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

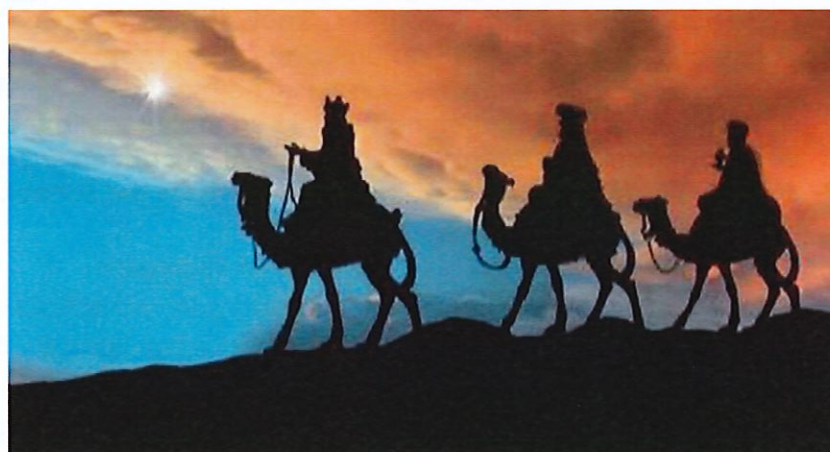
1 Corinthians 13:13

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



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





Your how-to-guide and tally chart



**Big Garden
Birdwatch**

23–25 January 2026

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.
- 2** Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.
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** Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
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.

Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count

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](https://twitter.com/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

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Female

Male

Blackbird



Duncock



Greenfinch



Magpie



Blue Tit



Female

Male

House Sparrow



Goldfinch



Great Tit



Female

Male

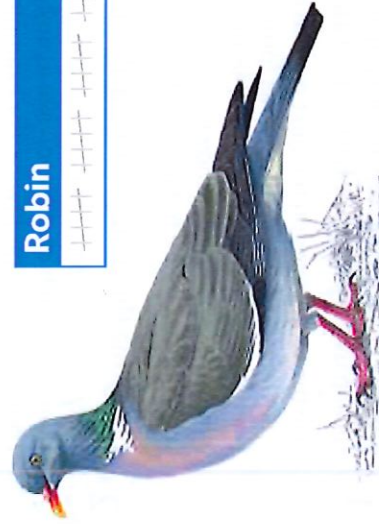
Chaffinch



Long-tailed Tit



Robin



Woodpigeon



Coal Tit



Collared Dove



Starling

Together, let's make it count

Connect to nature. Play your part.



Big Garden Birdwatch

23–25 January 2026

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Record your results

What will you see?

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park.

How to record your results

- 1 Count the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park **between 23 and 25 January 2026**.
- 2 Use the ID chart to tally the total for each bird and then record the number in the boxes below.
- 3 Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time.
So, if you see a group of eight Starlings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- 4 If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as your final count – it's important for us to know which birds are 'no shows'.
- 5 Only include birds that land, not those flying over.
- 6 Even if you saw nothing make sure you tell us – it still counts.

Name of bird	Most seen at one time
Blackbird	<input type="text"/>
Blue Tit	<input type="text"/>
Chaffinch	<input type="text"/>
Coal Tit	<input type="text"/>
Collared Dove	<input type="text"/>
Dunnock	<input type="text"/>
Goldfinch	<input type="text"/>
Great Tit	<input type="text"/>
Greenfinch	<input type="text"/>
House Sparrow	<input type="text"/>
Long-tailed Tit	<input type="text"/>
Magpie	<input type="text"/>
Robin	<input type="text"/>
Starling	<input type="text"/>
Woodpigeon	<input type="text"/>
Other birds	<input type="text"/>

Discover more about Birdwatch

You can simply use the chart opposite to take part, but if you would like to know more go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. You'll find expert advice, tips and features on how to attract birds onto your patch for a busy Birdwatch.

And you can share your pics and stories on social media using **#BigGardenBirdWatch**

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Let's keep in touch on your terms

Thank you for taking action for nature.

We're working hard to do all we can to save it. You can play your own, very important part, which is why we'd love to let you know about the conservation, campaigning, research and fundraising work that we're doing.

If you're happy for the RSPB and RSPB Shop to keep in touch, please let us know how you would like to hear from us:

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| Post | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes please | <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks |
| Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes please | <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks |
| Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes please | <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks |
| Text | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes please | <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks |

You're in control. If you'd like to change your choices at a later date, all you have to do is call us on 01767 693680 or go to www.rspb.org.uk/preferences. If you decide to stay in touch, we'll also keep you up to date with news about membership, products, offers and competitions. Your details will be kept safe and secure, only used by us, or those who work for us, and will not be shared with anyone else. We analyse information you provide, and about how you've helped us, to decide what communications will be of interest to you (and so that we can save our resources for conservation work) and to help us understand our supporters. We also use this information to run our charity's operations, e.g. if you place an order or make a donation, we'll need your details to process those. If you would like to know more or understand your data protection rights, please take a look at www.rspb.org.uk/privacypolicy

Please use CAPITAL letters.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx etc)	<input type="text"/>
First name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>
Your address	<input type="text"/>
Town	<input type="text"/>
County/Council area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Email (over 18s only)	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth if under 18	<input type="text"/>
How many people took part?	Adults <input type="text"/> Children <input type="text"/>
If you didn't do your Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it? Postcode (if different from above)	<input type="text"/>

How to submit your results

When you've done your Birdwatch, go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch and submit your totals using the online results form. **Submit your results by 22 February 2026.**

If you'd rather send us your results by post, send this completed form to us in an envelope addressed **FREEPOST RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** by 17 February 2026. This is a short address, but it will definitely reach us.

