



# NEWSLETTER

Neurodiversity  
Celebration  
Week  
2026

20th MARCH

## WELCOME

It was a busy week - we welcomed our adults into school for parents' evening, sat our (mock) SATS, had some exciting new joiners in early years and celebrated all our wonderful differences in Neurodiversity Week. Get your full update below, together with our usual articles and reminders. We'd also like to wish those families in our community celebrating festivals this week a happy Eid, Norwuz and/or St Patrick's day!

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS UPDATE

This week's newsletter includes an important note from the School's Board of Governors - please take five minutes to review this. Thank you.



## DUCK!

Were Early Years hatching a plan? No they were hatching ducks! Everyone across Nursery and Reception took turns to watch the clutch of eggs, keeping them warm and safe until the time that the ducklings hatched. It was amazing to see new life spring forth and we're hoping to catch up with them on the (school) farm in summer...

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our girls' football team delivered a masterclass in teamwork on Tuesday with a commanding 6-0 victory against Stamford Park. From the opening whistle, they showed great energy and aggression. The first half saw us take a quick lead, but it was the second half where the team truly shone, displaying relentless pressure and iron-clad defence that left Stamford Park struggling to find an opening.

While the scoreline is impressive, the real highlight was the sporting values and spirit shown by every player.

Whether it was a goal-saving tackle or a perfectly timed assist, the girls played for each other until the very end. There was even a hat-trick scored! Congratulations to the entire team and a big thank you to the parents who were able to help with transport.

## REMINDERS

**New Phone Number** - This has now gone live, ring 0161 711 0149 to get in touch.

**Y6 Robinwood** - The final payment for Robinwood is due by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Tie up that hair** - If your child has shoulder length hair could you please help them remember to completely tie it back for school (long hair acts as a 'bridge' for those naughty nits!).

**New Lunch System** - For parents/carers with children on school meals you should receive an email on Monday from our new ordering system SchoolGrid - telling you how to set up your account before the 'big switch' on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Have a rummage** - Lost property will be cleared out next Thursday so please check for any missing items before then.

## SATS

This week Y6 'SAT' down in the hall and their classroom for their mock tests. They all behaved wonderfully and put in their best efforts - well done! Thanks to this practice, when the real SATs test come round we know there will be nothing to be nervous about.

## PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see our parents/carers in school this week for parents' evening. As always, we are very proud of the children and are grateful for your support as they progress through school. If you were unable to attend your appointment this week or have any follow up questions please contact your child's class teacher.

## Neurodiversity week

A huge thank you to Amelie, Kiera and Emily who led both KS1 & 2 assemblies this week, sharing information on 'Different brains, different strengths'. Thank you to members of our student council and sports crew who planned activities for the children at lunch times, we hope the children enjoyed them.





## INSPIRING WINNERS

You may have seen our fabulous display of posters celebrating inspiring women - all of the entries were fantastic but a special 'shout out' to the winning poster creators Y1 Svara & Wendy, Y2 Maeve & Maia, Y3 Amelia, Y4 Iona & Bria Y6 Ashley & Alice.

## HEALTH UPDATE

Many of us have seen the headlines of a meningitis outbreak in Kent. Trafford Public Health team has advised that in our area and across Greater Manchester, the risk of contracting meningitis remains low. For the last ten years, vaccination has been offered to all under fives, however, no vaccine gives 100% protection against all forms of meningitis so if you have concerns or want to understand the systems to look out for visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>

## GIRLS RUGBY & CRICKET

If you were inspired by our Sale Sharks visitors last week why not join them for a day of fun and sport - register [here](#) for their Girls Rugby Festival - from 10am on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April at their Carrington training ground.



If cricket is more your thing, Timperley Cricket Club are running two Taster Sessions for budding Lauren Bell's. Running on 31<sup>st</sup> Mar & 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm - give it a go!

## EASTER ACTIVITIES

The marvelous Transpennine Trail team have issued their [Easter Fun Pack](#) whilst AFC are running a [Football Fun Week](#)



## MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH - TAKE THAT

Robbie Williams was only 16 years old when he joined Take That - when he rejoined in 2010 (aged 36) to record the album Progress, it became the fastest selling album of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The band has performed for royalty, including at the Coronation Concert for King Charles III in 2023. Since 2014, the band has continued as a trio, featuring Gary Barlow, Mark Owen, and Howard Donald (bring back Jason, bring back Jason.....).

