Information & dates for parents/carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish all our children and families a lovely, restful half-term break! This week, we have spent time talking to the children about staying safe around bonfires and fireworks, sharing important safety messages as Bonfire Night approaches.

We hope you all enjoy some special family time, stay safe and have a wonderful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays!

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

Thank you to Our Parents - Food Bank Donations





A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and families for your kindness and generosity in sending in donations with your children. We were delighted to donate these to **Manchester Central Foodbank and Khizra Mosque**, where they will help support individuals and families in our local community.

This linked really well to our current Christian Worship values of **Generosity and Service**. We were delighted to welcome **Rev Sarah**, who led a special worship with the children and shared a story to help them understand the importance of giving, helping others and showing kindness through our actions.

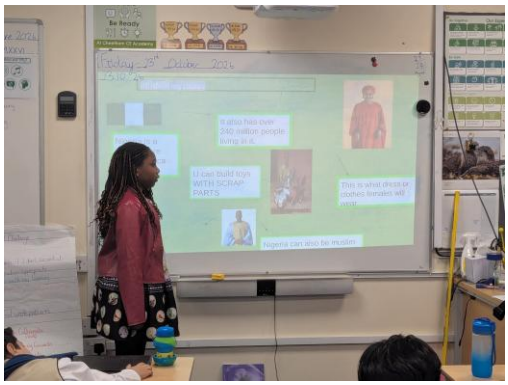
Through our worship and donations, the children have been learning that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us bring these important values to life and for being such wonderful examples of generosity and service to our children.

Our new value after the holidays will be **FRIENDSHIP.**

Culture Day Celebration!

Today, we celebrated Culture Day by embracing the wonderful diversity of our school community. It was a fantastic opportunity to share traditions, explore different cultures, learn from each other and appreciate what makes each of us unique and special. A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so special!





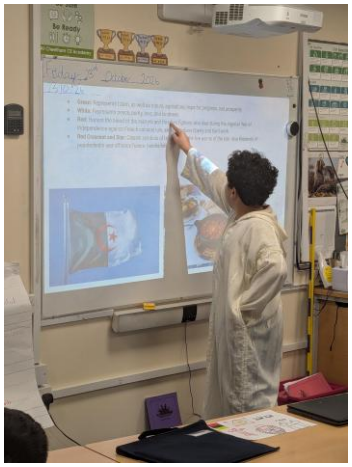








Our KS1 children also had a fantastic time enjoying a lively **Bhangra performance by Mrs Singh's husband**, learning about this vibrant Punjabi dance. A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Culture Day so special









Last Chance to Donate to the Pyjama Walk!

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated! There's still time to support one of our families who took part in a sponsored Pyjama Walk, which took place on Saturday, 26 September 2026, at Heaton Park. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, this is your last opportunity to contribute. Every donation is greatly appreciated! **Please find the donation link here: Pyjama Walk donation** - All the money raised will benefit The Therapeutic Play Team at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital supported by Manchester Foundation Trust Charity.



Lotus Library

The children in **Reception** have started to visit the **school library**. They went in small groups to explore the different books on offer, and they enjoyed sharing them with staff.



Fungi workshop

Last week, Year 4 had fungi workshops with the Fungi Guy himself, Mr McKernan! They got to see a huge selection of fungi, learn why they are so important to the environment and invent some of their own, too!







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

We will be holding our parents' meeting in week 2 of the next half term. Bookings will be open from next week.

Open Evening - Nursery and Reception on 19th Nov



This week, we offered an Open Morning and Afternoon for families to visit our school. 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!

Reminder: Y6 going to Secondary school places for Y7 Sept 2027 - Application deadline: 31st October 2026

Parents, please be advised that **paper applications are not accepted**. All applications must be submitted online via the following link:

https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions

A Gentle Reminder About Parking

We have received more concerns from parents about cars driving too fast and driving on the pavement near school while children and families are walking.

Please drive slowly and carefully near our school. Do not drive or park on the pavement where there are zigzags. Children and families need to be able to walk safely.

We continue to report these concerns to Manchester City Council. Parents can also report dangerous driving to the police:

- Report Dangerous Driving – Tell the police about unsafe driving.
- Send Video Evidence to the Police – If you have dashcam or video footage, you can send it to the police, usually within 7 days.

Our children's safety is everyone's responsibility. Please slow down, be patient and think about families walking to school.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who help keep our school community safe.

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 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

- Nursery and Reception Open Days
  - Thursday 19th November **3:45pm - 4:45pm**

- Monday 2nd Nov start of the 2nd half term and finishes on
- Friday 18th Dec end of the term - School finishes at **2pm**

Week 02/11/26	Events for the Week	WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING / PARENTS NEED TO DO
Monday 2nd Nov	• **No Events**	
Tuesday 3rd Nov	• **No Events**	
Wednesday 4th Nov 	• **Year 4 Classes swimming sessions**	Please don't forget to bring a full Swimming kit - including a swimming cap
Thursday 5th Nov	• **Principal/Parent drop-in session**	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.
Friday 6th Nov	• **Flu vaccinations**	**Catch up session**