

Autumn Half Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome



Welcome everyone to the first newsletter of the year! As usual, we have hit the ground running and made a fantastic start to the new academic year.

We have already had some wonderful fundraising events this school year, including our September Social and our Spooky Disco yesterday. I hope all our Vernon families and children enjoyed these events. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped run the events and thanks to everyone that came and supported. We have some lovely Christmas events coming up, so if you are clearing out over half term and have any unwanted gifts, candles, decorations etc. we would be very grateful for your donations.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to one of our parents, Robin Kinnaird, who has been extremely busy around school voluntarily painting and sprucing up our school environment! This is hugely appreciated by all - thank you.

So far this half term we have had visits from the Year 1 minibeasts, Year 2 superheroes, Year 3 pirates, Year 5 Ancient Greeks and a small group of Year 6 children even visited the Houses of Parliament in London. Our welcome meetings in September were well-attended and I hope you found these, as well as each year group's welcome newsletter informative and engaging. Our Year 5 children were the first of the year to present their 'Curriculum Showcase' to parents, giving everyone a glimpse into their learning this term so far and even wowing us all with their Greek dancing! The classes have all been working incredibly hard on their themes and are looking forward to continuing their learning after after half term.

Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, so we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 4th November. I hope you all have a lovely half term break, as the children are certainly ready for it!

Mrs Carvell

Diary dates

Date	Event
3 rd November	INSET day
4 th November	Return to school
w/c 10 th November	Anti-bullying week
14 th November	Children in Need
w/c 24 th November	Parliament Week
25 th November	Fluenz Spray Rec-Y6
28 th November	Wreath-making event
2 nd December	Reception Christmas Performance (2.30pm)
3 rd December	Year 1 Christmas Performance (2pm)
4 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
4 th December	Year 5 Brass Concert
4 th – 5 th December	Year 4 Residential
10 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert (10am)
11 th December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Theatre Visit
17 th December	Christmas lunch
18 th December	Christmas Fair (in school for children)
19 th December	Last day of term

Fundraising



The fundraising team and helpers have had a busy half term with the September Social and Spooky Disco.

We were very lucky with the weather (again!) at the social and it looked like everyone was enjoying themselves. Thank you to all who supported the event, especially to our chefs on the bbq who kept us fed! The event raised a fantastic £3106.15 and we hope to run the same event next year.

The Spooky Disco last night was lots of fun and thanks to all the children who brought in decorations, the hall was transformed! We are thrilled to have raised £1551.61.

Uniform Sales - We would like to thank all the volunteers who ran a stall at the social and parents evening, which raised a total of £60.

Clothes Recycling - Thank you for the collection we have just completed for Vernon Primary School. This collection raised £19.60 and up to now you have raised £131.30 since 21/03/2024.

We are excited to announce a new event for Vernon... A Table Top Sale on Sunday 16th November 10am - 12pm! It costs £10 per table for you to sell your old 'junk' and have a clear out for Christmas. You can purchase a stall through Spider and please spread the word through friends who might be interested in coming to the sale or having a table, as everyone is welcome!

As well as investing in technology across the school, we are also raising money to replace the sound system in the hall. If there are any parents who have experience in this field that can advise us please get in touch!

We have some festive events coming up next half term including the annual wreath making with Mrs Currall and our in school Christmas Fair.

Thank you again to the whole Vernon family who support our fundraising efforts; we are so grateful.



Reception



We are so proud of how Reception have settled into our school community, and school life. We had our first visit visiting Poynton Library this term. We met the librarians and found out lots of interesting information about the library. We then had a story about dinosaurs who were living in a school!

We have also been learning about Diwali this last week, making diva lamps, rangoli patterns and learning about the story of Rama and Sita.

We have had a visit from the CCSOs and they spoke to us about their roles in our community.

We are so proud of the Reception children and would like to wish them a very restful half term.





