



Weekly News

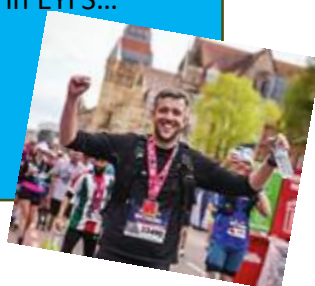
Friday 25th April 2026

It has been a wonderful week in the sunshine, with lots of smiles across school. It was a pleasure to visit our new nursery children as they begin their journey with us.

A huge congratulations to Mr Balmforth, who completed the Manchester Marathon, showing fantastic resilience and determination. We are exceptionally proud of you.

We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead, including some very special new arrivals in EYFS... watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend!



Headteacher Award Winners

Nursery	Koa and Nathan
Reception	Stefano and Mirha M
Year 1	Sonny and
Year 2	Otilie and Emmy
Year 3	Raksha and Caitriona
Year 4	Milo
Year 5	Anais & Esther
Year 6	Emeilia and Kajetan

Attendance Ladder



ATTENDANCE

N	YRG	YRFK	Y1B	Y1AB	Y2A	Y2B	Y3M	Y3S	Y4P	Y5H	Y5NT	Y6B	Y6H
98	97	90	97	87	98	98	94	98	95	91	95	96	99.5





EYFS

We've had a super week in Nursery. We have been continuing with our learning on the very hungry caterpillar by recognising initial sounds and matching words to pictures from the story. We have been observing and noticing our caterpillars grow bigger too! We enjoyed cutting up the fruits from the story and made a healthy fruit salad.

Outdoors, we have enjoyed playing together in the sunshine, created some wonderful Earth day artwork, and planted potatoes in our Let's explore area. Well done for a fabulous week Nursery.



We have had another wonderful week in Reception ! This week we have been putting the sunny weather to good use during our provision time and making potions in our outdoor area. In Religion, we have been learning about the Holy Spirit and what gift was given to the disciples. We have also been on an incredibly special countdown to the arrival of our new class members, the ducks ! We can't wait to meet them next week.





Key Stage 1

Year 1

In Art this half term we are learning about Printing. This week we have been busy collecting natural materials from outside to create different prints.

We have tried rubbing prints, collecting rubbings from tree trunks. Which was difficult because trunks have a curved edge. The rubbings we did in the classroom were easier and created better prints.



Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been writing speeches about the problems the earth is facing and how we can work together to solve them. We then presented our speeches to the class.

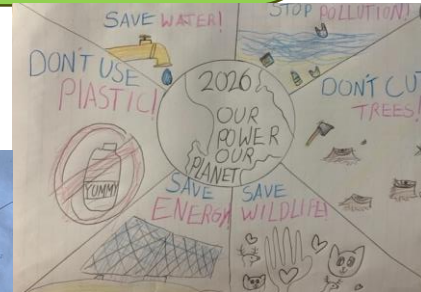
In maths this week, we have been learning to recognise and find quarters and thirds.

In science we were investigating the different properties of solids. We enjoyed trying to squash, bend, twist and stretch a variety of different materials.



Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3 this week, we have been working hard in all our lessons! We were super excited to be back swimming and we have been planning our own Cinderella of the Nile stories. This week, we celebrated the women's world cup by playing a fabulous game of cricket. On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day by creating a dance and we have produced the most wonderful posters to inform people what they can do to help our planet.



A wonderful week of sunshine, laughter and learning this week in Year 4. We have continued with Shackleton's Journey and we are finally in the Antarctic region! We are going to explore the hard decisions that had to be made for survival.

We are nearing the end of decimals in Year 4 and we are now confident in understanding the relationship between decimals and fractions.

We loved our trip to Manchester Grammar School on Wednesday and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about the orchestra there! Thank you once again to our parent volunteers who supported us on our walk!



Upper Key Stage 2

Year Five

It has been a super week in Year 5! The children have been really engaged with our English text *The Lost Happy Endings* and are excited to begin writing their own prequels. They have been asking thoughtful questions, such as: how did the witch become so evil? In Maths, the children have been learning about unit fractions and exploring different ways to represent them using images and expressions.

In P.E., we have been celebrating Cricket World Cup Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed competing against Year 6 in our very own version of The Ashes!

Well done, Year 5, on a brilliant week of learning!



Year six

All the children in Year Six are continuing to work hard and make fantastic progress. Their confidence is shining through, and they are determined to do their best in every lesson.

As a reward for their great attendance record, we had a brilliant trip to the park on a gloriously sunny day. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate their achievements together.

Well done, Year Six! Keep up the outstanding effort – we are so proud of you.





Catholic Life of Our School

We warmly congratulate our Year 3 children who made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. It was a special occasion, and we are very proud of the reverence and understanding the children showed as they took this important step in their faith journey.

Thank you to our families and staff who supported the children in their preparation, and to all who joined us in celebrating this meaningful milestone in their Catholic life.



The Wednesday Word is a weekly resource that helps families read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel together. It is designed especially for children and includes simple explanations and questions to talk about at home. You can find it here:

<https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>



We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our Year 3 children as they make their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 16th May at 12:00 noon.**

The celebration will take place at St Mary's Church, Elbow Street, Manchester. We look forward to sharing this joyful and special occasion with our school and parish community

