



St Chrysostom's Newsletter

October 2025

'Let all that you do be done in love.'
1 Corinthians 16:14



Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter 2: October 2025



We are now into the Autumn month of October. Leaves are falling and the temperature is changing.

We start October following the tragic incident at the North Manchester Synagogue. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and the Manchester Jewish community. At school we strive to provide the most inclusive and welcoming environment we can. We seek to support our families closely, through our parental outreach and pupil nurture. If anyone within our school community feels affected by these events, and feel we can help, please let us know.



Harvest Festival

The harvest festival season is one of appreciation and gratitude, as well as generosity and we are approaching the time in our school's calendar. Thank you very much in advance for all donations you are able to provide. More details will follow on this. All will go to the local 'Humans' foodbank so will be directed to a great cause.



Remembrance

Later in the half term, we will be taking time to remember those who have lost their lives in World Wars and any global conflict. This is an important opportunity for reflection and contemplation and always enables high quality learning outcomes for children. Poppies will be available for purchase, with the proceeds going to charities supporting those who served and fought for liberty and freedom.



Reading

Reading is not only a life skill which supports all aspects of learning, it is an activity that, when developed as a hobby, brings immense joy to those who

have discovered it. The benefits to reading are vast and we will always promote its practice at St Chrysostom's. Thank you to all who have attended recent parent workshops that we have held. Thank you also to everyone who supported their child in the Summer Reading challenge; a few of our children have been presented with certificates for this. Your support in this is so valuable. Please continue to read with you child and listen to them read to you and keep in touch with your child's class teacher about their reading.



Author Visit

We are delighted to have been able to facilitate author visits this early in the term. On Friday 10th October, Year 6 children from St John's joined the Year 6 children of St Chrysostom's as we welcomed Oliver Sykes to share his amazing poetry with us.

In addition, we look forward to welcoming local author, Jarvis, to St Chrysostom's, who will entertain our Reception and Key Stage 1 children.



School Council

Our school council has been convened. This promises to ensure the student voice is featured in the shaping and enhancement of our school. The pupils taking on this important role are:

Joshua, Eleanor, Omer, Khadijah, Yahya, Caleb, Ivy, L'Trae, Hayla, Dina, Marwa, Nathan, Darcey, Samara and Muhammed.

Thank you for putting yourself forward and good luck in the role!

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Attendance & Punctuality

Children learn best when they are in school. When they learn well, they achieve well and become successful. Additionally, by being in school they develop friendships (that can last a lifetime) as well as social development skills, that they cannot possibly gain from staying at home. All this can only happen when children are in school. School attendance is so important to children's wellbeing and development. We have begun rewarding classes with the highest attendance percentages, as well as individual children who attend school regularly. Please support this by sending your child into school every possible day.



Hello Yellow Day & Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for supporting our 'Hello Yellow' day for National Mental Health Awareness Day on Friday 10th October. Thank you also to all who attended and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. For this we raised £168.40 for this wonderful cause!



Monday After School Clubs

Our Monday after school clubs have started brilliantly this year. Thanks go to our staff who are providing Running, Choir, Craft, Personal Project and Yoga clubs. We love seeing the children enjoy these extra-curricular activities!



Coffee Mornings

Thank you to all who have attended our coffee mornings. Please look out for our forthcoming dates for these. The next one is on Friday 17th October, where Little Sports will be sharing information on Holiday clubs.



Family Liaison Officer Drop Ins

Mrs Browe, our Family Liaison Officer, is holding parent drop-in meetings every Tuesday at the

school from 8:45 – 9:30. This is to provide help with school or any family based issues. Please do call in, if you would like a chat.



Young Voices

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in Young Voices this year. Miss Woodward is enthusiastically preparing our choir for what is promising to be a marvellous event in February.

Thank you

We come towards the end of a busy first half term of the school year. What a year this promises to be! Thank you for your continued support. Below is a forecast of events for your diary and on the next page are the words of Bishop David Walker (Bishop of Manchester) on the tragic events at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue.

With very best wishes to you all.

J Niedzwiedzki
Head of School

Coffee Morning (Little Sports – Holiday Clubs)	17.10.25
Parents' Consultations	20.10.25 and 21.10.25 (plus some further dates that week.)
Jarvis - Author Visit Reception , Year 1 and Year 2	21.10.25
Class Assembly Y5B	22.10.25
Harvest Festival	23.10.25
Individual Pupil Photos	24.10.25
Half term Holiday	27 – 31.10.25

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"I am deeply shocked and saddened by the violent incident that has taken place this morning at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Crumpsall, Manchester. My thoughts and prayers are with all those affected – the victims, their families, and the wider Jewish community – especially on this sacred day of Yom Kippur.

"Such acts of violence have no place in our communities. Manchester is a city built on diversity, mutual respect, and unity. As we showed after the horrific terrorist attack of 2017, the way we defy those who seek to sow seeds of hatred in our community, is to draw closer to one another in love. Hate can never defeat hate, only love can conquer hate.

"Today, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbours and reaffirm our shared commitment to peace and safety for all. I commend the swift response of the emergency services and offer my full support to those working to bring healing and justice in the wake of this tragedy.

"Let us continue to pray for those injured, for the community in grief, and for the courage to stand together against hatred in all its forms."

+David

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