1 - Mrs Wilson's class - first visit outside of school



2 - Diwali Dancing

Year 1



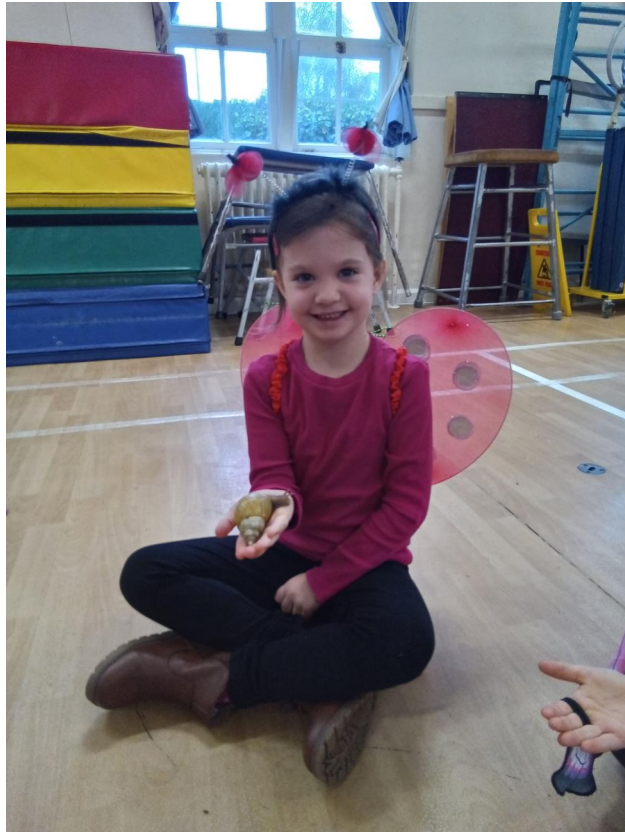
What a fantastic start to the school year it has been! The children have settled brilliantly into their new routines and have shown enthusiasm and curiosity in all areas of their learning. We are so proud of how well they've adapted and the wonderful progress they've already made in just a few weeks. One of the highlights this half term was our exciting *Minibeast Day*! The children came to school dressed as their favourite minibeasts, from butterflies to beetles, and took part in a range of themed activities. In English, we explored the beautiful story, *The Bug Collector*. The children created their own minibeasts using playdough and used fantastic adjectives to describe them. They also completed their very first story retelling of *The Bug Collector*. In Maths, we have focused on building a strong understanding of place value. The children have worked hard comparing numbers using greater than and less than and using practical resources to deepen their understanding. In History, we have been learning about the incredible Wright Brothers and the invention of the first aeroplanes. The children enjoyed travelling back in time to explore what life was like in the early 1900s and how much transport has changed since then. Our DT work has linked brilliantly with our minibeast theme, as the children began designing and planning their very own bug houses – thinking carefully about how to make them safe and suitable for their chosen creatures. It has been a busy, fun-filled half term packed with learning, creativity, and new experiences. We are looking forward to even more exciting learning next half term!



3 - Ronnie was very brave having a tarantula on his head.



4 - We dressed up as our favourite minibeast.



5 - Holding the African Snail called Speedy.







Year 2



We are so proud of how all the children have settled into Year 2. They have embraced our Superhero theme with enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork, it's been a truly super start to the year! To round off the half term, we enjoyed a fantastic Superhero Day! The children took part in a series of exciting missions to help Supertato defeat the Evil Pea, showing amazing problem-solving and collaboration. A real highlight was our incredible creative session with Marc Jackson, where the children learned how to design and draw their own superhero characters for their comic books. Their costumes, imaginations and engagement were simply amazing; it was a truly immersive experience!

