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'Growing in faith, hope and love. But of these three the greatest is love'.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Friday 9th January 2026

A warm welcome back to school!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for the new term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy new year!

We have returned this week remembering Epiphany and the importance of Jesus in all of our lives. The theme of 'Wisdom' is our focus this half term both in whole school worship and class reflection areas



Staffing Update

We say goodbye to Mr Lyon as he will be retiring from today. We wish him a long and happy retirement and am sure he will pop in to see us!

We offer a warm welcome to Mr Perris who has recently been appointed as our new Site Manager.

My Happy Mind

We are delighted to launch the new programme My Happy Mind. A School Spider message was sent this Wednesday giving you more information. I do encourage you to download the parent app so that you can engage with the programme with your child. The children will be encouraged to learn all about their brain- ask them about Team HAP! To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 105236

Or simply scan this QR code to sign up



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Worship

The value we will be exploring throughout this half term is 'Faith'
'So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.' Hebrews 11:1

The Curriculum Newsletters

Please look out for the curriculum newsletters which have been emailed home this week. They contain all the information you need to know about the half term ahead.

Volunteer

Are you able to offer any time in school to listen to some of our children read. You will be required to complete a volunteer DBS if you are able to offer school some help. Please contact the school office if you can help.
Thank you for your consideration.

PTFA will be meeting on Tuesday 13th January- here in school at 6pm. If the fantastic fundraising for school is going to continue then the PTFA **really do need new helpers.** Have you a finance background or know someone who has and can be our new treasurer? Sonya has done an amazing job for many years but looking to pass this responsibility on to a new treasurer. Please mention to family members who may be able to support. **Strengthening the links school has with the wider community is so very important and events organised by PTFA can really encourage those community links as well as raising vital funds for the school.**



Big Garden Birdwatch

We have registered school with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch taking place the weekend of 23-25th January. Taking part is easy, choose an hour on these dates and watch which birds land in your garden or where ever you are for the hour. Attached to the newsletter you will find some information to help you and your child take part. School have registered and can submit the data you return to us.

Sport clubs will be starting week beginning 12th January. There are a small number of places available to book on. Please contact the school office.

Day	Club	Time	Year group
Monday	Dance	3.30- 4.30pm	Year 1-6
Monday	Football	3.30- 4.15pm	Year 5 & 6
Tuesday	Football	3.30- 4.15pm	Year 3 & 4
Wednesday	Multi skills	8.00- 8.45am	Key Stage 2
Thursday	Fundamental Skills	3.20- 4.15pm	EYFS Key Stage 1



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Upcoming dates for your diary	Events
Tuesday 6th January	Term Starts
Monday 12th January	Year 6 visiting Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 12th January	Y2 visiting Staircase House
Tuesday 13th January	 <p>PTFA planning meeting – Please come along and support the fantastic work- 6pm here in school</p>
23-25th January	Big Garden Birdwatch – look out for the additional information sent home
Thursday 29th January	YEAR 2 Class assembly
Wednesday 4th February	Phonics Screening meeting for the Year 1 parents 3.30-4pm
Tuesday 10th February	K2 SATS workshop and Robinwood residential information sharing
Tuesday 10th February	Safer internet day Smart tech, safe choices- exploring the safe and responsible use of AI
9-15th February	Children's mental Health Awareness Day Focusing on creating a sense of belonging for children through supportive environments in schools, homes and communities
6-15th March	British Science week the theme is Curiosity...what's your question?
Thursday 19th March	YEAR 3 Class assembly
Thursday 19th March	Choir event 'Westhoughton Presents' with cluster- more information will be sent home.
Tuesday 31st March	Parent's evening
Tuesday 31st March	Year 4 leading Easter Service in Church 9am
End of spring term Thursday 2 nd April	



Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

1

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 23 and 25 January 2026.

Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where only one bird is shown on the ID Chart, both male and female birds look similar but are not always identical.

Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.

2

Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.

3

Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture will be of how garden birds are faring.

If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.



Your how-to-guide and tally chart



Get involved on our social channels

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to #BigGardenBirdWatch

Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

**Big Garden
Birdwatch**

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Coal Tit



Collared Dove



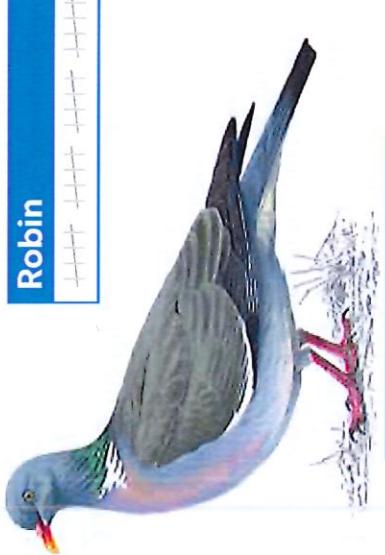
Starling



Chaffinch



Long-tailed Tit



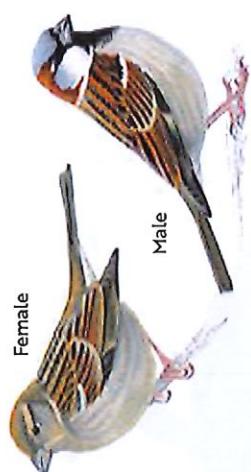
Robin



Woodpigeon



Blue Tit



House Sparrow



Goldfinch



Magpie



Blackbird



Dunnock



Greenfinch

