



# Queensgate Primary School

## Newsletter April 17th 2026

### Science week 2026



We held our annual Science week before the holidays and hopefully you heard lots about it from your child! Everyone faced the challenge of designing the paper aeroplane that stayed airborne the longest. This required lots of collaboration, planning and drama! Thank you to the parents who joined us in school to talk to the children about their jobs in the STEM field. The children loved hearing first hand about these jobs and started developing their understanding of different careers.

More than forty children entered our Science Fair and proudly shared their projects with their friends and staff. This opportunity to orally share their knowledge with others was a great opportunity to consolidate their learning. Thank you to Mrs Sturman, our Science Leader for organising this week for the children.

### GMET update

I am pleased to let you know that our application to join Greater Manchester Education Trust (GMET) is moving forward as expected and we are optimistic that we will convert to an academy within the Trust from the 1st September 2026. As always, feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding this process.

### Attendance

It goes without saying that regular attendance is essential to your child's progress and success. We aim for all children to attend well above the national average of 95%. This term, our overall whole school attendance figure is **96.7%**. Well done to **YEAR 2** for topping the leaderboard last term!

Reception	97.0%	Year 1	96.8%	Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.8%	Year 4 Elm	97.2%	Year 4 Oak	95.4%
Year 5	97.3%	Year 6	95.9%		

**\*\*\* Please remember that the children are not permitted to wear false nails or nail varnish in school\*\*\***

## House points for the term

Well done to the children in Curie House for topping the Leaderboard last term.

Mandela	Curie	Luther-King	Nightingale
3851	4127	3807	3637

## Talent Show 2026



**Well done to our Talent Show winners and everyone who took part!**

## Update from Destiny Garden School

Dear Queensgate Primary School,

*On behalf of Destiny Garden School Mombasa, I would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude for your very generous donation of £1,743.85 towards much needed textbooks. The donation was used to buy assorted textbooks for Grades 1 to Grade 4. Attached are a few photos of some of the books and the children covering the new books earlier this year.*

*Many thanks for your continued support!*

*Warm regards,*

*Brenda Ongola, DGS Sponsorship Director*



## Dates to remember

- Thursday 23rd April Y2 trip to the Sealife Centre
- W/B 11th May Y6 SATS week
- W/B 18th May "Eat Fit, Keep Fit" week (wear PE kit all week)
- Tuesday 19th May 9.30- 11.00 Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 20th May 9.30- 11.00 Y3 - Y6 Sports Day
- Friday 22nd May **School closes for 2 weeks**
- Monday 8th June **School re-opens for pupils**
- Tuesday 9th June Year 3 trip to Manchester Museum
- Wednesday 10th June Class photograph day
- Wednesday 10th June 6PM Meeting for Reception Sept 2026 parents
- Friday 12th June 8.45- 9.15AM Book Look for Y1 and Y2 (1 adult)
- Monday 15th June 9- 9.30AM Nursery Stay and Play
- Tuesday 16th- Friday 19th June Y6 residential trip, Castle Head Field Study centre
- Friday 19th June 9- 9.30AM Nursery Stay and Play
- Wednesday 17th June Y2 Bramhall Park Legacy Trail
- Thursday 2nd July Y7 transition day
- Tuesday 7th July Y5 Experience day at Bramhall High School
- Thursday 9th July 2.15PM Y2 DT workshop with parents
- Friday 10th July Non-uniform day, donations for F of Q
- Friday 10th July 11- 11.30 Y4 classes ukulele performance, parents
- Friday 10th July Annual Reports sent home
- Monday 13th July Children spend the morning in their new classes
- Tuesday 14th July Y5 visit to Cheadle Mosque
- Wednesday 15th July Y6 Leavers' play, 1.45- 3.00PM (tickets)
- Thursday 16th July Y6 Leavers' play, 6PM (tickets)
- Tuesday 21st July Y1 to RHS Bridgewater
- Tuesday 21st July Y5 performance at the Lowry Theatre (AM & PM)
- Monday 20th July 3.15- 5.00PM Y6 Leavers' party
- Friday 24th July 9.10AM Y6 Leavers' Assembly (Y6 families)
- Friday 24th July **School closes for summer break**

Please remember that we are available before or after school if you have any queries.

Enjoy the weekend!

**Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee**