

Mersey Vale Primary School

Autumn 2 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

November

Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November
Wk. beginning 3rd November
Wk. beginning 10th November
Monday 10th November
Friday 14th November
Friday 14th November
Wk. beginning 24th November
Friday 21st November

Teacher Training Day 3
School opens to all children
"Everybody Speaks" week
National anti-bullying week.
"Odd Socks" day
Non-uniform – Children in need
Y6 Crucial Crew
Parents' consultations
FOMV non-uniform day

December

Friday 5th December
Tuesday 9th December
Weds. 10th & Thurs. 1th December
Friday 12th December

FOMV non-uniform day
Christmas dinner
EYFS/KS1 productions, 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day
Father Christmas Visiting MV
After school chocolate tombola
KS2 Awards Assembly & Singalong, 9:15am
KS1 Awards Assembly & Singalong, 9:15am
Rec Carols, Crafts & celebrations 2.25pm
Nursery Christmas party am,
(no afternoon nursery)
Rec-Y6: Non-uniform and parties
FOMV Christmas Raffle
School closes to children

Wednesday 17th December
Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

January

Monday 5th January

School opens to children

National Anti-Bullying Week: 10th – 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will be held from Monday, November 10th to Friday, November 14th, with the theme "Power for Good". The week kicks off with [Odd Socks Day](#) on Monday, and its purpose is to empower individuals to speak out against bullying and support one another.

The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

We think it is important for children to be aware of issues around bullying and to be involved in preventing bullying within school. Raising awareness about bullying is on-going throughout the year and is an integral part of how we keep children safe and our curriculum.

For further information regarding our Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy, Please visit our school website

The Building work at Mersey Vale



As you will all be aware school has been undergoing some building work and refurbishments. This will be ongoing until at least the Christmas holidays and we would like to thank you for your support and patience during the disruptions.

To date we have had a new heating system installed throughout school and all air conditioning units updated. We also now have a new alarm system and intruder system working and as you can see from the outside work to improve the roof and cladding on the exterior of the building continues.

We are hoping to have a refurbishment of the KS1 and lower KS2 cloakrooms and washbasins.

Also monitoring of the badger's set which extends to underneath the Year 5 and 6 classroom is ongoing by the Council Environmental Department, before they can replace the mobile classroom.



The Wider Curriculum at Mersey Vale.

At Mersey Vale, we understand and value the importance of children's personal development. With this in mind, we are working hard this year to provide even more opportunities to enrich our curriculum through educational visits, special assemblies, workshops and events in school in addition to the very successful theme weeks we have throughout the year. During this term we have lots of exciting things planned for individual classes as well as the whole school, such as visits from the Christians in School Trust, Bible Encounter, Stockport Bikeability, Music Service performance and Crucial Crew. With these events alongside our usual Christmas events, this term is going to be a very busy but exciting one! Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for photos and further information.

School Dinners

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have the opportunity to receive a free school meal every day. We will assume that all parents wish their child to receive a free school meal but please advise the school office if you do not wish your child to have one. This will allow the kitchen to plan properly for meals required and prevent the school being overcharged by the meals provider.

For Year 3 – Year 6 children only please pay dinner money using Parentpay. Dinner money is £2.75 per day/ £13.75 per week which must be paid for in advance to ensure that your child receives their school meal. We expect all parents who pay weekly to pay by the Friday of the week before the meals are taken. The cost of dinners for this half term for those of you who prefer to pay it in full in advance is £93.50.

Please speak to Ms. Goulden in the school office for any information about school dinners. She is available by telephone Monday – Friday, 8.45am – 12.30pm.

Parent Governors

At Mersey Vale we have four parent governors; Angela O'Brien (parent of child Y4); Samina Naseeb (parent of children in Y2 and Reception); Ismail Satwilkar (parent of a children in Y1 and Nursery) and Iain Patrick (parent of a child in Y3).

