

Weekly Newsletter

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Book Amnesty & Collins E-Library

We seem to be short of particular coloured book bands, especially in Key Stage 2. Can you have a good look around at home and return any reading books that belong to school, for our reading baskets.



Earlier this year, we subscribed to an online e-library platform, provided by Collins Hub, which is designed to complement the books your child is already reading in school. This resource will allow children to access a wide range of books, further supporting their learning.

Your child has their own login details, which have been glued inside their reading record or homework diary. The e-library can be accessed on most devices, including tablets and laptops. Please take some time to explore the e-library with your child and discuss the books they are reading. Your involvement and encouragement can make a significant difference to their progress and enthusiasm for reading. If you have any questions about the e-library or encounter any issues with access, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Harriet

Year 1: Aria D.

Year 2: Hugo

Year 3: Isaac

Year 4: Amelia

Year 5: Edie

Year 6: Annie





ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.3%	96.4%	98.2%	94.8%	94.6%	95.2%	97.3%



OUR LEARNING

In Reception... Reception have had a wonderful and busy week! We were very excited to start our new Literacy book, Handa's Surprise. The children enjoyed tasting the different fruits from Handa's basket and practised labelling them using their initial sounds in writing. In our topic lessons, we've been learning all about our five senses. On Thursday afternoon, we went on an autumn walk around the school grounds, using our senses to spot the seasonal changes.

In Year 1...This week, in English, Year 1 have started to retell the story of 'Old Bear' in their own words. In Maths, the children have been using the language of 'greatest' and 'least' to compare different numbers. The children are also continuing to love their forest school adventures! This week they guided each other round the woods blindfolded! Well done Year 1. In Science, Year 1 have been learning all about mammals. They learnt different facts and had to identify which animals were mammals and which were not!

In Year 2... Year 2 have enjoyed writing their own circular narratives this week and have included lots of amazing vocabulary. In Maths, we have put numbers onto an unmarked number line and partitioned them in a range of different ways. We enjoyed using place value counters to help us to partition into tens and ones! In Science, we have learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog. This week in Computing, we learnt about the SMART rules and discussed how we can stay safe online.

In Year 3... This week in Year 3, we have worked hard in Maths, where we have ordered numbers and looked at number facts. We have also worked incredibly hard on our arithmetic test this week! In English, we have started our new writing outcome: to write a trap explanation! In History, we have learnt about the Bronze Age, and different uses for the metal following the 'New Stone Age' era. In PSHE, we have been discussing loneliness and how to make other people feel uplifted. For National Poetry Day, we have been playing word association games, and have created some lovely rhymes too.

In Year 4... As we welcome in October Year Four have attended a Mayan Workshop, delivered by Archaeologist, Dr Diane, who taught us how to use artefacts to uncover facts about the past and lots of interesting information about Mayan life. When our Dentist visited Year 4, we learnt more about the different roles teeth have and why it is vital we take good care of them.

In Year 5... This week, Year 5 have worked incredibly hard continuing their writing in English. We have really focussed on using modal verbs, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and some speech in our exploration narratives. In RE, we looked at the stories of The Fall and The Lost Son and discussed what a 'good' world would look like and drew our thoughts; we decided a good world would involve lots of kindness and sharing.

In Year 6...In Maths this week, we have studied negative numbers, using bridging to find the difference, helping us to visualise the numbers; we are ending our Maths lessons this week with word problems. In English, we have started to plan our final pieces of writing, which will be diary recounts. We have chosen from four key parts of the story to write about from the perspective of Rose Blanche. Within Science, we investigated how exercise impacts our heart rate and looked for patterns within our results. We discovered that the overall health of a person can affect their heart rate.



OTHER AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- <u>Incredible Dancers</u>; Esmea, Isabella, Maisy, Isla and Lexi, (all Stars of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy) and Ellie and Lucy (Stars of the Week from Sarah Royle School of Dance).
- Football and Rugby Heroes; Noah (FC Eagle Roma Player of the Match), Georgia (Parents Player of the Match from Matthiola Lions), Bobbie (Player of the Match from FGC Super Eagles) and Bank Quay Rovers player, Viaan, who was awarded Opposing Team Player of the Match.
- Super Swimmers; Bodhi (25 Metres), Logan (Warriors of Warrington Club Champion for 2025) and Lexi (Water Skills Level 3).
- Outstanding Gymnast; Georgia (WGC 5C's Programme certificate for Commitment).
- Amazing Scouts; Blake and Georgia, both Star Squirrels of the Week!



Mega Mathematicians

Rec: Matthew Year 4: Jonas

Year 1: Chung Him Year 5: Nancy

Year 2: Lucy Year 6: Florence

Year 3: Abigail



REMARKABLE READERS

Rec: Charlotte Year 4: Esmea

Year 1: Grayson Year 5: Arthur

Year 2: Anson Year 6: Georgia

Year 3: Ellie



LUNCH MENU W/C 06/10/25

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Bake served with Seasonal Vegetables (v) Jacket Potato with various fillings Vanilla Ice Cream	Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice Cheese Panini Fruit Segments or Yoghurt	Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza, Jacket Wedges & Salad Jacket Potato with various fillings Jelly & Fruit	Crumb Coated Chicken or Oven Baked Fish Stars with Chips, Peas or Beans Homemade Biscuit	Pork or Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce Pasta Jacket Potato with various fillings Vanilla & Chocolate Marble Cake

DIARY DATES

Thursday 9th October: Reception Introduction to Phonics workshop for parents and carers 3.20pm- 4.00pm.

Friday 10th October: World Mental Health Day. Children to wear school uniform with a yellow accessory in exchange for a donation for the 'Young Minds' charity.

Wednesday 15th October: Parents Evening. The school carpark will be open but please enter school through the main reception.

Thursday 16th October: KS1 and Reception Harvest Assembly 9:15-9:45am.

Thursday 16th October: KS2 Harvest Assembly 2.30-3.00pm.

The school carpark will be open. Please enter through the main reception. We will be asking for Food donations for Penketh Support Group. Please give what you can – every little helps!

Friday 17th October: Own Clothes Day for donation for the Tombola Stall for our Fireworks Display & school closes at 3.20pm.