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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing arrangements for next year

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher, Miss N Brett to our teaching team in September 2025, covering Miss MacWilliam's maternity leave.

Please see below our classes for September 2025. Children will be meeting their new class teacher and visiting their new classroom as part of our transition towards the end of term. Your child will be given a letter with information about their year group. Teachers will be passing on important information about your child before the end of this term. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and visit the classroom at our Meet the Teacher during the week beginning 8th September (please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for the date and time of the relevant year group meeting).

The plan for the academic year 2025-26 is as follows:-

| Class your child is in now | Class in September | Teacher(s) |
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| | Class R | Mrs T Noble (Monday – Wednesday) Ms S Cain (Thursday and Friday) |
| | Class Ra | Miss M Sanchez |
| Current Class R (Mrs Noble/Ms Cain) | Class 1 | Mrs A Sellers (Monday) Miss C Walker (Tuesday – Friday) |
| Current Class Ra (Miss Sanchez) | Class 1a | Mrs H Williams (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs A Sellers (Thursday and Friday) |
| Current Class 1 (Mrs May) | Class 2 | Miss N Brett |
| Current Class 1a (Ms Lackford) | Class 2a | Mrs C Lackford |
| Current Class 2 (Mrs Williams) | Class 3 | Mrs V Statham |
| Current Class 2a (Miss Walker/Mrs Sellers) | Class 3a | Mrs K Granville (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs H Hill (Wednesday – Friday) |
| Current Class 3 (Mrs Kozyra/Mrs Barnes) | Class 4 | Mr J Lavin |
| Current Class 3a (Mrs Statham) | Class 4a | Mrs C Kozyra (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Barnes (Friday) |
| Current Class 4 (Mrs Granville/Mrs Hill) | Class 5 | Mrs J Wall (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs N Waddington (Wednesday – Friday) |
| Current Class 4a (Mr Lavin) | Class 5a | Mrs L May |
| Current Class 5 (Miss Roxburgh) | Class 6 | Miss E Roxburgh |
| Current Class 5a (Miss Ackerley) | Class 6a | Miss J Ackerley |

News from our Reception classes

On Tuesday 3rd June, Reception went on a school trip to Delamere Forest. The children had a fantastic time, and we were so impressed with how well they behaved while having great fun. They got up to lots of different things with the amazing rangers. They learnt how to build dens with only things they could find in the forest. They also got to explore in the forest with binoculars, role-played with the dinosaurs, and had a picnic at lunchtime.



On Tuesday 10th June, Reception invited Dads into Reception to celebrate Father's Day with us. The children had been working hard preparing. They made Father's Day cards and baked Gingerbread Men to share. It was lovely to have so many dads come in and share this celebration with them – thank you Dads!

School Fair – Saturday 7th June

Thank you so much for all your fantastic support at our summer fair last Saturday. Although the weather was very mixed, everyone had a very enjoyable time. A massive thank you to the PTFA team and to Mrs Lavin for organising the event. We are pleased to announce that the event made an amazing profit of £2,100 which will go towards funding the provision of iPads across school.

A message from the PTFA- A huge thank you! Our School Fair success!

What an absolutely fantastic day we had at our School Fair! It was truly a joy to see the school grounds bustling with so many of our families, filled with laughter, games, even the rain didn't stop us. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable event – your presence made all the difference!

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a phenomenal **£2100!**

Every single penny of this will be put to fantastic use. We've had a big request from our wonderful teachers, who are keen to get more **iPads for the children throughout the school**. These are

incredibly valuable learning tools, and your contributions will directly support enhancing technology for every child, enriching their education in countless ways.

This amazing fair wouldn't have been possible without the vision and dedication of one very special person: **Mrs. Lavin**. It was her brilliant idea and she truly took the lead in bringing it to life. It was an absolute pleasure to work alongside Mrs. Lavin as we all collaborated to make this day such a resounding success. A heartfelt thank you, Mrs. Lavin, for your passion and tireless efforts!

And thank you to **YOU ALL** – every single person who contributed their time, talent and energy:

- Our incredible **Planners** who thought of every detail.
- The amazing **Facepainters** who barely had a moment to breathe – you exceeded all expectations!
- The **Bakers** whose delicious creations were devoured.
- The **Grandads** who crafted epic games for us all to enjoy.
- All our wonderful **Volunteers** who lent a hand wherever needed, we even had to turn someone away (sorry Hayley but thank you for being such a trooper!).
- The **Coaches from Holmes Chapel Hurricanes** for bringing the energy.
- **Christopher Hickey**, our fantastic magician, who wowed us all.
- **Steph from React Theatre Academy** for bringing Shakespeare sharing some excellent drama games.
- **Laura Wilson and her Streetdancers** who put on a brilliant show.
- **The Shed Crew** for their incredible woodworking skills.
- And, of course, our dedicated **School Staff** who supported us every step of the way.

