



Queensgate Primary School

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Year 4 Matilda project

Our Year 4 children have had a wonderful term engaging in our newly formed creative partnership with the **Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)** and the **Palace Theatre**.

This Show Based Learning project successfully used **Matilda the Musical** to elevate our children's creative writing to a truly professional standard.



The project:

- **THE WRITING CHALLENGE:** The children tackled a challenge set by Matilda's script writer, **Dennis Kelly**. They authored "missing scenes," crafted complex character backstories and invented new personalities for Crunchem Hall, mastering the art of script writing to a wonderful level.
- **THE PALACE THEATRE VISIT:** On **March 26th**, the children attended an exclusive open dress rehearsal. This rare "behind-the-scenes" look showed them how scripts are polished and transformed into a world-class production.
- **THE ARTIST WORKSHOPS:** After Easter, a **Matilda Teaching Artist** (Mr Wormwood!) visited us to bring the children's own scripts to life. Seeing their work performed professionally was a powerful celebration of their growth as script writers

We will be welcoming back some of the Creative team to deliver **practical skills workshops** with **Year 4** focussing on developing teamwork, sharing, empathy and resilience. **And finally...Year 6** will be taking part in a **careers based learning programme** with the RSC and the Palace theatre where they will be connecting our children to theatre careers and the huge number of opportunities within the sector. **A huge thank you to the RSC and the Palace Theatre for this unforgettable opportunity.**

***** Please remember that if you have children in Nursery/ Reception to pick up the older children up from the playground first. Staff will ensure that they are at the front of the line to be collected. Nursery and Reception children are kept in the classroom until their adult comes to collect them *****



Here are the 2026 Stockport netball champions! Your team spirit and outstanding skills shone through. We are all very proud of you. Well done Queensgate!

Eat Fit Keep Fit Week 2026 (18th- 22nd May)

Next week is our annual **Eat Fit Keep Fit week!** For anyone that is new to QPS, this is the week when the classes go off timetable and take part in lots of different sports and activities including...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Tennis at Queensgate Tennis Club ★ HIIT sessions ★ Cricket ★ Zumba ★ Healthy cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sports Day ★ Outdoor climbing (Y4-Y6) ★ Rounders ★ "Smile for a Mile" in the school grounds ★ Boom Sticks
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Please send your child to school in sports clothes every day next week (t-shirts, shorts, leggings, trainers) and make sure that they have a sun-hat, water bottle and a healthy (nut-free) snack to keep their energy levels up. **On Tuesday 19th May, 9.30 - 11.00AM** we will have our **Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day**. This will take place on the field at the back of school. The side gates from the passageway will open at **9.25AM**, feel free to join us from then on. The children compete in their houses and therefore need to wear a t-shirt in their House colour i.e.

Mandela- red

Curie- yellow

Luther-King- blue

Nightingale- green

On Wednesday 20th May, 9.30 - 11.00AM we will have our **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day**. The same arrangements apply as for the Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day. Our **Nursery and Reception classes** will be looking at the weather and choosing the best time to have an informal EYFS Sports Day. Look out for photos on Seesaw following this event (as grown-ups do not attend.)

Please remember that the decision to go ahead with Sports Days on the dates above are **weather dependent**. If the weather prevents us from going ahead, we do not have a "reserve" date, we will go ahead on a suitable day without parents and will share photos on Seesaw.

SMILE FOR A MILE: Please join us for a walk/ jog round the school playground from 8.30AM every day next week. Music will be playing and hopefully the sun will be shining!

Dates to remember

- 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 (via email at 4pm)
- 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 (ticketed)
- Thursday 16th July Y6 Leavers' play, 6PM (ticketed)
- 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**

Enjoy your weekends everyone! Year 6 children certainly deserve a rest after their busy SATS week. They coped very well and can now look forward to making memories together in their last few months at Queensgate.

Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee