

Autumn Term – Friday 9th January 2026



School Newsletter

Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome back!

I hope the children all had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The first few days of the term have been very successful with children settling back into school quickly. Parents' evening will be taking place in a few weeks with the opportunity to find out about how your child is progressing at school. Appointments will go live tonight via the School Cloud.

Value of the half term

The value of the half term is **Resilience**. This week we learnt about New Years resolutions. We thought about what our resolutions for the year ahead would be.



Weekly News

Weekly House point winners!



The House with the top points this week is EDHI



Reception: Faith

Year 1: Zayaan

Year 2: Dakota Marie

Year 3: Arthur

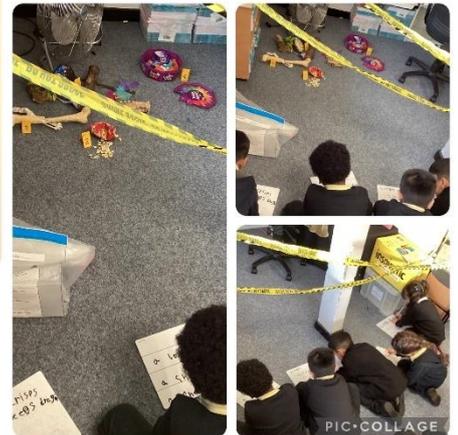
Year 4: Lina

Year 5: Niyhra

Year 6: Musa

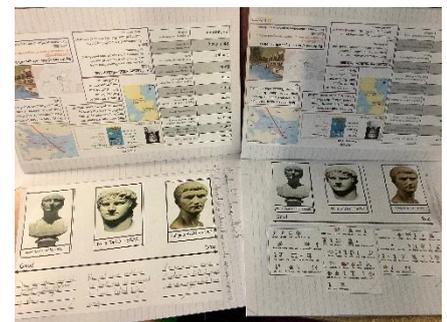
Reception have begun their new topic, Twisted Tales. They have enjoyed dressing up and being involved in some fairy tale role play.

Year 2 made an unusual discovery inside 2ZA. A dragon egg! We think it could be linked to our writing text-The Dragon Machine. Keep posted for some roarsome developments.



This week, Year 1 took part in a Chinese dragon dance workshop. They learned a dragon dance and imagined they were performing in a Chinese New Year parade.

Year 4 has started their new history topic for this term, The Romans. We began looking at some of the significant Roman emperors; some were friendlier than others!



Accelerated Reader

Top Ten Readers

Rank	Name	Class	Word count
1	Saba	4RB	1,247,045
2	Sophia	5KS	754,246
3	Hafsa	6RC	687,923
4	Ayyan	6RC	658,986
5	Liban	6RH	624,453
6	Taiya	6RC	488,195
7	Osian	6RC	475,285
8	Demia	6RC	439,055
9	Adriel	5FT	420,385
10	Mohamed Amin A	6RC	372,600



KS2 were joined by our resident pianist Miss Hoskin to sing 'He's got the whole world in his hands' in singing assembly this week.



Weekly Attendance



4RB

4RB	98.5
2SP	98.4
4LG	98.4
5FI	97.1
6JW	97
6RH	96.6
3AN	95.9



2SP/4LG

1ST	95.7
2HF	95.7
2ZA	94.7
3RC	94.6
R-MF	94.4
5IM	93.9



5FI

4NA	93.8
5KS	92.7
1NC	90.5
3GK	88.9
6RC	88.9
1CM	87.1
R-BS	84.4

The Grammar School Entrance exam **coffee morning**, run by our Year 6 teacher Ms Wormstone, was very well attended and provided lots of useful information and advice.



Our parents really enjoyed the **Home Safety and Accident Prevention workshop** led by Ceri Hewitt from **Manchester Healthy Schools**, which explored injury prevention, home hazards, and basic first aid for parents.



Manchester Mind's **Mums Matter course** starts Tuesday 20th January at **Whalley Range Sure Start Children's Centre**. This friendly 8-week group supports emotional wellbeing and mental health for mums with a child under two.

2-hour weekly sessions in local family hubs, with an optional crèche. Learn practical tools like breathing, mindfulness and meditation, plus time to share and connect with other mums.

Interested? Call **Lisa 07955 299848** or **Faye 07592 376720**

Free Cookery Classes at JNR8. Learn how to make healthy meals and snacks on a budget. Mondays from 12 January, 10am–12 for 3 weeks at JNR8 Youth & Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, M16 0BG (behind Manley Park Church).

Places are limited — booking essential.
Contact: Chris or Kate on 0161 881 3744 or email communityforumwhalleyrange@gmail.com

If the course is oversubscribed you will be added to the list for the next course.

Friendly Reminders

- The school gates stay open until 9:00am. For safety reasons, **children should only use the front door via the car park if they are attending Breakfast Club or arriving after 9:00am.**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th January	Year 3 trip to Manchester Museum
Tuesday 20th January	Year 6 visit to St Margaret's Church
Wednesday 21st January	Year 2 Wonderdome Workshop
Thursday 22nd January	Year 3 trip to Chester Zoo
Mon 26th / Tues 27th January	Parents' Evening - EYFS / KS1
Tuesday 27th January	Year 4 trip to St Margaret's Church
Wed 28th / Thurs 29th January	Parents' Evening - KS2
Wednesday 28th January	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum / Blue Room trip to Manchester Airport Runway visitor park
Tuesday 3rd February	Year 4 Chester Trip
Wednesday 4th February	VR Workshops for Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 10th February	EYFS tour for prospective parents 9.30am

Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays at 8.45am in the school hall.

- **14th January** – SEND
- **21st January** – Oral health
- **28th January** – Healthy domestic relationships for couples
- **4th February** – Online Safety
- **11th February** – Children's healthy lifestyles/Body image



Parent activities and workshops

Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00am

Computer and digital literacy for adults

Thursday, 9:00-10:30am

Sewing with Abida; cutting and designing traditional dresses

Fridays, 9:00-10:00am

Low intensity Strength and Fitness Exercises for women;
£3.00 per session

Parent Health Champions

To learn more about our Parent Health Champions training program, please email Ms Marchant: a.marchant@st-margarets.manchester.sch.uk



One Education Music's Central Steelpan Music Centre has moved to the Kath Locke Centre, 123 Moss Lane East, Hulme. Beginners and returning players are welcome.

Session Times:

5–6pm – Junior (ages 7–11)
6–7pm – Senior (ages 11–18)

£30 per term, including access to all six Manchester Music Centres. Free membership is available for pupils eligible for Free School Meals, Pupil Premium, or Looked After Children [Bursary application form](#)

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