It truly was such a joy to see our school community come together for so much fun. Your support means the world to us and will make a real difference to the children.

We can't wait to do that all again next year... hopefully in the sunshine ;)

With immense gratitude,

The PTFA



React Theatre Academy Performance

A huge well done to all of our children who performed in the performance on Thursday 12th June, you were all brilliant! A big thank you to Miss Steph also. Drama club is running to the end of term and will continue in the Autumn Term.



Sports Day – Friday 13th June

Thank you for attending our sports day today. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Well done to all of the children for taking part and a huge thank you to Mr Lavin, Ms Walker and all the school staff, PTFA and volunteers for giving up their time for the day.

Allotments

Our allotments are looking fabulous and the vegetables and fruit are growing really well. We have onions, peas, mange-tout, beetroot, strawberries and blackcurrants – see the pictures below. A massive thank you to Mrs Mitchell who is very green fingered and spends a significant amount of time looking after the plot.



Ice Packs

We use re-usable ice packs in school for minor injuries, mostly at playtimes and lunchtimes (they are soft, blue square ones). It is possible that your child may have brought an ice pack home after they have used it in school. Please check at home in your child's school bag – we would really appreciate them being returned to school. Thank you.

Uniform Shopping:

Just a reminder our uniform shop is open every Friday afternoon before pick up - between 2:45 and 3:15pm - cash and card accepted. If you can't make it you can contact us on hcps.pta@gmail.com with your requests we will then pack your orders and leave them at the office to collect.

School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

| Penalty Notices will be issued for | |
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| Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or | |
| Unauthorised absence: A Penalty Notice may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period | |
| Per Parent/Per Child | |
| Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child . For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines. | |
| First Offence | |
| The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at: | |
| £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution) | |
| Second Offence | |
| Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at: | |
| £160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution) | |
| Third Offence | |
| On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of Failure to send a child to school the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000. | |

The academic calendar for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 is attached and has been added to the website.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

June 2025

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| Monday 16 th | Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter |
| Monday 16 th | Year 6 Photographs |
| Monday 16 th | Allotment session for Year 5 |
| Tuesday 17 th | Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall |
| Tuesday 17 th | Open evening for new reception parents 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 17 th | Reception concert for parents 9.30am |
| Thursday 19 th | Trust Speech Festival at Tytherington High School |

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| Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th | HCCS Transition days for Year 6 |
| Monday 23 rd | Reserve date for Sports Day |
| Monday 23 rd | Allotment session for Year 1 |
| Tuesday 24 th or Wednesday 25 th | New reception children stay and play, and lunch experience |
| Friday 27 th | Front Row Music guitar/ukulele concerts for parents (2pm Y1, 2 and 3); 2.30pm Y4, 5 and 6) |
| Monday 30 th | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Monday 30 th | Allotment session for Year 2 |

July 2025

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| Tuesday 1 st | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th | Year 6 residential |
| Monday 7 th | Allotment session for Year 3 |
| Tuesday 8 th | Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest |
| Wednesday 9 th | End of year reports to parents |
| Thursday 10 th | Mystery readers 2.45pm |
| Thursday 10 th | Singing club performance for parents 4pm |
| Monday 14 th | Allotment session for Year 5 |
| Tuesday 15 th | Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm |
| Wednesday 16 th | Travelling By Tuba music concerts |
| Wednesday 16 th | Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 6.30pm |
| Thursday 17 th | Year 6 Leaver's lunch |
| Friday 18 th | Term ends at 1.20pm |

A few dates for the next academic year:-

September 2025

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| Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd | Inset days for staff – school closed |
| Wednesday 3 rd | Autumn Term begins |
| Monday 8 th | Allotment session for Year 2 |
| Tuesday 9 th | 3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3 |
| Wednesday 10 th | 3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4 |
| Thursday 11 th | 3.30pm Online safety talk for Year 5 and Year 6 parents with PC Andy Cornall, followed by Meet the Teacher for Year 5 and Year 6 |
| Monday 15 th | Allotment session for Year 3 |
| Thursday 18 th | Individual photos |
| Monday 22 nd | Allotment session for Year 4 |
| Monday 29 th | Allotment session for Year 5 |

October 2025

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| Monday 6 th | Allotment session for Year 2 |
| Monday 13 th | Allotment session for Year 3 |
| Monday 20 th | Allotment session for Year 5 |
| Friday 24 th | Inset day for staff – school closed |
| Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st | Half term break – school closed |

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

