Spring 2 Term 2026

Headteacher's Termly Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

As the days grow longer and we see the first signs of spring around our school grounds, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly vibrant and productive half term. It is always a joy to see our pupils' enthusiasm for learning, and this term has been no exception.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you. Your continued support—whether through attending school events, helping with homework, or simply ensuring your children arrive ready to learn—is what makes our school community so special.

Thank you to our fantastic PTA for arranging the Spring Time, afternoon tea event this afternoon and to all who were able to join us. This is just one example of your continued support, of which we are truly grateful.

Finally, as we head into the break, on behalf of everyone at Outwood I wish all of our families a restful and happy holiday. I hope you enjoy some well-deserved downtime and look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for more adventures when we return to school on Monday 13th April when our summer term begins.

OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we grow

A few highlights and some key information…

Outwood loves to read!

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on March 5th, so much so we extended the day into a full week of celebrating our love of reading!

A particular highlight was our special visit from Bookman! His high-energy assembly and workshops reminded us all that reading is a true superpower. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited about discovering their next favourite story.

We are scientists!

This year's theme for British Science Week was "Curiosity: What's your question?", and our classrooms have been buzzing with scientific inquiry. From investigating forces to finding out about the wonders of the natural world, the children have truly embraced their inner scientist. We hope the experiments and discussions they've brought home have sparked some curiosity in your households too!

Important: We are a Nut Aware School

As a reminder to all of our families, we are a Nut Aware School due to us having an increasing number of children with nut allergies. To ensure the safety of all our children, please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts (such as certain cereal bars or spreads) are sent into school in lunchboxes or as snacks. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our environment safe for everyone. Please see the attached letter.

Attendance



Total attendance for the school year so far is 93.7%

Our target is 96%

The class attendance figures so far this year are:

EYFS:

Year 1: 93.5%

Year 2: 91.9%

Year 3: 93.2%

Year 4: 93.5%

Year 5: 95

Year 6: 95.1%

KS2 Easter Service

Our Key Stage 2 pupils worked incredibly hard to prepare their Easter Service for you all. It was lovely to come together as a community to celebrate this special time in the Christian calendar through song, reflection, and storytelling. It is always a moving event that showcases the talent and confidence of our older children.

Eid al-Fitr!

We would like to send our warmest wishes to all our families who celebrated Eid al-Fitr last week. It was lovely to hear the children sharing stories of their celebrations, special meals, and time spent with loved ones. We hope it was a joyous and peaceful occasion for you all. Eid Mubarak!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. These meetings are a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact your child's class teacher on ClassDojo to arrange a convenient time.

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What has been happening this term...

In EYFS

This half-term EYFS have been reflecting on the values of social justice and equality as we consider the question 'is it fair?' We have discussed how we all deserve to be treated with fairness, love and mutual respect. The children explored this through participating in celebrations for Holi, Eid-al-Fitr and Easter. We know that whilst we all have unique views and preferences that we all deserve to be treated fairly. As well as championing equality for each other, we have considered how we can treat insects and bugs with respect and kindness. Our class texts of The Giant Jam Sandwich and Bugs have inspired us to make our own sandwiches and search for bugs.







In Year 1







Year 1 have had a busy half term! They have been learning to measure using rulers and tape measures in Maths and in English lessons they have written some fantastic fantasy tales. In British Science Week the children enjoyed making and testing paper aeroplanes and on World Book Day they had fun creating a reading den in the classroom and character potatoes based on the book Gigantic.

In Year 2





Year 2 has had an exciting half term! They have loved learning about hats from the past and present and why Stockport has a link to the past. We celebrated the term's learning with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and an Easter Egg Hunt. The class have become experts at subtracting two digits numbers and writing non-chronological reports. Well done year 2! We are looking forward to the exciting learning planned for the summer term.





In Year 3



What a fabulous half-term of learning our Year 3 children have had! It has been a joy to watch their curiosity soar, particularly during our STEM experiments on forces where our budding scientists displayed incredible teamwork and inquiry skills. We also celebrated the magic of storytelling for World Book Day, with the school filled with a wonderful buzz of literary excitement. Finally, seeing the children lift their voices together for our Easter service was truly moving; their singing was a beautiful way to conclude the term.



In Year 4

This term Year 4 have carried out a lot of fun, practical learning. From hot seating Julius Caesar in History to sewing Roman purses in DT! They have also participated in a fun session with Bookman exploring different stories. The children have all enjoyed their swimming lessons so far too which will continue in the Summer term.