## GOLDEN BOOK & VALUES

	<i>Golden Book</i>	<i>Values</i>
<b>Nurs</b>	Robyn Fleming	
<b>RLK</b>	George Cheshire	Rae Ascroft
<b>RMD</b>	Imogen Tasker	Evie Richards
<b>1ML</b>	Adhira Udhaya Kumar	Eli Chew
<b>1SW</b>	Amber Phillips	Penelope Holland
<b>2TG</b>	Emily-Rose Varley	Amelia Cable
<b>2BH</b>	Zoe Hilton	Addison Oakes
<b>3BW</b>	Annabel Miller	Darcy Cairns
<b>3LC</b>	Isaac Mason	Beatrice Lyons
<b>4CD</b>	Orin Murdoch	Iona Lanigan
<b>4AC</b>	Hayson Li	Harley Freeman
<b>5IF</b>	Aarish Sajja	Noah Pearson
<b>5PM</b>	Roham Rezaeipour	Leen Mohamedan
<b>6DH</b>	Tomas Crellin	Zara Mckay Smith
<b>6SM</b>	Frankie Bright	Aylin Kashir

## AUTHOR VISIT - 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

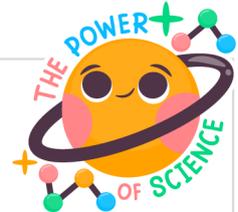
Sophy Henn is visiting children in N - Y2 on Tuesday - to order a book to be signed on the day, visit ParentPay by noon on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SCIENCE WEEK



<b>Mon 23rd</b>	<p>12.15 -12.45: Y1-3 Bitesize Bootcamp (playground) 12.50 -1.20 : Y4-6 Bitesize Bootcamp (playground) 12.20 – 12.50 : Y4-6 Boxing - <a href="#">After the Bell</a> (studio) 3.30 - 4.15 : Y3-6 Library Loungers - Miss Munro (library) 3.30 – 4.30 : Y1+2 Spanish - <a href="#">La Jolie Ronde</a> (RMD) 3.30 – 4.30 : Rec -Y6 Dance - <a href="#">Sports &amp; All</a> (hall) 3.30 - 4.30 : Rec-Y4 Multi-sports - <a href="#">Sports &amp; All</a> (playground) 3.30 – 4.30 : Y3-6 Girls Football - <a href="#">AFC</a> (playground)</p>
<b>Tue 24th</b>	<p><b>EYFS /KS1 Author Visit</b> 8 - 8.45 : Y3-6 Tag Rugby Sports &amp; All (hall) 3.30 - 4.15 : Y4-6 Hockey Club - Mrs M Coates 3.30 – 4.15 : Rec - Y1 Lego Club - Miss Dunbavand (RMD) 3.30 – 4.30 : Art Club (Y1-6) – Tactile Arts – 6SM 3.30 - 4.30 : Y1-4 Gymnastics - Sports &amp; All (hall) 3.30 - 4.30 - Y5 Exam Class - Ms Patterson (5PM) 3.30-4.30 : Y3-5 Gardening Club – Mrs Graham – (2TG)</p>
<b>Wed 25th</b>	<p>8 - 8.45 : Y5+6 Netball – <a href="#">Alt Junior Netball Club</a> (playground) <b>9.15 -10.45 : 3BW Swimming</b> <b>3.30 - 4.30 : Rec - Y2 Football <a href="#">Sports &amp; All</a> (hall)</b> <b>3.30 - 4.30 : Y3-6 Football <a href="#">Sports &amp; All</a> (playground)</b></p>
<b>Thur 26th</b>	<p>8 - 8.45 : Y3+4 Netball – Alt Junior Netball Club (playground) 8.15 - 8.45: Y1-3 Choir/Singing Club (Miss Watts) (1SW) 8.15 - 8.45: Y4-6 Choir/Singing Club (Mrs Booth) (3BW) 3.30-4.15: Y3-6 Cricket - Cheshiore Cricket 3.30 - 4.30 : Y1-6 Computer/coding club Jam Coding 3.30 - 4.30 : Y1-6 Drama Club - Tactile Arts (hall) 3.30 – 4.30 : Y3-6 Spanish - La Jolie Ronde (RMD)</p>
<b>Fri 27th</b>	<p>3.30 - 4.30 : Y3-6 Dodgeball - <a href="#">Sports &amp; All</a> (Hall)</p>



20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the message sent earlier today by Ms Patterson regarding her decision to step down as Head of Navigation Primary School, I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Board.

We are all extremely grateful for the dedication and leadership Ms Patterson has given to the school and we are sad to see her leave. In recent years, her calm leadership during the COVID period alongside successfully guiding the school through external inspections, has ensured stability and continued high standards. She has combined meticulous attention to detail with a genuine care for every child and her commitment to the school community is deeply valued.

She leaves the school in a strong position, with a dedicated staff team and a clear sense of purpose and she departs with our best wishes for the future and the next chapter ahead.

The Governing Board has already begun the process of recruiting a new Head. Our priority is to ensure a careful and thorough appointment process that builds on the many strengths of the school and secures excellent leadership for the future. The post is being advertised from today and the process will take place over the coming weeks with the intention of the final stages taking place early in the summer term.

In the meantime, the day-to-day life of the school continues as normal, and we are confident that the leadership team and staff will continue to provide the high standard of education and care that our pupils deserve.

We will keep parents informed as appropriate as the process progresses.

Yours sincerely

**Amy Johnston**

Chair of Governors  
On behalf of the Governing Board

