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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was such a busy and exciting week, filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit. Here are some of our highlights:

Sporting Events

- Year 2 Multi-Sports
  Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Macclesfield Leisure Centre, taking part in a wide range of multi-sports activities with great enthusiasm.
- Basketball Success
  Our basketball team travelled to Wilmslow with Miss Sutton and came away with a brilliant win. Well done to all the players!
- Year 5 Football
  Mr Carew took some Year 5 pupils to Macclesfield Football Club, where they took part in the community cup against other schools' Year 5 players.
- Home Netball Match
  Our netball team faced Dean Valley in a home match. The team showed outstanding team spirit and resilience and congratulations goes to Isaac, who was awarded *Player of the Match*.

Classroom & Curriculum Enrichment

- Year 1 Post box Walk
  Year 1 enjoyed a walk to our local post box to send the postcards they had written during the week. The children were very proud of their work and represented the school beautifully.
- Year 5 Fire Safety Visit
  Year 5 had an informative visit from the fire service this week. The firefighters delivered an engaging fire safety talk, and the children had the unique experience of exploring a smoke tent, learning first-hand how to stay safe in an emergency situation.
- Year 6 Chester Zoo Visit
  Year 6 visited Chester Zoo on Tuesday to deepen their understanding of conservation. They learned about endangered species, global habitats, and the zoo's important conservation projects.

Whole-School Events

- East Cheshire Hospice Santa Dash
  On Friday, the whole school took part in the Santa Dash in support of East Cheshire Hospice. Even with a sudden downpour at lunchtime, the children showed fantastic determination, festive cheer, and helped raise a wonderful amount £1877.63 for a very worthy cause. A huge thank you to Miss Sutton for organising the timetable and ensuring the event ran smoothly throughout the day. Each class had both a morning and an afternoon session, which took an enormous amount of planning and coordination to make sure everything flowed perfectly. With Christmas music playing, festive excitement in the air, and even a snow machine adding to the magic, the day was a huge success.
- Christmas Fair
  What a wonderful turnout we had at this year's Christmas Fair! We were thrilled to see so many families come along to support the event, and we are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our whole school community. Thanks to your support, we have been able to raise valuable funds that will directly benefit our children and the school. We would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thank-you to the WSA and to every volunteer who gave up their time, often behind the scenes, to help plan, set up, run, and clear away the fair. Your hard work, energy, and willingness to help in any way you could made this event possible. Without the dedication of the WSA and the incredible support of volunteers, events like this simply could not happen. We truly appreciate everything you do for the school and our children.

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Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

Reception – Martha and Harper

Martha and Harper have impressed everyone with their super maths work. They worked with Numicon to make the number 5 and then went on to complete some independent number work. Well done both of you!

Year 1 – Scarlett and Ollie

A big well done to Scarlett and Ollie for their fantastic maths this week. They confidently counted 17, 18 and 19, and even challenged themselves to go further. Great perseverance!

Year 2 – Leo

Leo has shown super effort with learning and practising his sounds. His hard work is really paying off. Keep it up, Leo!

Year 3 – Amelia

Amelia has demonstrated excellent science learning this week. For her rocks and soil science topic, she showed good scientific thinking and confidently explained the difference between permeable and impermeable materials.

Year 4 – Oscar

A special celebration for Oscar, who has impressed with his super guitar playing. He has even taken time to teach other class members. Well done Oscar.

Year 5 – Luke

Luke showed his fantastic sewing skills while creating his Christmas decoration. Such careful, detailed work!

Year 6 – Ronnie and Eliza

Ronnie and Eliza produced persuasive English writing all about tigers. Their work showed powerful persuasive techniques. Well done both of you!

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts this week: Piper (Reception) for Independence, Amelia (Y1) for Resilience, Fabia (Y2) for Resilience, Neve (Y3) for Collaboration and Tolerance, Reece (Y4) for ALL the values, Bella (Y5) for Independence and Eliza (Y6) for Respect.

Winning House



We are pleased to share this week's house-points update. All houses have worked incredibly hard and done very well. The winning house this week is **Alderley** with a total of **164 dojo points**! Their House Trophy is proudly on display in the school corridor.

Parking Outside School

We have received some concerns from local residents about parking and traffic behaviour around the school. To help maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and to ensure the safety of our community, please make sure that you:

• **Do not park across residents' driveways or too close to junctions.** This restricts access and creates unnecessary hazards.
• **Avoid blocking pavements**, so children, families, wheelchair users and those with pushchairs can pass safely without being forced onto the road.
• **Do not park on the school's yellow zigzag lines.** This has been observed and reported to the school and parking in these areas puts children at risk by obstructing visibility.
• **Switch off your engine while waiting**, even if it's only for a short time. Idling causes noise, inconvenience and avoidable pollution for those living nearby.

Uniform Policy - Hair

As we enter the festive season, we would like to kindly remind families that headbands and hair bobbles worn in school should be plain and free from decorative items, preferably in school colours or in simple shades such as black or navy.

We also ask that all long hair is tied back. This helps keep children comfortable during learning, reduces the risk of hair becoming caught during play or practical activities, and supports good hygiene. Keeping hair tied back can also help reduce the spread of any head lice, which can be more common in primary settings.

Cloakrooms at drop off

We kindly ask for your support with morning drop-off procedures. Once the cloakroom doors are opened, please allow your children to organise themselves independently. Recently, there have been several occasions where parents have still been inside the cloakrooms when Mrs Sykes needs to lock the doors for safety.

If you need help locating lost property, please pass a message to your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Sykes, who will be happy to assist.

Following these steps, helps ensure that children arrive in class promptly and that the school gates can be locked on time to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 94% last week.

- Reception: 93%
- Year 1: 99%
- Year 2: 94%
- Year 3: 97%
- Year 4: 94%
- Year 5: 90%
- Year 6: 94%

Autumn Term dates up to the Christmas Holiday

2nd December – Influenza (whole school)
4th December – Stay and Play (Reception) 1.30 – 3.30pm
10th December – Rock Steady Concert 10am
10th December - School Christmas Dinner
10th December – Film Night
10th December – Y3 & 4 Football at Macclesfield Town Football Club (after school)
11th December – Choir sing – Town Hall
16th December – Reception Nativity
17th December – KS1 production
17th December – Echo Club performance after school for parents (4.15 – 4.45)
19th December – Henbury Church Christmas Service (morning)
19th December – School closes at 12.30 for Christmas Break
School Reopens: Tuesday 6th January 2026

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club 3.30 – 4.30
Thursday – MAD Science 3.30 – 4.30 beginning on 13th November

Teacher Led School Clubs

Monday 3.30 – 4.30 – Netball club (years 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Tomlinson)
Monday and Tuesday lunchtime – Sewing club
Tuesday Lunchtime – Choir

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher