



'Growing life-long learners.'

Avid, skilled readers.



We have been continuing with our aim to inspire a love of reading within all of our children... from the minute they join us in Nursery right the way through to our Y6 pupils.

How do we go about promoting a love of reading?

- Each week, our whole school assembly has a focus on a particular story. The stories we select are often linked by a common thread or theme and last half term the focus was on self-regulation and managing emotions.
- Reading stories in class. You will hopefully have spotted that in all rooms across school, our children are surrounded by a great selection of reading books to enjoy. Some of these are read by the teaching team as a whole class and some may be read individually (with an adult, or independently). We are excited to be replenishing some 'older stock' and adding some great new stories for the children to get stuck into!
- Sharing updates on this aspect of our School Development Plan with you. So far we have shared our progress in implementing Read Write Inc and information through Parents' Evening meetings
- This week we hosted a Book Fair which proved to be very popular with the children. The total raised was an impressive **£1409** which means the school receives **£775** to purchase even more books for the children to enjoy in school. Thank you for supporting this event so much!

Ambitious, aspirational curriculum.



Keen, motivated learners.



Inspiring, invested staff.



Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending the Autumn Term Parents' Evening appointment for your child earlier this week. We hope you found it useful to hear how your child has settled into the 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 was also some simple advice and guidance around how you may be able to help build on this at home too.

Reception Admissions

It may feel like a long way off right now, but the January deadline for school applications for next year's Reception classes is fast approaching!

If you have a child in our Nursery class, **you still need to apply via [Manchester City Council](#)**.

Please speak with a member of the EYFS team, Admissions Team or SLT if you would like to find out more, or if you would like any support.

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 **93.1%**. Class attendance data is currently at:

- Nursery 94.3%
- Reception Elder 95.5%
- Reception Elm 92.4%
- Year 1 Beech 95.3%
- Year 1 Birch 94.1%
- Year 2 Pine 95.3%
- Year 2 Poplar 94.3%
- Year 3 Hawthorn 95.2%
- Year 3 Holly 93%
- Year 4 Spruce 94.4%
- Year 4 Sycamore 94.4%
- Year 5 Larch 90.3%
- Year 5 Lime 90.4%
- Year 6 Ash 93.4%
- Year 6 Aspen 94.5%

Well done to **Reception Elder** who are leading the way with a brilliant **95.5%**!

Elm, Beech, Birch, Pine, Poplar, Hawthorn, Holly and Sycamore have all increased on last week and will be rewarded for this next week. Thank you for making a continued effort with this!

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:

- 28th Nov PFA Non-uniform day for Bottle Donations
- 5th Dec PFA Non-uniform Day for Chocolate Donations
- 8th Dec Y5 Tea & Tinsel event
- 9th Dec Y6 Tea & Tinsel event
- 10th Dec Christmas Fair & Crafts
- 11th Dec Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- 15th Dec Y3/4 Christmas Performances
- 16th Dec KS1 Nativity Performances
- 17th Dec EYFS Nativity Performances
- 19th Dec School Closes