In Year 5

The Year 5 detectives were on the case this half term in a brilliant Easter workshop led by Jo from Christians in Schools. Jo led a brilliant Easter workshop where the children received bags full of mysterious clues. They retraced the Easter story, from the Last Supper to the moment of Judas' betrayal and beyond. The children captured the feelings and emotions of the disciples in freeze frames. The session was a great way to explore the story of Easter.



In Year 6





We're not quite sure where this half term has gone—it has certainly flown by! It's been a busy and productive few weeks for Year 6, filled with enthusiasm and hard work. The highlight for the children has undoubtedly been the enterprise project. They have thoroughly enjoyed planning, organising, and selling their products, showing fantastic creativity and teamwork throughout. We have been so impressed by their confidence and initiative—they truly have been amazing young entrepreneurs!

Reminders – please read:

School times	The school doors open at 8.40 with the school day beginning at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.20pm – these times are the same for all classes.
Uniform	Details of our uniform policy are on the website at ... Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.
No jewellery	No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E! If the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons otherwise children will be asked to remove them.
Absence from school	If your child is not in school, please phone us on the first day of absence to explain the reason on: 0161 4371715 and try to avoid appointments during the school day, if this cannot be avoided we will require a copy of the appointment card or letter. If we do not know why your child is in school this will be classed as an unauthorised absence which may lead to prosecution.
Naming of property and personal items	Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. We always have so much lost property that is unnamed which makes it very difficult to return to its owner. Together we need to encourage our children to take responsibility for their belongings.
Free School Meals	If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply on-line via SMBC's website for Free School Meals, even if your child is receiving a Universal Free School Meal (free meals provided for children in FS2, Year 1 & Year 2). School will then receive additional funding to help your child/children. Please ask at the school office for help and advice in this process.
Paid School Meals	The cost for school meals is £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Therefore, paid meals are only from Year 3. The menu is on our website.
Breakfast Club (Paid and Free provision)	Please don't forget that Outwood is the only school in Stockport offering free breakfast club, to all school aged children under the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. It opens at 8.15am and is proving to be popular with our families. You don't need to book, just come along! We are still be offering our paid breakfast club for those who need an earlier provision. This continues to be open from 7.30am at a cost of £4.00.
After School Club	We operate an after-school club to assist with your childcare needs. This is open Monday – Thursday, until 6pm at a cost of only £7.50. Sessions can be booked in advance or on the day using your School Spider account.
Asthma inhalers and prescription medicines	Please let us know immediately if your child is prescribed an inhaler. Please remember that school can only administer prescription medicines. These must be handed directly to the school office with a completed medical form.
Online nursery place application deadline	A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a nursery place in September 2026 is 31st March 2026. Visits ahead of this date can be arranged with the school office. Here is the link for applications: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/apply-for-a-maintained-nursery-place.
Site Safety	To ensure safety on the school grounds, we kindly ask that children and adults dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and not ride them in the playground. Also, dogs are not permitted on the playground even if being held.
Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles	EYFS and KS1 continue to be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme. Therefore, a snack does not need to be brought in from home for these children. The children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables or they can buy a snack from our healthy tuck-shop. Please only send in **a clear reusable water bottle filled with water** and not juice due to the effects of this on teeth. **Following NHS & LA guidance we are now a NUT AWARE school – therefore no snacks can be brought into school which contain nuts.**
Contact Details	Please ensure that you inform the school office if there is a change to any of your contact details, many thanks.

School Communications & Office Systems Reminder

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carers? See the list below for clarification:			
School Spider	School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information too. In addition to the website, you can also download the 'School Spider' app (select Outwood Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys. As a cashless school, we use School Spider's online payment system which can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.		If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address. Mrs Maude: headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Penwill (Mon-Tues School Business Manager) Mrs Schofield (Weds-Fri School Business Manager) businessmanager@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Moon - Administration Officer: admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk
SchoolGrid	Our school meals are provided by TLC. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre- order your child's meals in advance and arrange payment directly to TLC where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.		Our Reception and Nursery children use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home. Parents and carers are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.
	This is how is or main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.		

Our Socials	
 	Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school. This is where we showcase our children's amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up! Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary Instagram https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/

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* Provisional dates awaiting governors ratification

Summer Term 2025: Monday 13th April – 24th July 2025	
Monday 13th April	School reopens for the summer term
Monday 13th April – 15th April	Year 5 Residential to Robinwood
Thursday 16th April	Multicultural Day
27th April	Chef Colin – Regional Final – School Chef of the Year
Wednesday 29th April	School Photographer – Class Vistas
Monday 4th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 7th May	Inset Day – Polling Day – School Closed
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATS test begin
Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Trip to Link School – Cheetham CoE School
Friday 22nd May	School Closes for Whitsun Holiday Break
Monday 8th June	School reopens for Summer 2 term