

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'*

## Welcome back to Autumn 2!

We hope you all had good half term breaks, it has been lovely to hear what the children have been busy doing. Thank you to those of you who have used Tapestry to share half term adventures as well as Home Learning activities, it has been lovely to see!

A reminder that Autumn term Home Learning Grids are available on Tapestry and on the Year Group pages of our website ( [Pre-School](#) / [Reception](#) ). There is no time limit or order on the different activities and you can of course do the activities in different ways/places. Please share the outcomes with us on Tapestry.

This week our children have learnt about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. Pre-School made and decorated some beautiful Diya lamps and Reception created some symmetrical Rangoli Patterns. The children have also taken part in some Halloween inspired learning with Spider Web fine motor and Pumpkin Experiments in Pre-School and some Pumpkin collages in Reception.



## Cultural Events and Celebrations

We are aware that we have many different religions and beliefs within our community and would like to learn and celebrate these with all our children.

We have created a short form which asks for your religion and any cultural events/celebrations that happen throughout the year for your family. We will then look at this to support our planning and possibly reach out to you for more information. Please [click here](#) for the form.  
Please note this is entirely optional and the information shared will only be used internally.

It is important for us that we learn about different cultures and religions to show an understanding and awareness of the community, and wider world in which we live.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

## Class Points!

This week in assembly for both Pre-School and Reception we introduced Class Points to the children. These are incredibly special gems that are awarded to the whole class when they have shown teamwork and worked towards our School Rules.

We often talk to the children about the importance of their class being their team, or being their community and Class Points are a way of celebrating this and embedding our School Rules.

Class Points are collected in addition to House Points in Reception, which are more of an individual reward contributing to a total for House Teams.

Next week we are excited to share another new development to celebrate our children which will be linked to our character traits... More on this next week!



## TERM DATES FOR 2025-26

Term dates for the next academic year, September 2025 – August 2026, can now be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Please make a note of our inset days, which are school specific and half term dates which fall in line with other Manchester schools.

## FEES FOR PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-School fees for this half term have now been added to your My Child At School Account. With this being an 8-week term, the charges are slightly higher than last half term. Please note, that payment is due no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (the penultimate Friday of the half term). Please contact the School Office should you have any further queries.

## Kids Club

All charges for Kids Club patterns for this half term have been added to My Child At School accounts. Please note as this half term is an 8-week term the charges will be slightly higher. Payments must be made by the penultimate Friday of half term, which is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure payments are made to secure your sessions.



### Changes to Patterns

Any in-year changes to booking requests must be made in writing by email to the School Office by the penultimate Friday of each half-term. This allows time for amendments to patterns and charges to be made, before the start of the new half-term. Changes will come into effect on the first day of the following half-term.

### After-School Pick-up Time

After-School club ends at 5.30pm, so please ensure you are here on time to pick up your child. Please note that there is a late collection charge should you be late collecting your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Reception 2025 Admissions

Admissions for Reception places for September 2025 are now open. You will need to apply through Manchester City Council – the information can be found by clicking [here](#)

The deadline for applying is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Please note that having a place at our Pre-School does not guarantee a place for Reception. For more information, please visit the '[Admissions](#)' page on our website.

## House Point Total

For RSH are:

 <b>150</b>	 <b>141</b>
 <b>135</b>	 <b>138</b>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent Tours, 9.30am – repeated weekly

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Start of UK Parliament Week

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Inaugural PTA AGM – all welcome, 9am start

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Flu Vaccinations for Reception

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Winter Performance, 9.30am start\*

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025** – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025** – School reopens – first day of term (Spring 1)



*\*For the Winter Performance any Pre-School children who do not attend on a Thursday will be invited in to take part in the performance*