



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter September 25th 2026

Welcome meetings for parents/ carers

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent class Welcome meetings. We hope that you found them useful. Don't forget that the slides discussed will be available all year on your child's Seesaw account if you want to look back and check something.

Who can I speak to in school?

We are all here to help! Below are the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 members of staff.



Mrs Kempson
EYFS Leader and Nursery teacher



Mrs Grzeda
Nursery TA



Mrs Hamnett
Reception teacher and phonics Lead



Mrs Heath
Reception teacher and joint Maths Lead



Mrs Briston
Reception TA



Mrs Bardrick
Reception and Year 1 TA



Ms Lockwood
Year 1 teacher



Mrs Clough
Year 1 teacher and Early Help SENCO



Mrs Aitken
Year 1 TA



Mrs McQuade
Year 1 and Year 4 TA

Annual parental questionnaire summary

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our annual parent questionnaire at the end of last term. We were thrilled to receive such overwhelming positivity, with 98% of parents agreeing that their child is happy, feels safe, makes good progress, and enjoys the rich variety of experiences offered at Queensgate. A further 98% confirmed they would recommend our school to another parent. Your thoughtful comments celebrated our dedicated teaching team, the wide array of enrichment activities—from Forest School and Shakespeare performances to trips and clubs—and the supportive, nurturing environment we strive to create. We also appreciate your constructive feedback, including suggestions on streamlining parent communications and keeping home-learning updates consistent across all year groups. We value your partnership and look forward to using your insights to make Queensgate an even better place to learn and grow.

Parent Partnership Meeting

We regularly hold an informal Parent Partnership meeting on the school premises and all parents/ carers are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is for parents to meet members of staff, to share information about areas of the curriculum or initiatives that we are reviewing and to gain your views and suggestions. It is also a good way for parents/carers to meet other parents and be part of the Queensgate community. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 7th October at 2.45PM** in Larks and Owls. Mrs Lee and myself will be attending the meeting and we would love to see you there.

Thinking about when it is best to give your child a phone?

On **Friday 2nd October at 1:30pm** there will be a parent workshop hosted by Starting Point for parents of KS2 (Y3 - Y6) children. This is an informal session that we are holding (in Larks and Owls) about smartphones and is a place to ask questions, share concerns or top tips and speak to other parents. Whether they already have a phone or you're thinking of waiting, there's information on parental controls, tips on speaking to your child about their online world and time to reflect on what is best for your family when it comes to digital devices.

Pupil Leadership Roles

Throughout their time at Queensgate, children have the opportunity to apply for a wide range of leadership roles within school. Elections have taken place recently and I am pleased to announce our new ...

MPs

Class R: Orla and Dottie

Year 6: Myles and Charlotte

Year 5 Elm: Frank and Chloe

Year 5 Oak: Neve and Leo R

Year 4: Anaya and Jude

Year 3: Delilah and Ralph

Year 2: Holly and Benjamin Bo

Year 1: Aurora and Wilf

House captains

Mandela: Xavi, Poppy

Curie: Phoebe W, Leo W

Nightingale: Ava, Sammy

Luther-King: Jack, Sarah

Destiny Garden School, Mosbasa

We have received a lovely email from DSG, thanking us for our fundraising and explaining what they have been able to purchase with our £2,647 donation. It is clear that our donations are having a very positive impact on the children and staff at DGS.

- £1,500 is purchasing much needed textbooks,
- £825 has repaired broken desks and the remaining
- £322 went to fumigating the classrooms which had an infestation of insects during the school holidays.

We have decided to bring our fundraising efforts a little close to home this year, and will be asking our new school MPs to agree on a local charity that we can support in the coming year. We will keep you updated.

School photographs

Please note that when the school photographer is here on **Monday 12th October**, we will not automatically take photos of children with their siblings. If you would like to request a photo of your children together (please note this is only for the siblings attending Queensgate) as well as an individual photo, please email admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk and we will do our best to accommodate this request. The final date to email requests to school is **Thursday 8th October**.

Nursery parents - an email will be sent to children who are not usually in Nursery on a Monday to explain what time to bring them in if they would like a school photo taken.

Dates to remember

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| • Thursday 1st October | National Poetry Day |
| • Friday 2nd October | 1.30-3.00PM Y3-Y6 parents' "Parenting in the digital age" |
| • Wednesday 7th October | Parent Partnership Meeting 2.45- 3.15 PM- all welcome |
| • Thursday 8th October | Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum North |
| • Friday 9th October | World Mental Health day- please wear something yellow with your school uniform (e.g socks, hair bobble, t- shirt) |
| • Monday 12th October | School photograph day- individual |
| • Monday 19th October | Year 2 trip to Staircase House, Stockport |
| • Tuesday October 20th | Year 3 trip to Tatton Park |
| • Friday 23rd October | School closes for 1 week |
| • Tuesday 3rd November | School- re opens for the children |
| • Monday 9th November | Lego train engineering workshops, Year 3 and Year 4 |
| • Tuesday 10th November | Parents' evening (times to be confirmed) |
| • Wednesday 11th November | Parents' evening (times to be confirmed) |
| • Tuesday 1st December | Choir performance at the Bridgewater Hall |
| • Wednesday 2nd December | AM- Year 4 carol concert rehearsal |
| • Friday 4th December | AM Year 1 and Year 2, "Jolly Christmas postman" at the Lowry |
| • Monday 7th December | 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas play |
| • Tuesday 8th December | 9.30AM Reception and Nursery Christmas show |
| • Tuesday 8th December | 6.30PM Yr 4- 6 carol concert, Bramhall Methodist Church |
| • Wednesday 9th December | 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas play |
| • Wednesday 9th December | AM Reception "Jolly Christmas postman" at the Lowry |
| • Thursday 10th December | 9.30AM Reception and Nursery Christmas show |
| • Friday 11th December | Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch |
| • Monday 14th December | Christmas parties will take place during this week |
| • Friday 18th December | School closes for 2 weeks |

Please remember that myself or Mrs Lee are available before and after school every day to discuss any school matters.

Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee

Headteachers