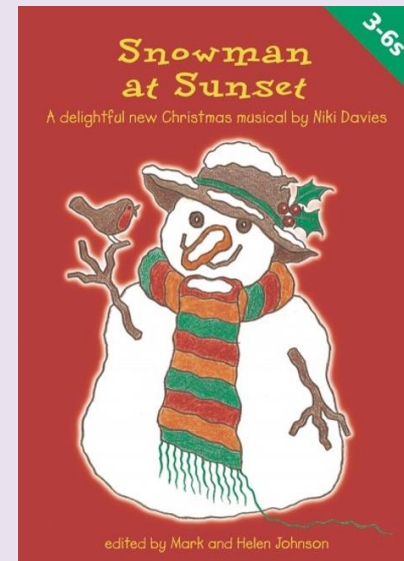
Michelle Lawton is the Chair of our Governing Body and she is a co-opted governor.

To find out more about our Governors and the important role they have, to read the minutes of recent meetings, to see recent visits to school and much more please visit our [Governor area](#) of the school website.

Early Help – Family Help Coordinator

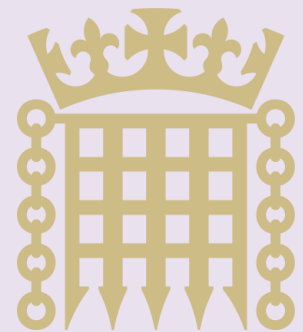
A child's biggest influence is their family. With many different services now working together as part of Stockport Family you will not have to tell your story to lots of people and it will be easier for you to find the support you need, when you need it. Sometimes we all need a little extra support. Stockport Family can put you in touch with the right person so that things do not get worse. An integral part to Stockport Family is the Team Around the School (TAS). As a parent/carer, you know your child better than anyone else, services within the TAS want to develop relationships with families to ensure that professionals and parents/carers are working together. At Mersey Vale, our Team around the School consists of:

- Rebecca Vesey - our social worker
- Becci Cunningham – our family help coordinator
- Vicky Hudson – our school nurse



EYFS/ KSI Production

Our younger children have started rehearsing for our end of term production. This year they will be performing "Snowman at Sunset". This show will involve children learning scripts and songs and it is a really important way of meeting requirements of the National Curriculum for English, Music and Physical Education (dance). We hope that parents/ carers will support children to learn their parts at home and help with costumes if necessary. We will send out information about tickets for the show soon.



Pupil Parliament

This term we are electing our Pupil Parliament. Our Pupil Parliament is a group of children that meet regularly to discuss ways we can make our school the best it can be. The group is made up of two representatives from each class and a member of staff. It may also

If you would like know about any additional family support or services that may be available to you, please contact Mrs Cropper, our Learning Mentor, who will be able to signpost you in the right direction to the right people. <u>Ways to keep in touch!</u> <u>Class Dojo, School Website & Prospectus</u> Class Dojo is used daily by all teaching staff to keep everyone up to date with all things teaching and learning. Most parents/carers have joined our Class Dojo, however if you need support to do this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be able to give you a personalised QR code linked to your child's account. Remember...you can find out lots of information about school on our school website and also in our prospectus which are both updated regularly. <u>Finally</u> We send text messages, emails and put information on the school website and Class Dojo if it is necessary to close the whole school for unforeseen circumstances, e.g. due to snow. It is vital though that we have your current mobile number, so if you get a new number please let the school office know straight away. Yours faithfully,  Catherine Whitehead Headteacher  Claire Varetto Deputy Headteacher	include the Headteacher, Governors or our FOMV. Members of our Pupil Parliament are voted for by children in the school through an election process, helping the children to understand the concepts of Democracy and British Values. Children who are interested in becoming Members of our Pupil Parliament must complete an application form, writing about why they believe they would do the job well. Candidates will then be given the chance to present their ideas (manifesto) to their class to try and persuade pupils to vote for them. Children in Years 2 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to stand for our Pupil Parliament.
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