In English, the children have been inspired by our stimulus text 'Eliot Jones: the Midnight Superhero'. They have written beautifully detailed superhero stories, filled with action, adventure and creativity; we have been blown away by their ideas! In Science, our young scientists have been helping Traction Man on his Material Missions! One of their challenges was to create their own paper to help him record the movements of the 'mysterious toes', a brilliant mix of fun and investigation! In History, the children have been captivated by our study of the Titanic disaster. They've been gathering evidence, exploring different perspectives and debating a big question: Who was really to blame? Our young historians are doing a fantastic job as they prepare to deliver their verdict soon!

It's been a half term full of excitement, creativity and discovery. We are so proud of our Year 2 superheroes!



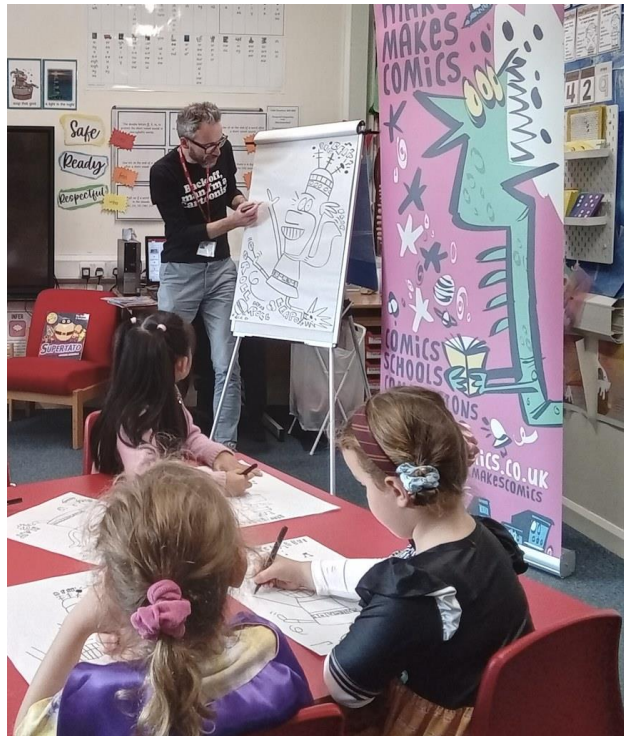
6 - Superheroes making Supertato



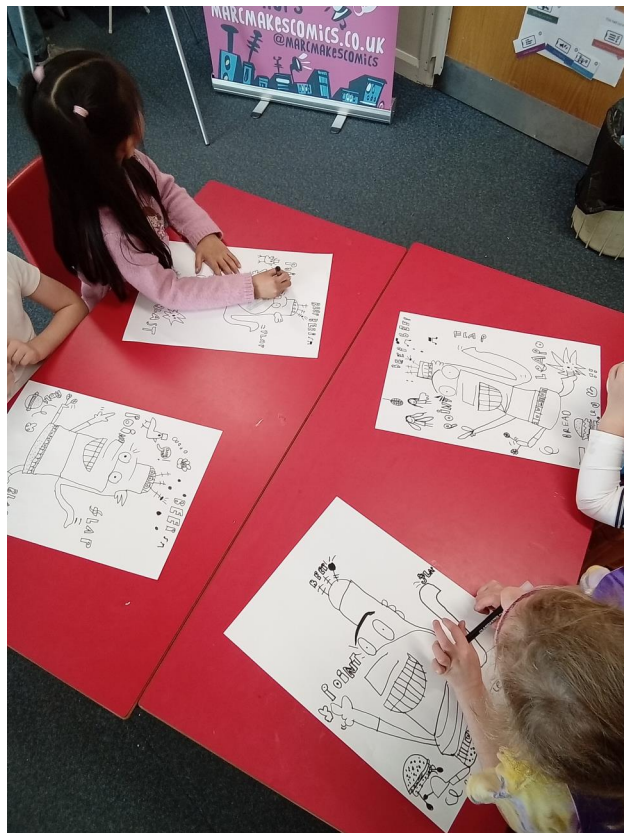
7 - More Supertato-making!



8 - Supertato!



9 - Marc Jackson came into school and shared how to create a superhero character for a comic book.



10 - Drawing our superhero characters!



