June	Year 3 Trip To Ribchester
W/C 15 th June	Sports Week
Monday 15 th June 2.30pm	Year 5/6 Parents' Sports Afternoon
Monday 15 th June 5.30pm	New To Nursery Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 16 th June 3.30pm	PTA Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 th June 2.30pm	Year 3/4 Parents' Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18 th June 2.30pm	EYFS Parents' Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18 th June	KS2 Girls' 5 A Side Netball Tournament
Friday 19 th June 2.30pm	Year 1/2 Parents' Sports Afternoon
W/C 22 nd June	New To Nursery Stay and Play Sessions For Two Weeks
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 Geography Fieldwork
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5/6 Boys' Tennis Tournament
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 5/6 Girls' Tennis Tournament
Wednesday 24 th June	Children's University Graduation - Rochdale Town Hall
Friday 26 th June	Staff INSET Day
Monday 29 th June	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament
Monday 6 th July	Neeli Mosque Assembly & Hajj Workshop
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Boys' Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 7 th July	New To Reception Visits
Wednesday 8 th July	Year Four Music Service Concerts. 4M 9.30am and 4W 10.30am
Thursday 9 th July	School Council Network Event
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Mixed Rounders Tournament
Friday 10 th July	Stuart Willis, St. Paul's Church, Assembly
Friday 10 th July 6.30pm-8.30pm	Year 6 Red Carpet Event
Monday 13 th July 2.45pm	KS2 Childer Assembly
Monday 13 th July	Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 14 th July	End Of Year Reports Out
Tuesday 14 th July	New Reception Visits and Coffee Morning
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Show For Year 5 Parents

Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament
Thursday 16 th July	Year 5/6 Show For Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Trip To Manchester Museum
Friday 17 th July	KS1 and KS2 Sunshine Assemblies
Monday 20 th July	Star Of The Year Assembly
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21 st July	School Closes For The Summer Break



SUMMER FAIR

Tuesday 16th June from 3.30pm

Lots of fun for all the family!

⚽ Penalty shoot out ⚽

🏀 Netball knockout 🏀

🛍 Stalls 🛍

🎲 Games 🎯

★ Plus some special guests... ★





Justin Axon
Training & Consultancy Ltd

Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

'Communication Through Play'

Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'

Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Lifeskills and Independence'

Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'

Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm



Scan QR Code for more & to book!

