



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we welcomed the parents of our EYFS pupils into school to join us for our whole school celebration of Chinese New Year. The children from reception told us the story of the origins of the Chinese zodiac and we discovered that this year is the year of the snake. The children acted out the story of the animals completing a race across the river, and that the zodiac reflects the order in which the animals completed the task. To finish, our nursery pupils took part in a wonderful dragon dance moving around the hall in time to the beat of a drum. I would like to thank the children for their courage to perform in front of the entire school and the staff team for their hard work in putting the assembly together.

Recently our Y6 pupils had the opportunity to attend Robin Wood for their residential trip. The children had a wonderful experience, challenging themselves to try new activities and making memories. The children really enjoyed the experience and I would like to thank those staff who volunteered to go with them.

Once again I would like to request that parents and carers show due consideration to our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. Please park courteously and safely including not dropping off in the yellow coned areas outside school.

Finally, Parents' Evening is coming up on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February. The booking system will go live after school on Monday.

Best Wishes
Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 31.01.25 was **94.4%**

The following classes had attendance above our target W/E 24.01.25:

Elm – 97%, Pine –97%, Beech - 98%, Spruce - 98%.

The following classes had attendance above our target W/E 31.01.25:

Elm – 97%, Pine – 97%.

Our attendance is below the national average. Next week you will receive our next Attendance Newsletter including guidance and support to

help improve your child's attendance.

Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

Elm – Amna & Ismail, Pine - Madalief & Benji, Ash - Sofia B & Sofia L.

Beech – Berry Ann & Albulena, Hazel – Gabe & Narayan, Larch - Alfie & Erin.

Aspen - Haris & Moeez, Rowan - Senali & Alish, Spruce - Nazar & Khadijah.

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm – Rima & Hamza I, Pine - Orla & Ayla, Ash - Salie & Yousef.

Beech – Alissa & Avi, Hazel – Liam & Gabriella.

Aspen - All of Y6, Rowan - Inaaya & Finlay, Spruce - All of Y6.

Great Minds Together:

We are partnering with Great Minds Together to support our young people. Throughout February their Autism Central Hub will be offering the following courses for parents:

Our Senses - Covering hearing, smell, touch, taste and sight - 03.02.2025 - 1pm - 2.30pm

Our Senses - Covering Interoception, vestibular, proprioception and stimming - 05.02.2025 - 10.30am - 12

Autism and Mental Wellbeing - 07.02.2025 - 11.30am - 1pm

Executive Functioning - 10.02.2025 - 10am - 11.30am

Demand Avoidance AM - 11.02.2025 - 11am - 12.30pm

Understanding Autistic overwhelm, meltdowns and shutdowns - 13.02.2025 - 7pm - 9pm

Supporting the Mental Health needs of Autistic Children and Young People in Schools - 14.02.2025 - 10-11.30am

Good Autism Practice in educational settings - 18.02.2025 - 7-9pm

Demand Avoidance PM - 19.02.2025 - 6pm - 7.30pm

Siblings- 24.02.2025 - 10am - 11.30am

Personalisation Session - Personal Budgets and Hiring of a Personal Assistant (PA) - 26.02.2025 -1pm - 2.30pm

Exploring our Neurodiversity as Parents - 28.02.2025 - 1pm-2.30pm

All our events are on our website, plus free online training - <https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/north-west-delivered-great-minds>

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Year 2 have been very busy this half term!

We have been on a trip to the Lowry at Salford Quays to take part in an art workshop and wander the gallery halls. We have been conducting a variety of science experiments to strengthen our observational skills and deepen our understanding of conducting a fair test. Ash have begun researching the seasons to create an information booklet, stay tuned!



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On Wednesday 15th January some of our Y6 pupils went on a residential to Robin Wood. They really needed courage to complete the activities but they had an amazing time!



This week, Saplings learnt all about Chinese New Year. The children loved making their own snakes to celebrate the year of the snake.



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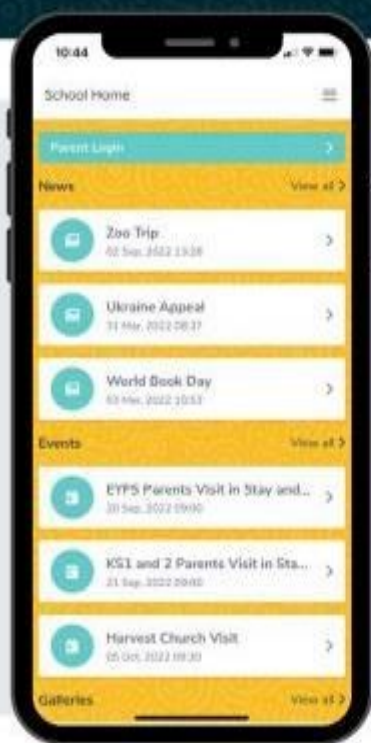
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Guide to our app for parents & carers



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

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How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

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