11 - We are artists!



12 - Superhero characters incoming ...

Year 3



As we come to the end of a busy and exciting first half of the Autumn Term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate all that Year 3 have achieved so far. The children have settled into Key Stage 2 brilliantly and should be very proud of the fantastic learning they've done over the past few weeks!

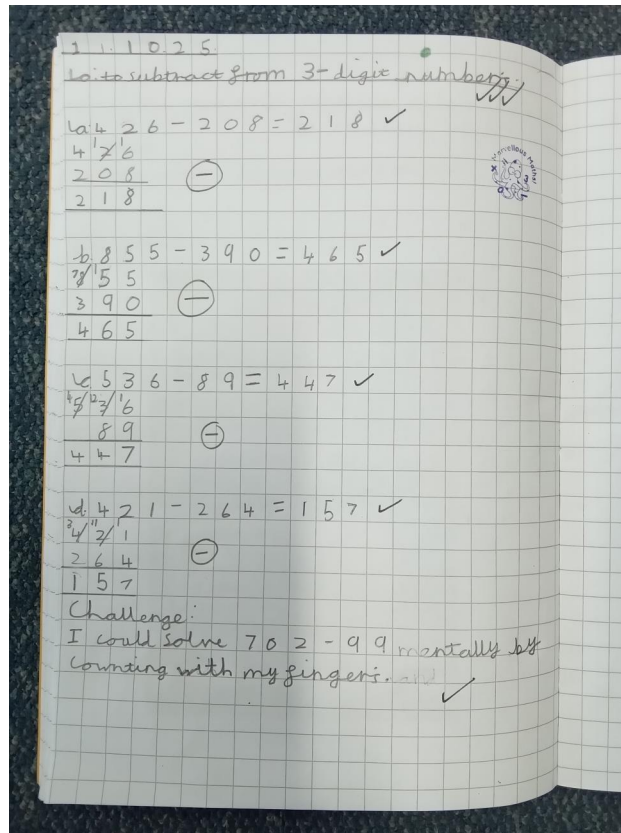
The children had a fantastic Pirate Day, which really brought our theme to life! The children looked brilliant in their pirate costumes and took part in a range of exciting activities, including a Maths-based treasure hunt, pirate-themed games, as well as writing their own pirate sea shanty inspired by 'John Kanaka'!

In English, the children have been inspired by our stimulus texts 'The Pirate Cruncher', 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands', written by Jonny Duddle. During this time, the children have planned, written and edited their own pirate adventure stories, ensuring the use of exciting vocabulary and story structure to engage their readers. As part of our English lessons, the children have been learning the difference between formal and informal letters; we had great fun writing to Jonny Duddle! The children thought carefully about language, layout, and tone. They really enjoyed the chance to communicate with a real author — fingers crossed we might even get a reply!

