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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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Our school community came together today to support *Show Racism the Red Card Day* by wearing red. This national campaign encourages everyone to take a stand against racism and promotes equality, respect, and understanding.

During the day we helped pupils to understand what racism is, why it is wrong, and how we can all work together to challenge discrimination and promote kindness and respect for everyone.

The children explored ideas about fairness and inclusion. They learned that even small actions, like speaking up when something is unfair, showing kindness, and treating everyone equally can make a big difference.

This important work links closely to our school values, *Make a Difference*, *Be Passionate about Learning*, *Be Kind*, *Be Respectful*, and our commitment to being a *Rights Respecting School*. We continue to teach our pupils about equality, respect, and human rights, helping them grow into confident and compassionate global citizens.

WE'RE PROUD TO ACHIEVE THE PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK!

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We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM), a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning. Our school has achieved the highest rating of gilt, showing the highest standards of curriculum design and subject leadership.



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The PSQM is a comprehensive programme that supports primary science subject leaders in raising the quality and profile of science across the whole school. At the heart of the programme is a focus on the continuous development in science and STEM teaching and learning.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the positive difference our science focus continues to make to children's curiosity, learning and understanding of the world around them.

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026

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This week we were delighted to welcome so many prospective parents to our Open Morning. It was wonderful to see such a high number of parents. Our pupil tour guides did a magnificent job in answering all the questions from prospective parents.

Applications are now open on the Trafford website. To complete your application:

- State your first choice on the Trafford admissions portal by 15th January 2026 [Trafford admission portal](#)
- Complete the supplementary form found on the Admissions tab of our school website [Supplementary form](#)
- Return the completed supplementary form and copy of baptismal certificate, if applicable, to the school admin office by 15th January 2026

We look forward to welcoming our new families in September.

PARENTS' EVENING

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Our next parents' evening takes place on Thursday 6th November 2025 between 3:45pm and 7pm.



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Parents' evening is an opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss how your child is progressing. Meeting slots may be booked via Arbor Parent Portal. Please click on **Parents' Evening - Thursday 6th November 2025** from under the **Guardian Consultations** section of your child's profile page.

If you haven't yet logged into your Arbor Parent Portal account, please follow these steps:

1. Visit login.arbor.sc
2. Click on 'Forgotten Password?'
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to set your password (Your username is the email address you have previously provided to the school)

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th November.

WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST

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The key dates have been set for the academic year. On the list, you will see the date, event and location. The full list can be seen on this [link](#) and Autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

AUTUMN 1			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	23 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9.05am Led by Y5 Mr Kerigan class	Junior department hall
Friday	24 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please note that **holidays during term time are not authorised**. Before booking any trips, we kindly ask parents to check our **term dates** to ensure holidays are arranged within the designated school breaks. You can view the **2025–2026 term dates here: [Term dates 2025-26](#)**

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	97.33	2ES	99.33	4CG/SK	99.33
RCR	96	2FB	99.33	5ML	99
ROW/CR	98	3DM	97.67	5LM	99
1AM	98.33	3HC	100	5JK	97.42
1MH	98.62	3CN/EL	99.67	6NS	96.67
1LT	93.10	4LD	99.67	6HB/DB	97.67
2LD	99.33	4LH	99.33	6DH	91.94
Overall percentage: 97.84%					

We warmly welcome parents to ask about school life. Your first point of contact is your class teacher. In addition, Mrs Farrell (infant deputy) and Mrs Sutton (junior deputy) and I are available to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and wellbeing. We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher