

School Newsletter



Welcome from the Head Teacher

We were delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you this week and appreciated the recognition from the Local Authority about the positive comments within our report. Our focus is always providing the best support, experience and provision we can for all pupils and ensuring they make as much progress as possible during their time at Chapel Street – whatever their starting point. We welcome the feedback from Ofsted about the positive difference we make and their validation that the school knows well any next steps to take.

I have been inundated over the past few weeks with some incredible letters from Year 6 pupils, sharing their persuasive arguments for things they would like to change in school. There has been a wide range from extra play times, free school meals for all children, more opportunity to go swimming and fundraising for a trip to the Imperial War Museum. It's been exciting to see how passionate the children are about their ideas and the time they have taken to research their suggestions and consider different viewpoints. We're introducing some opportunities for all children to share their ideas with me through letter writing, which you'll hopefully be interested in supporting them with at home too.

Dates for Your Diary for Spring

Spring Term 1: Monday 6 th January – Friday 14 th February	
Monday 27 th January	Year 6 Bike ability (in school)
Monday 27 th January	RB & RC Parents Meeting (online)
Tuesday 28 th January	2C Parent Meetings (online)
Tuesday 28 th January	Women's Health Event
Wednesday 29 th January	Nursery Parents Meeting (online)
Monday 3 rd February	Year 6 Bike ability (in school)
Monday 3 rd February	RC Parent Meetings (online)
Monday 3 rd February	Nursery Parents Meeting (online)
Wednesday 5 th February	Coffee Morning at 9am
Monday 10 th February	Parent Drop in Session 8.40-9.00am
Monday 10 th February	Nursery Parents Meeting (online)
Wednesday 12 th February	Y3 Safer Internet Assembly 9:15am (Parents Welcome)

Half Term Holidays Mon 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb School Re-opens on Monday 24th February

Isra & Mi'raj

The night of Al Isra' wal Mi'raj is expected to fall on the evening of 26th January 2025 (subject to the sighting of the moon).

In Islam, Al Isra wal Miraj (27th Rajab) is the night journey and ascension of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was a miraculous occurrence during which he travelled from Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem before ascending to heaven, all in one night. Isra' is the night journey from Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa. Mi'raj is the journey from Masjid Al-Aqsa to the heavens.

Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year is an event celebrated by billions of people across the world on the first new moon of their calendar. Although often referred to as "Lunar New Year" in English, this is a misnomer, as it refers to both celebrations based on a lunar calendar as well as a lunisolar calendar.

Lunar New Year celebrations in East and Central Asia, such as Chinese New Year, are based on the lunisolar calendar.





Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from 3-9 February 2025. The week launched a decade ago in 2015 and we celebrate it every February, with this year marking the 11th Children's Mental Health Week.

The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.





Fact of the week:

Mrs Hughes 'fact of the week' this week is:

What is a prime number? Challenge: What is a square number?

Word of the week:

Mrs Pilling's 'word of the week' this week is: Muggy What do you think it means? How would you use it in a sentence?



LGBT & History Month

The Month is intended to bring queer history to light in education after this long period of school children growing up hearing nothing positive about LGBTQ+ people and our lives. Pride Month is focused on honouring the visibility of LGBTQ+ people as well as the movement towards equality.

Holocaust Memorial

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place every year on 27 January, and marks the liberation day of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp, in 1945. In the years since, this date has become internationally recognised as the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of other innocents killed under the Nazi regime. We also take time to remember the lives lost in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.



Wraparound Childcare Feedback Care Form

The Wraparound Childcare team would love to hear your feedback on how your choice of wraparound childcare provision has impacted on you and your family.

Feedback helps us to encourage more childcare providers to expand their services to offer full wraparound childcare to more families.

Please scan the QR code to fill out the form. Alternatively, you can use this link if you are unable to access the QR code: https://forms.office.com/e/2VAieN7EDP



YOUTH ACTION DAY

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 11AM TO 1PM

Location: Gorton Hub and Pop-up in Gorton Tesco

What's on Offer



Career's Advice



Local Job and Apprenticeship courses



Support with education and employment pathways



Help with CV's and applications

CONTACTS:

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MANCHESTER POST-16
PATHWAY PARTNERSHIP

SEN COFFEE MORNING



Wednesday 5th February at 9:00

Guests will be:

- Educational Psychologist Jude Joughlin
- Speech Therapist Heidi Krauth
- · Play Therapist Senga Nash
- · Family Liaison Sinead Walsh
- · SureStart worker Rehena Khatun
- Kickstart Debbie Walker
- Local Offer Manchester City Council

Come to the back playground

Making a difference and achieving excellence for every child