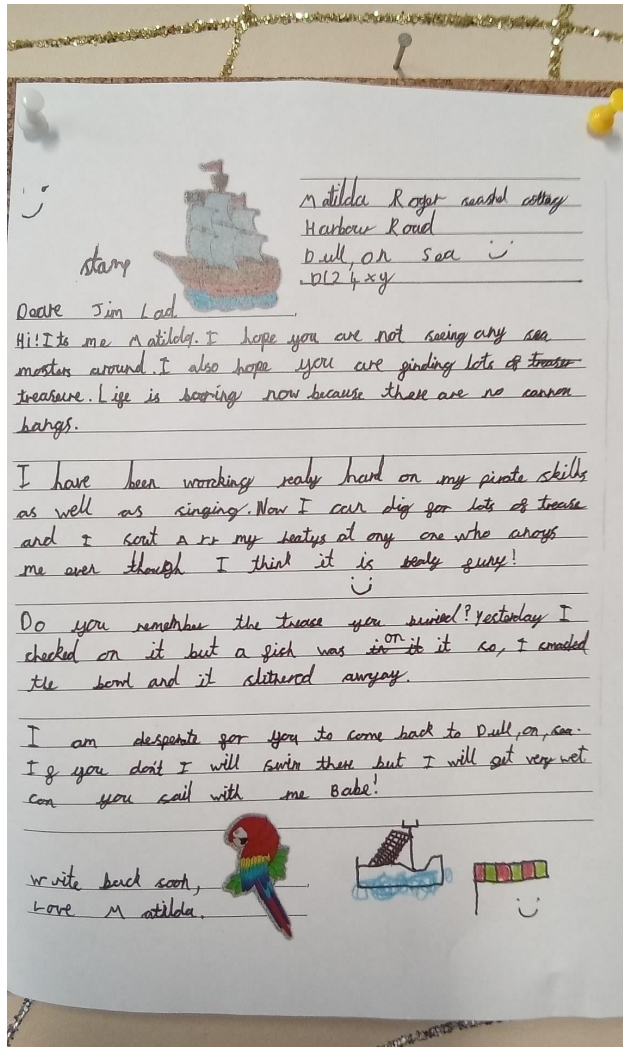
At the start of this term in Maths, we focused on place value, helping children to understand the value of each digit in 2- and 3-digit numbers. Using practical equipment and visual models, we explored how to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones, and how to compare and

order them. We then moved onto more formal methods for addition and subtraction, using the compact column method, and the children developed their confidence with written calculations of up to three-digit numbers.

In Art and Design, we've been exploring the work of Jamie Swim, whose colourful and abstract art has inspired some wonderful creativity. The children have experimented with shape, colour and texture to create their own bold and imaginative pieces based on exotic sea landscapes in Hawaii.



13 - Subtraction using the compact column method!



14 - Letter to Jonny Duddle!



15 - Shiver Me Timbers



16 - Jamie Swim-inspired artwork using sketching techniques and watercolours!



17 - Pirate Day !

We took part in a Maths treasure hunt around school!

Year 4



What an incredible first half term it has been for Year 4! We are so proud of how the children have settled back into school life and the effort, enthusiasm and positivity they have shown in everything they do. From the very first week, the class have impressed us with their excellent attitude towards learning and their growing independence. It's been a real pleasure to see them supporting one another, working collaboratively and showing such kindness and respect in the classroom and around school.

One area where the children have made particularly impressive progress is in their times tables. Everyone has been working exceptionally hard to improve their speed and accuracy, showing real determination and resilience. We are seeing fantastic improvements across the classes — those daily practices are clearly paying off! It is wonderful to see how much pride the children are taking in their achievements in Maths, and how they are challenging themselves to reach the next level.

Across the curriculum, the children have made huge strides. In English, they have been developing their writing skills beautifully, using ambitious vocabulary and creative ideas to bring their writing to life. In Science, they have shown curiosity and investigative thinking, asking

thoughtful questions and sharing their discoveries with enthusiasm. It has been brilliant to see how much they are enjoying their learning and how eager they are to explore new topics.

Our Ancient Egypt theme has been a real highlight this term. The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm for this theme, becoming Egyptologists as they discovered all about the fascinating world of pharaohs, pyramids and mummies! They were particularly captivated by the story of Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, and their curiosity and excitement during our lessons have been infectious.

A special mention must go to the children for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm on our visit to Macclesfield Museum. The staff there were blown away by the children's amazing knowledge, insightful questions and respectful attitude throughout the day. They represented our school brilliantly and made us all incredibly proud.

Well done, Year 4, on such a fantastic start to the year. You have shown hard work, enthusiasm, and a real love of learning in everything you do. Enjoy a well-deserved rest over the half-term break — we cannot wait to see what exciting things the next half term will bring!





Year 5



All of the children have settled in exceptionally well and made an excellent start to Year Five. The Year Five team have all been impressed by the children's attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning.

