Cheetham
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Community Academy

Information & dates for parents/carers for the next two weeks

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our children and families! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful half-term break and is ready for another exciting and busy few weeks at school.

We are delighted to announce that **RUBY House** earned the highest number of house points last half term!

As a reward for their fantastic achievement, all children in **Ruby House** will enjoy a **non-uniform day next Friday 13th November 2026**

This special reward is **just for children in Ruby House**, in recognition of their hard work, positive attitudes and brilliant efforts.

If you're unsure which house your child belongs to, please ask your child or check with their class teacher.

Well done, Ruby House! Keep up the amazing work!

Please read below this week's highlights at Cheetham and all the essential information for the next two weeks ahead.

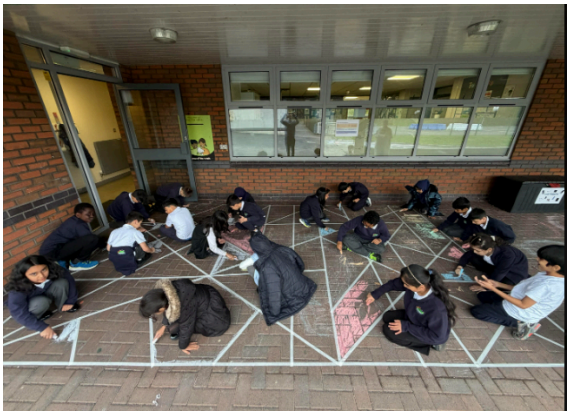
Year 4 Pine are excited to share their giant tessellating pattern, created during their art lesson this week! They have worked hard to explore shapes, patterns and how they fit together to create a fantastic piece of collaborative artwork. We hope you enjoy seeing their wonderful creation!











Year 4 Juniper

They also talked about how this links to RE and represents a stained glass window.

Our Y4 competition winners had a wonderful morning in the grounds of Heaton Park to celebrate UK Fungus Day! A full minibus of pupils managed to find **33 different species**, and saw over **100 fungi** in total. They all learned so much more about these amazing organisms!







Rare fungus hatches at Cheetham! It's called a **Stinkhorn mushroom**, and it's one of the strangest mushrooms in the woods! It looks rather strange, smells a bit peculiar, and has a fascinating life story!







Our pupils have spent the last three days eagerly observing the 'egg' of a rare fungus that **Mr McKernan brought to show the school**. It hatched successfully today, and we now have our very own **'Octopus Stinkhorn'**! It's an amazing sight, but also has an amazing smell. It has evolved to smell of rotting flesh and poo to attract flies, which will then spread the seeds!

School Photography Day – 18th November



The school photographers will be visiting us on **Wednesday 18th November**. Please ensure that all children come to school wearing their **full school uniform** on this day.

A Friendly Reminder – Water Bottles

Just a little reminder that **glass water bottles should not be brought into school**. For everyone's safety, please ensure children bring plastic or reusable non-glass water bottles instead. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Parents' Evening - Week beginning on Monday 9th November 2026

We will be holding our parents' meeting next week. Please remember to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please find here the link:
Click here to login and book appointments

Open Evening - Nursery and Reception on 19th Nov



We will also be holding an **Open Evening on Thursday 19th November, from 3:45–4:45pm**.

This is especially for families who are thinking about joining our school, including children who will be starting **Reception in September 2027**.

Come along to look around our school, meet our friendly staff and find out more about school life.

Everyone is welcome! Please share this invitation with friends, family and neighbours who may be looking for a school for their child. We would love to meet you!

Late pick-ups

Just as we encourage the children to be on time to school for their learning, we would also like to remind parents to be on time to collect their children.
School finishes at:
3:00 pm for Nursery
3.15 pm for Reception
3.20 pm for Year 1 to Year 6

We no longer have our **Wrap Around Care**, so if children are not collected on time, parents may be charged:

- **£5** late collection fee, if they are **5-15 minutes late**. In addition, they may also be charged **£5 per child**, for every **15 minutes after that**.

Class Performance Assemblies – Autumn Term class performance assemblies **(Y1-6)**, This is where children have the chance to share their learning with others. **Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly**.

They always take place at **9.05am on Thursdays.** Please check your child's class date below:

Thursday 19th Nov	**Y3 Aspen**	**Max Whitlock Hall**
Thursday 26th Nov	Y6 Oak	Mo Farah Hall
Thursday 3rd Dec	Y6 Hazel	Mo Farah Hall
Thursday 3rd Dec	Y3 Elm	Max Whitlock Hall
Thursday 10th Dec	Y6 Sycamore	Mo Farah Hall

Important dates to note:

- 2026/2027 calendar is available from the office & school website - Term dates 2026-2027
- Mon 9th to Fri 13th Nov - Parents' Evening
- **Wed 18th Nov** - School Photos
- **Mon 23rd to Thurs 26th Nov** - BOOK FAIR - Mo Farah From 3.30-4pm
- **Tues 8th and Wed 9th Dec** - Nursery Parents' Evening
- Winter Singing performances :
  - **Tues 15th Dec PM** - EYFS (Nursery & Reception classes) Parents are invited.
  - **Wed 16th Dec** - KS1 & KS2 classes - Times to follow - Parents are invited.
- **Friday 18th Dec** end of the term - School finishes at **2pm**

Week 09/11/26	**Events for the Week**	**WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING / PARENTS NEED TO DO**
Monday 09th Nov	• **Parents' Evening**	Parents' Evening from today To Thursday 12th Nov
Tuesday 10th Nov	• **Parents' Evening** • **Y4 River Trip**	**Y4 Juniper** Children will be visiting Peel Park in Salford to carry out geography field work and observe the features of the river.
Wednesday 11th Nov 	• **Year 4 Classes swimming sessions** • **Parents' Evening**	Please don't forget to bring a full Swimming kit - including a swimming cap

Thursday 12th Nov	• **Principal/Parent drop-in session** • **Parents' Evening** • **Y4 River Trip**	Any parents who would like to see Mrs Bruno the Principal can drop in between **8:45 and 9:45 am** on a Thursday. Other appointments can be arranged through the office. **Y4 Pine** Children will be visiting Peel Park in Salford to carry out geography field work and observe the features of the river.
Friday 13th Nov	• **No Events**	

Week 16/11/26	**Events for the Week**	**WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING / PARENTS NEED TO DO**
Monday 16th Nov	• **No Events**	
Tuesday 17th Nov	• **Y4 River Trip**	**Y4 Beech** Children will be visiting Peel Park in Salford to carry out geography fieldwork and observe the features of the river.
Wednesday 18th Nov 	• **Year 4 Classes swimming sessions** • **School Photos**	Please don't forget to bring a full Swimming kit - including a swimming cap
Thursday 19th Nov	• **Principal/Parent drop-in session** • **Nursery & Reception Open Days**	Any parents who would like to see Mrs Bruno the Principal can drop in between **8:45 and 9:45 am** on a Thursday. Other appointments can be arranged through the office. **You're Invited to Our School Open Day!** We would love to welcome parents and families to our **Open Day** for families with children in Nursery or Reception. **Date: Today 19th Nov** Time: **3:45–4:45pm** Come along to meet our wonderful staff, explore our school and discover all that we have to offer your child. **Please share this invitation with family and friends who have young children** — we'd love to welcome as many local families as possible!
Friday 20th Nov	• **No Event**	