



'Growing life-long learners.'

Inspiring, invested staff.



As part of our School Development Plan (SDP), we have a commitment to furthering the professional development and knowledge of all staff to ensure our children get the very best education.

The first two INSET days of this year have had a focus on our implementation of Read Write Inc which as you are aware is our new Phonics scheme. All teaching staff are now trained in the Phonics, Reading and Writing aspects of the programme and we look forward to furthering our work on this over the course of the year. We will be scheduling some parent/carer drop ins too, look out for your invite to these.

This week we have had our first Quality Assurance visit from Manchester City Council which focused on pupil outcomes from the previous year and the actions we are taking across the school to improve these for all pupils moving forwards. We also reviewed progress on the actions for improvement that were given in last year's Ofsted inspection and again this was commented on positively by our Quality Assurance Partner, particularly in relation to school attendance. Thank you for your contribution and efforts towards this aspect of our school improvement work.

**Avid, skilled
readers.**



**Ambitious,
aspirational
curriculum.**



**Keen, motivated
learners.**



Parents' Evenings

The first of this year's Parents' Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November. Earlier this week, you will have received a notification to set up your account on Juniper which will enable you to book an appointment. The meeting with your child's Class Teacher is an invaluable way of finding out how well they have settled into the new school year, their current performance in Reading, Writing and Maths as well as what is in place to further support them in their learning. There will also be advice and guidance around how you may be able to help build on this at home too.

If you need any support booking your appointment, please speak with a member of staff in the School Office.

Reception Admissions

It may feel like a long way off right now, but applications for next year's Reception classes are now open. If you have a child in our Nursery class, **you still need to apply via Manchester City Council.**

We will be providing opportunities for parents/carers to complete these applications by providing access to a device or having members of staff available to answer any questions you may have at next week's Nursery event – look out for the invitation your child has made asking you to join them on a trip on the moon on Wednesday 12th!

Important Notes & Reminders

Site Safety

The next phase of our roof works is starting soon and the scaffolding that has been erected at the service entrance side of our site means that this route will no longer be in use for pupils, parents and carers. All children and their families should arrive and leave school via the main playground gates.

Attendance & Punctuality

Excellent school attendance remains a priority and legal requirement for all children and families. Every minute of every day matters and research shows that pupils with excellent attendance go on to have excellent outcomes later in life.

Our whole school attendance is currently at **94.3%**. Class attendance data is currently at:

Nursery	96.3%
Reception Elder	97.2%
Reception Elm	90.3%
Year 1 Beech	94.3%
Year 1 Birch	93.9%
Year 2 Pine	92.7%
Year 2 Poplar	99%
Year 3 Hawthorn	93.8%
Year 3 Holly	89.5%
Year 4 Spruce	96.7%
Year 4 Sycamore	97.0%
Year 5 Larch	93.1%
Year 5 Lime	92.5%
Year 6 Ash	95.0%
Year 6 Aspen	97.8%

Well done to **Y2 Poplar** who are leading the way with a brilliant **99%**! Elder, Birch, Spruce, Sycamore, Larch, Lime and Aspen have all increased on last week and will be rewarded for this next week.

Dates to note

It's a busy half term ahead! Here are a few key dates to note for the various celebrations and events that are taken place. Your child would love you to attend performances they are in if you are able to, so save the dates below:

11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
14 th Nov	Children in Need
17 th Nov	School Photographs
18 th , 19 th , 20 th Nov	Parents' Evenings
21 st Nov	Road Safety Workshops
8 th Dec	Y5 Tea & Tinsel event
9 th Dec	Y6 Tea & Tinsel event
10 th Dec	Christmas Fair & Crafts
11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
15 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performances
16 th Dec	KS1 Nativity Performances
17 th Dec	EYFS Nativity Performances
19 th Dec	School Closes