Each Thursday morning, the children have embraced their music lessons provided by Love Music Trust. With each session, they are growing in confidence and ability in playing the trombones and trumpets. The planned concert on 4th December promises to be a shining display of all that they have achieved and the skills they have gained.

During DT sessions, the children have been calling on their inner 'Bake Off' skills to become the next generation of master bakers. Having sampled a range of breads to tantalise their tastebuds, they have explored shaping dough into their own design. The results that they took home to bake would have given Paul Hollywood some real competition. They are all looking forward to making their own bread, adding in their own ingredients, in the coming weeks.

This half-term saw the children shine in their curriculum showcase. This was an opportunity for the children to share some of their learning with their families. From facts about Ancient Greeks to details of the Greek myths, the children performed with confidence. Both classes choreographed their own dances and performed with skill and precision.

This week, they enjoyed their Greek Day. There were many fantastic costumes worn, with the terrifying Medusa making an appearance and even Cerberus, the three-headed dog! Throughout the day, the children engaged in all the activities learning new facts, as well as sharing what they had already learnt.

What a fantastic start to they year!



18 - During the workshop, the children were introduced to different pieces of armour and the weapons used by the hoplite soldiers.



19 - A highlight of our week!



20 - The amazing bread shapes we created.

They tasted just as good as they look!

Year 6



Year 6 – What a Half Term of Discovery!

It's been a *fantastic* and *inspiring* half term for our hardworking Year 6 pupils! They have packed so much learning, creativity and adventure into the past few weeks, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and effort.

One of the highlights was an art trip to Lyme Park, where pupils took inspiration from the incredible work of local artist Rob Wilson. With sketchbooks and cameras in hand, they explored the grounds, capturing the beauty of Lyme Hall, the Cage, and the rolling landscapes all around. Back at school, they've been busy transforming their sketches into stunning mixed-media artwork in Rob Wilson's distinctive style. The results are truly impressive — full of colour, texture and imagination.

As well as their artistic adventures, Year 6 have been brilliant young geographers! On their geography fieldtrip around Poynton, they compared densely and sparsely populated areas, investigating differences in pollution, noise levels and residents' views. Using maps, measuring equipment and interviews, they discovered that busier areas often had higher noise and pollution levels, while quieter spots were calmer and cleaner — although some residents said they enjoyed the energy of living closer to the centre.

To top-off an already amazing few weeks, some lucky Year 6 pupils also had the incredible opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London. They learned all about how laws are

made and were even able to watch a real discussion of a Bill in the House of Lords! It was a truly unforgettable experience that brought their learning about democracy and government to life.

From Art and Geography to Politics and Citizenship, Year 6 have shown determination, curiosity and creativity in everything they've done. They have worked so hard this half term, and it is amazing to see just how much they have achieved already.

Well done, Year 6 — what an inspiring start to the year!







Poppy Appeal



After half term our year 6 children will be selling poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion. If you child wishes to make a purchase, please send them with some change.

Catering News



The children enjoyed the spooky halloween lunch this week and we are looking forward to more themed days, starting with the bonfire night lunch on 5th November. This can be booked on SwiftKitchen in the usual way.

Thank you to Aspens who provided samples of some of our lovely food for parents at the open evening.

Please remember to order your child's lunch before 8am to ensure they receive their chosen option. Once you have selected your child's choice of lunch, please go to the basket and check out to confirm your choice. Without this step, your child's lunch has not been ordered. To check your order has been placed, look in the 'Upcoming' section of the SwiftKitchen App, or look at the relevant date on the 'Order' section (see below).

If you have not registered your child on the app, contact the school office for their SwiftKitchen Key.



Pupil Parliament



What a fantastic start to the year it has been for our Pupil Parliament! Our representatives have shown excellent leadership, teamwork, and commitment to making a difference both within our school and in the wider community. This half term, they have achieved so much already, and we are so proud of their hard work and determination.

