



Newsletter

19th April 2024

Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note these are current plans that may be subject to change. Please see email updates for changes.

Date	Event	Times/Other info
Mon 6.5.24	Early May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Fri 10.5.24	Y1 Class 5 Assembly	9.15am
Thu 16.5.24	Y1 Phonics Information Evening	5pm - See this newsletter
Fri 17.5.24	Y1 Class 4 Assembly	9.15am
Wed 22.5.24	Y1 Class 6 Assembly	9.15am
Fri 24.5.24	Break Up for Whit half term	

Y2 LUNCHTIME CHESS CLUB

We are currently trialling a 30 minute lunch time Year 2 chess club for those children who have expressed an interest. The club will be run by Mrs Humphries on a Wednesday and Friday. The club will be focussing on friendship, taking turns and learning the skills involved in playing chess.

Y1 PHONICS SCREENING INFORMATION

We would like to invite you to a meeting which will be held on Thursday 16th May, at 5pm. This meeting will inform you about the National Phonics Screening test which will take place in Year 1 during the week beginning Tuesday 13th June. This meeting aims to explain the process, in addition to providing you with ideas to help your child at home over the Whit holiday.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Year 1 Team

NURSERY

Before the holidays we had a fantastic Science Week in nursery. We practiced our scientific skills of predicting, testing and observing in multiple ways! We explored light and shadows in our own shadow puppet theatre. We explored forces making car ramps and marble runs. We tested different objects and materials to see which stuck to our magnets and did "magic" tricks moving paper clips with a hidden magnet. It was great to hear one of the children say "It's not magic, it's science!" We were also very busy preparing for our Easter Eggstravaganza, especially making "Henrietta" the "Clucky dip"! The event was a huge success and raised over £300 towards improving our outdoor area. THANK YOU to everyone. As you can see the improvements have already begun over the holidays! The climbing area now has a border and bark chippings (and no enormous puddles!) We have some lovely wind mobiles to explore the effects of the Stockport weather. We planted our bushes from the Woodland Trust. Now we are working towards some planting facilities so we can grow our own flowers and crops!

We were all very excited to come back after a long break and look forward to making the very most of our last term in Nursery!



RECEPTION

Reception have settled into the new term really well and were all really excited to tell us about their Easter holidays.

This week we have introduced our new topic Sun, Sea, Sand and Space. We have been singing songs to help us learn about the different planets in the solar system and created some beautiful space artwork. We have also been finding out about Tim Peake and his adventures in space. We read the story 'Look Up' and learnt about Mae Jemison, the first African-American lady to go into space.

In maths, we have continued to explore 3D shape and also pattern.

We were very lucky this week to have a visit from Gareth from Mini Athletics. He did some sessions with all of Reception and based his games around a funfair theme. The children had so much fun and practised their throwing skills aiming at a target.



YEAR 1

On Wednesday, Year 1 enjoyed a fun packed day at the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester. The children had the opportunity to experience a Drawing or Printmaking artist-led workshop and learned lots of new skills. We also explored the Art Gallery and took part in many different activities, including looking at the work of Shirley Craven, a textile artist from Hull.



YEAR 2

Our Year 2 cohort are excited to be back and have settled into the school routine with ease. We are enjoying being able to have our PE lessons outside now that the weather has improved slightly. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

This half-term, our focus text in English is *The Bear and the Piano*. Over the next couple of weeks, we will use lots of drama-based lessons to build on our vocabulary. We will focus heavily on the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, and -less.

Over the next couple of weeks, our focus in math will be multiplication. We will use our 2, 5, and 10 multiplication knowledge to help us answer questions.

We can't wait to keep you updated on all of the fun things we'll be learning over the next summer term.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This year's Walk To School Week, run by Living Streets, is taking place in May. If you would like to participate, and would like more information, please use this link:

[Walk to School Week \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](http://livingstreets.org.uk)

