

# School Newsletter



**Spring Term - Friday 13th March 2026**

## Headteacher's update

It has been another busy week in school, with a number of trips taking place across different year groups.

We were pleased to welcome MP Afzal Khan to school, who congratulated Safa in 6RC for winning his Eid card competition.

Due to Eid, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March instead of Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Children are invited to wear something red and, if possible, bring a £1 donation to support this important charity event.

Please keep an eye out for posters on the playground noticeboards with information about upcoming school events.

**The value for this half term is Creativity**



## Weekly Attendance



**1ST**



**4RB**



**3RC**

# Weekly News

## House point winners

Rec Aliza M

Y3 Leona

Y1 Taha H

Y4 Zehnaseeb

Y2 Sayana

Y5 Inaaya K

Y6 Mohammed A



**Year 2** have been experimenting with collaging using different media to add layer and effects.



**Reception** have been to visit the garden to plant some peas. They have explored all of the different growing plants and have learned about where the school makes its own compost



**Year 4** enjoyed their walk around Alexandra Park identifying the local wildlife and plants.



In **geography club**, we have been taking part in fieldwork. We have recorded how much rainfall we've experienced in recent weeks and spotted different geographical features of different colours.

The winning house this week is...

**AL ZAHRAWI**



Congratulations to Safa in 6RC, who won the **Eid card competition** and created the winning design for MP Afzal Khan.



We're celebrating **Earth Hour** with a party on **Friday 27 March, 3:15–5:00pm**. Join us for a pre-loved Eid gift stall, litter picking for the Great British Spring Clean, free plant stall, Clean Air stall, and more.

**We welcome donations of good-quality toys and books for the pre-loved Eid stall (please bring to the school office).**

Children can also run their own toy or clothes stall – contact Ms Marchant:  
a.marchant@st-margarets.manchester.sch.uk

**The PTA will also run an eco-themed Easter egg hunt (£3 per family).**



## Online Safety Tip

### Videos Can Be Persuasive

Influencers and videos are designed to grab attention, not always to inform.



**Try this at home:** Talk about why someone might want views, likes, or clicks.

**Year 5 PSHE Ambassadors** have been helping Year 3 pupils become **Healthy Lunchbox Heroes**. Through the theme "Live Strong and Smart," children are learning to include all food groups in their packed lunches and positive changes are already being seen.



**Wear red for Red Nose Day** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Donate £1, to raise money for Comic Relief

**The Lowry Creative Writing Challenge** for children aged 7–11, celebrating creativity and imagination. Entries can include poetry, short stories or scripts. Deadline: Friday 20th March. Shortlisted writers will present their work on the Quays Stage.

**[Find out more and how to enter here.](#)**

**EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION**

Get creative & decorate a hard boiled egg for a chance to win!

**Prizes for Creativity & Imagination!**

You could turn your egg into a cartoon character, animal, pop star, book character or just simply decorate it!!

Bring your decorated egg to school on:  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March (not before)

Take it to your classroom with your name & class on it

**Have fun and happy designing!**

MRS CONNETT - ART AND DESIGN LEAD

**Little Reads at Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square.** Wed 18 & Sat 21 March, 11–11.30am. A fun, interactive session with stories, songs, dance, play and craft exploring picture books. Best for ages 2–6 (families welcome). Free – just drop in.

**Arabic Storytime at Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square.** Sat 14 March, 2–3pm. Ages 4–7 years. Stories and songs in Arabic and English. Learn new words and make new friends! Free – just drop in.

# Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day - Wear something red for a donation to Comic Relief
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	9am - RHE Parent Meeting for EYFS /Years 1, 2 , 3 2.30pm - RHE Parent Meeting for Year 4
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.50am - RHE Parent Meeting for Year 5, 6
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Nursery trip to Z Arts
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5/6 residential trip to Grange Over Sands
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Earth Hour party / PTA Easter egg hunt 3.15 to 5pm
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Year 2 trip to Southport
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Year 4 violin performance at 2.45pm (invite only)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Bank Holiday - School closed</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays - School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School opens after Easter Holidays</b>

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

- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Home composting workshop with Green Team
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - PCSO Surgery
- 1st April - Healthy adult relationships



## Parent activities and Workshops

- Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00am. Computer and digital literacy for adults
- Thursday, 9:00-10:30am. Sewing with Abida
- Fridays, 9:00-10:00am. Low intensity fitness class for women; £3.00