One of the first important decisions the Pupil Parliament made this term was selecting our chosen charity for the year as **Francis House Children's Hospice**. After thoughtful discussion, research and presentations from each class representative, the group voted for the charity they felt most passionate about supporting. Their decision reflects the caring and considerate nature of our pupils, and they are already beginning to plan some exciting fundraising events to help raise money and awareness throughout the year.

A real highlight of the half term was the Spooky Decoration Competition held in preparation for our Halloween Disco. The Pupil Parliament organised this brilliant event, encouraging children from across the school to get creative and design their own spooky decorations. We were amazed by the incredible effort and imagination that went into every entry — from glittering ghosts to petrifying pumpkins, the designs were truly outstanding! Thanks to the children's amazing contributions, the hall looked absolutely fantastic on the night of the disco, creating

the perfect spooky atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Well done to all who took part — your creativity and enthusiasm made the event a huge success!

Our final big achievement this half term has been the incredible Foodbank Donation Drive for Stockport Foodbank. Organised and promoted by the Pupil Parliament, the school community came together to collect a huge number of items for our local foodbank. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we gathered enough food to provide an amazing 300 meals for families in need. This is a remarkable achievement and a wonderful example of our school values in action — showing kindness, empathy, and community spirit.

We are incredibly proud of our Pupil Parliament for the energy, creativity and compassion they have shown this term. They are brilliant ambassadors for our school and role models to their peers. We cannot wait to see what they accomplish next half term as they continue to lead new initiatives and make a positive difference to our school and beyond.

Well done, Pupil Parliament — you have had an outstanding start to the year!





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Vernon Primary School
BY EMAIL

23 October 2025

Dear Friends



On behalf of Stockport Foodbank can I thank you for your very generous donation of food to Stockport Foodbank as part of your Harvest Festival, we are very grateful for your kindness and generosity. You have donated 127.25 kgs of food, which equates to over 300 meals!

At this time of continuing need for the services of Stockport Foodbank within our town, it is great to have your support so that we can help those in our community who need our assistance.

Thank you for supporting us in this way and be assured that your donation will be used in the very best of ways to ease the 'food poverty' amongst our Foodbank clients at this time.

With our thanks

Nigel

Nigel Tedford
Managing Trustee
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Sport



What a fantastic start to the football season! Both the A team and the girls' team have kicked things off with great wins. The skill, determination and teamwork on display suggest that we are in for an exciting season ahead. We cannot wait to see more thrilling matches and more children getting involved in the fun!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 pupils who recently took part in the Manchester City Football Tournament. The children represented the school with great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to play at a professional training facility and test their skills against other schools! Thank you to the parents who supported the event.

Our first inter-house competition, organised by 8BY8 Sport, was a huge success! Everyone worked together in teams to compete against one another in a lively dodgeball tournament. With music blasting and plenty of cheers from the sidelines, it was wonderful to see the children getting involved, laughing, and having fun with their friends.

Throughout the event, pupils showed fantastic team spirit, determination, and sportsmanship, earning valuable points for their house. The atmosphere was full of energy and excitement as each team encouraged one another to do their best.

A big thank you goes to 8BY8 Sport for organising such a brilliant event. We are already looking forward to our next intra-house competition and cannot wait to see which house will come out on top next time!

Building Work progress



We are delighted to let you know that the Horsa building has now been safely demolished by the external buildings team. The children have absolutely loved watching the diggers in action through the fencing! We are looking forward to the next phase of building work and will share more details about this as soon as they have been finalised.

School Lottery

Did you know that Vernon Primary has its own school lottery? It is a great way for you to support our school and be in with the chance to win the weekly cash prize, regular special draws and maybe even the £25,000 jackpot!

It is simple: choose 6 numbers between 0 and 9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. Tickets cost just £1 per week and for every ticket sold, a donation is made to our school. Every Saturday at 8pm, the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

Sign up to support our school¹



Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website.

We request that skins/base layers are not worn under the uniform.

For health and safety reasons, please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE and no necklaces, bracelets or hoop earrings should be worn in school.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and long hair must be tied up.

