



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter October 24th 2025

Here we are at the end of a happy and action-packed half-term!

We had a fantastic day celebrating **World Mental Health Day** on October 10th with a range of engaging and meaningful activities focused on well-being and connection.

The day was dedicated to opening up conversations about how to look after our mental health. All the classes watched this [short video](#) (kindly provided by one of our parents, Mrs Patel). Children participated in focused sessions to understand practical strategies for maintaining a healthy mind. A key activity was dedicated time for breathing exercises, teaching the children simple, powerful techniques to help them calm their bodies and minds when they feel worried or stressed.

We also spent time reflecting on what helps us feel secure, discussing the importance of our physical and emotional environments and considering what makes us feel safe.



The day culminated in our Key Stage 2 Oracy Assembly. The children demonstrated impressive speaking and listening skills and the assembly ended with a powerful, collective activity: we all wrote pledges to ensure that no one ever feels alone. These promises reinforced our school-wide commitment to kindness, inclusivity, and always reaching out to support one another.

Keep your children safe online with

Stockport's new online safety hub Stockport's online safety hub is a 'one-stop shop' to aid parents/carers in keeping children safe online. It has reviews and useful videos and articles about websites, gaming platforms, social media apps, online dangers, screentime, online bullying, mental health and so much more; there is also information on the Qustodio online safety parent app which can be downloaded for free. Click the link below for more information:

[Online Safety Hub - Stockport LA](#)

Academisation update In July, we shared that the school leadership term and governing body have taken the exciting decision to join [Greater Manchester Education Trust](#). This proposal is very much about building upon everything that is great about Queensgate and strengthening our school further. The official Listening period concluded in September and this showed that there were no concerns raised which would be problematic to the proposal moving forward. Therefore, Queensgate's formal application to join GMET has been submitted to the Department for Education and we expect to hear if the application has been successful in December. Any families who joined us after July 2025, might be unaware of this proposal. Please [click here](#) to read the communication that was sent out to our families in July and feel free to ask any questions that you might have.

Health and Safety procedures Please be aware that we hold regular fire drill practices with the children in school (from Nursery upwards). They are all well trained and aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a real fire. Periodically, we also remind the children about what to do if we needed to enter the school quickly in case of an emergency. This is called a "lockdown" A lockdown occurs when circumstances dictate that the safety of pupils and staff is better ensured inside school buildings. We might use the word "lockdown" with some of our older pupils, but many children will be unaware of this terminology.

If there ever was to be an emergency in school, we would communicate any updates via email to our Queensgate families.

Author visit 17.10.25 What a treat Years 1, 2, and 3 had on Friday as we welcomed the fantastic author, Abie Longstaff, to our school! Abie shared insights into her book, *Little Bad Wolf - Before the Fairytale*, captivating the children with the story and explaining her creative process for writing it. The children loved hearing how she developed her story ideas. Abie was equally impressed with our children commenting on their wonderful behaviour and the thoughtful questions they asked her about being an author. It was a memorable and inspiring visit for everyone!



Pupil Leadership Roles Throughout their time at Queensgate, children have the opportunity to apply for a wide range of leadership roles within school. There have been a number of elections taking place recently and I am pleased to announce our new MPs.

Year 6: Summer and Aidan

Year 5: Ella G and Xavi

Year 4 Ash: Aarabi and Samuel

Year 4 Elm: Kyan and Lucy

Year 3: Marvin and Orla B

Year 2: Amelie and Finley

Year 1: Sophia and Benjamin B

Class R: Orla S

Dates to remember

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| • Friday 24th October | School closes for 1 week |
| • Tuesday 4th November | School- re opens for the children |
| • Wednesday 5th November | Year 5 Maya workshop in school |
| • Thursday 6th November | Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank |
| • Thursday 6th November | 3.15PM Friends of QPS Bonfire Cake Sale |
| • Wednesday 12th November | Parents' evening (book on SchoolCloud) |
| • Thursday 13th November | Parents' evening (book on SchoolCloud) |
| • Friday 14th November | Children in Need day (details to follow) |
| • Tuesday 2nd December | Evening- Choir singing at Bridgewater Hall |
| • Wednesday 3rd December | AM Year 4 Carol concert <i>rehearsal</i> at Bramhall Methodist |
| • Friday 5th December | 2.45PM Year 1 Carols for parents/ carers in the Hall |
| • Monday 8th December | 9.30AM Nursery & Reception Christmas play, parents |
| • Tuesday 9th December | 9.30AM Nursery & Reception Christmas play, parents |
| • Tuesday 9th December | 2.00PM Year 2 Christmas play, parents/ carers |
| • Tuesday 9th December | 6.30PM Y4 - Y6 Carol Concert at Bramhall Methodist |
| • Wednesday 10th December | AM Reception trip to Sale Waterside theatre |
| • Wednesday 10th December | 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas play, parents/ carers |
| • Thursday 11th December | Friends of Queensgate Christmas Fair after school |
| • Friday 12th December | Year 5 and Year 6 Declamation competition (Final) |
| • Friday 12th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
(preorder on SchoolGrid before Wednesday 3rd December) |
| • Friday 12th December | 2.45PM Year 3 Carols for parents/ carers in the Hall |
| • W/B 15th December | Year group Christmas parties will take place this week |
| • Friday 19th December | School closes for 2 weeks |
| • Monday 5th January | School re-opens |

Please remember that if you have any queries or wish to discuss school matters, Mrs Hitchcock is available before and after school Monday - Thursday and Mrs Lee is available on a Friday.

Have a lovely half-term holiday everyone!

Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee

Headteacher