

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

END OF AUTUMN 1

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of our first half term, despite it being quite a long one – it has been fantastic! The children have settled into their new year groups incredibly well and it has been a delight to see all the excitement around the Autumn Term Bookshelves and learning experiences. We hope you all have a wonderful break over half-term and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

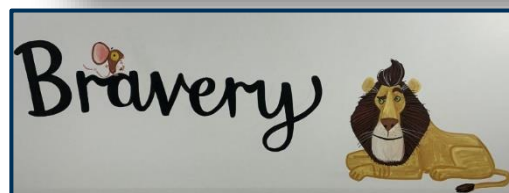
MORE ARTWORK AROUND SCHOOL

Hazel was back again this week and completed another beautiful piece by our Pupil Entrance. It captures our School badge, Character Traits and what our school is all about – children – who look incredibly smart in their uniform!

What has been lovely is seeing the children's faces as they have seen the artwork, and the conversations of 'she looks like me', 'he is wearing glasses like me', 'they have the same colour skin as me', 'I have a summer dress like that' – and this is something that was important to us when designing the piece – that our children feel seen, represented and valued.

Hazel has started work on another project on our stairs which brings together our character traits and different book characters which represent these traits, she will be back in the new year to complete this so more to come ...

You can check out more of Hazel's work on her Instagram page [@happychalk.hazel](https://www.instagram.com/happychalk.hazel)



HOME LEARNING

Home Learning Grids for Pre-School and Reception

Home Learning Grids for our Pre-School and Reception classes have been created for over half-term and into our Autumn 2 term.

The idea of the grid, is that you can pick and choose the activities and engage with it in a way that works for your child. We ask that as you complete the activities over the next half term, please share responses via your child's Tapestry learning portal.

The activities included are all suggested to help your child consolidate the learning done in school, for you to use as an opportunity for your child to show you some of the things they have learnt to do and as an opportunity to engage, communicate and play with your child.

The Home Learning Grids can be found on your child's Tapestry learning portal and under the 'Useful Information' tab on the 'Year Group' pages of our website: [Pre-School](#) [Reception](#)

Home Learning for Year 1

Home Learning for Year 1 has been sent home as usual in their Home Learning books. For additional Home Learning – read, read and read some more! Maybe you could take a visit to your local library and find some new books to explore!



CHARACTER AWARD!

This week our Character Awards were awarded for **Integrity** for showing a can-do attitude towards learning, for **Gratitude** for being grateful for friends and showing wonderful manners, and for **Citizenship** and **Curiosity** for consistently showing respect and trying approaches to learning. Well done everyone!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

PUNCTUALITY

Full attendance, including arriving on time, is important for your child's academic success but also for their personal and social development too. Arriving late can impact the start of the day routine and can mean important learning is missed. We ask that you support us with this and ensure your child arrives at school on time each day – the gate/door opens at 8.45am and are closed promptly at 8.55am.



MYSTERY READERS



Our Mystery Reader sessions will initially run every Tuesday at 2.45pm, from 4th November until the end of term in each of our classes. If you are interested in joining us, please complete our **Mystery Reader form** by **Friday 31st October** and select the sessions you are available.

If we are lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers, we will select names at random and then get in touch to confirm. If you are unable to join in this time round, we will run this again in the new year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 23rd Oct – Academy Committee Meeting

Fri 24th Oct – Last day of Autumn 1 term

Fri 24th Oct – PTA Halloween Party, 3.30pm Hall

Mon 3rd Nov – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Tues 4th Nov – School Opens, first day of Autumn 2

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please [click here](#)

THINGS TO DO IN HALF TERM

Please find some links below for different things that are happening across the city over half term:

- [Z-Arts](#)
- [Manchester Library](#)
- [Museum of Science and Industry](#)
- [Manchester Museum \(Triceratops!\)](#)
- [Loads to do - Manchester](#)
- [Visit Manchester](#)
- [Family on the go - Manchester](#)



PTA HALLOWEEN PARTY



It seems like the Halloween party was a spook-tastic success! Thank you to all the children (and parents/carers) that dressed up and of course thank you to the PTA for organising the event, which was another great opportunity to provide something for our children to have fun together and to bring our school community together.

Parent/Carer Online Workshop – Digital Safety

Monday 24th November, 7.30pm, Zoom [smoothwall](#)

Manchester Local Authority are running an hour-long workshop dedicated to helping parents of pupils understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. Please click [here to register for this online session](#).

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

Applications for Reception Admissions for September 2026 are now open. Please note being part of our Pre-School does not guarantee you a place within our Reception.

The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by Manchester City Council. Should you, or anyone you know be interested then you can find more information on our website by clicking here – [Reception Admissions](#)

PRE-SCHOOL 2026 ADMISSIONS

If you have a child born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, they will be eligible to start in our Pre-School in September 2026. If you are interested in applying, we will be offering tours for prospective parents from January 2025. The Admissions form will be available from mid-December and be open until Mid-March 2026. For more information on our Pre-School please visit the '[Pre-School](#)' page of our website. To book onto a Pre-School tour then please click here – [Book a tour for Pre-School](#)