If you need assistance with uniform, please speak to the office and we will help.

Please ensure that all uniform, coats and other personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If you purchase name labels from www.mynametags.com², please use the school ID 49069 and a proportion of the purchase price will be donated to school.

¹<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/5df8a6fa-b7fa-4d45-9de4-b5ba460f043f/leaflets/69e46f80-491d-49a9-96d5-b4f5cc58eff7/how-it-works-digital.pdf?updated=638416055884900000>

²<https://www.mynametags.com>



School office



You can contact the school office by email to admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk³

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person; we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email us:

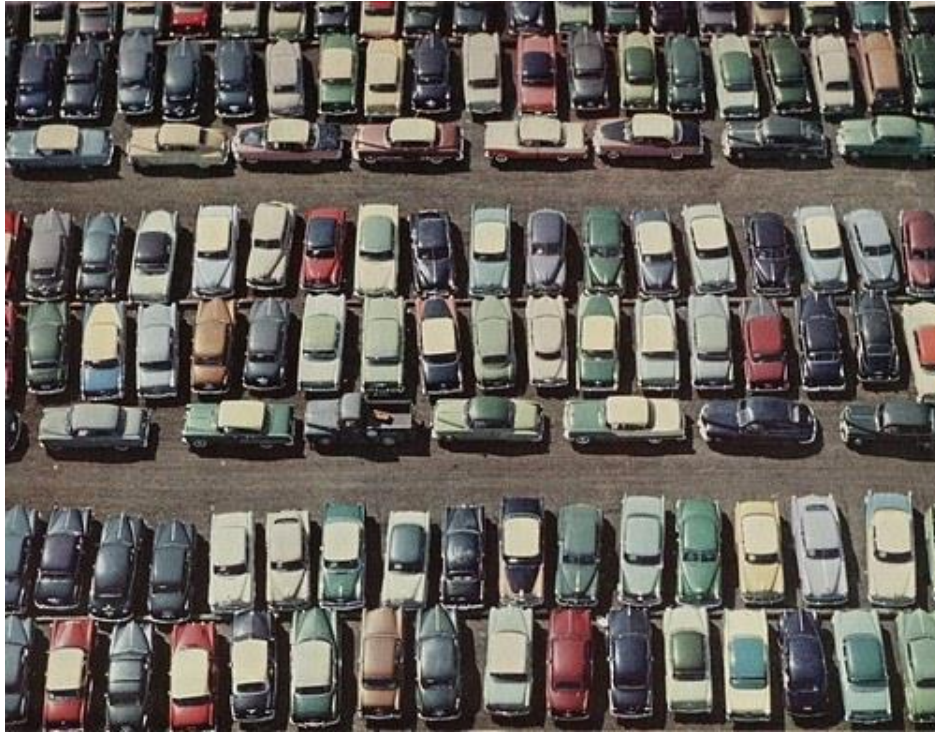
absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk⁴

We kindly request that, where possible, any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded accurately in the register.

³<mailto:admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk>

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Parking



Please be mindful of our neighbours when you are parking your car at pick up and drop off. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, park too close to any of the junctions near school, block driveways or double park in the school car park.

We understand that it can be very busy around school in the morning and afternoon. However, we would advise taking an extra five minutes to park in the large car park next to Waitrose or walk to school.

If you have any specific concerns about parking and road safety, please contact our local CCSOs, PCSOs and Cheshire East.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and helping to keep all our children and families safe.

After school clubs (available for years 1 to 6)

8BY8 bookings can be made via this link⁵

⁵<https://8by8football.classforkids.io/term/448>





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WEB & APP BUILDING Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. This [Web and App Design](#) Workshop will show children how to design and create their own website. Working in teams, our web developers will have fun planning and constructing an engaging website and app based on a topic that they are interested in. Turning imagination into reality! At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



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10th November - 15th December

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3.15pm - 4.15pm
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