



# School Newsletter



## Welcome from the **Headteacher**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the Drop-in sessions on Monday morning this week. It was lovely to see children sharing their learning, books and classrooms with you across school. A reminder that these Drop-ins take place on the second and last Monday morning of every half term and are a great way to see your child's progress and efforts with their work. It was also amazing to see so many families in the audience for our special Year 2 Christmas Assembly - what a brilliant job the children did. We're so proud of their confidence and were impressed with the festive joy they shared. The same can be said about the incredible children who showcased their musical talents in the RockSteady performance last week - future rock stars! Children and staff loved the Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, class parties on Thursday and festive movies on Friday - they were also thrilled to welcome some special visitors to their classrooms with a gift for every child. Look out for some photos of these amazing moments later in the newsletter. I'm sure you'll agree it's been another action packed term at Chapel Street with impressive learning, kindness and effort from all our children and lots of wonderful memories made. Have a safe and happy holidays and we'll look forward to seeing you for another exciting term in January. Keep an eye out for more information within our newsletter each week.



## Fact of the week:

Las Parrandas is a festival celebrated in Cuba every December. What continent does Cuba belong to? Challenge: Name the other continents and a country from each one.

## Word of the week:

Whimper

*What do you think it means?*

*How would you use it in a sentence?*

## Last week's answers:

The name of the special candle holder used by Jewish people during Hanukkah is called a menorah.



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'Impeccable' means perfect, flawless, or without mistakes.

## Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum



Last week, the Year 6s enjoyed an engaging visit to the Imperial War Museum, exploring real artefacts and interactive exhibits that brought their history learning to life. The trip sparked thoughtful discussions and gave pupils a deeper understanding of the experiences of people during wartime.



## Reception Trip to St. Mark's Church



Our Reception children enjoyed learning all about our local church this December.





# Christmas at Chapel Street!

## Year 2 Christmas Assembly



Thank you to all the parents who came to support our Year 2 children on Wednesday - we were so happy to see there were so many of you! The biggest assembly audience we've had so far this year!



Each child performed brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## Christmas Goodies at the Gates



## Christmas Dinner



This Wednesday the children enjoyed a full Christmas dinner prepared by our lovely kitchen staff.





# Special Visits to Classrooms



Our senior leaders dressed up in Christmas costumes today to give out special presents for the kids.



## Key Dates for Spring Term

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parent Drop-In

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – One Education Media Day

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y6 Basketball Tournament

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parent Drop-In

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y6 Dodgeball Tournament

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y6 Hockey Tournament

School returns on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am!** See you then!

## Assembly Reading...

Well done to Omar, Zinat, Sana, and Kashif in 6A who read our story to the whole school in assembly on Monday. They chose *Farther* by Grahame Baker-Smith.



Keep up to date with Term Dates and our School Calendar on our website here:  
<https://www.chapelstreetprimary.co.uk/>

# Staffing Updates

A reminder that this week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Ortoft after an incredible sixteen years at Chapel Street! Mrs English will be joining us in January as our new Inclusion Assistant Headteacher.

We will also be welcoming our new Reception teacher, Miss Bevan, who will teach class RC. Miss Jenkins will be moving to teach Woodland as our new SEND Teacher. We are very excited to welcome new faces and new changes!



## Deadline for Reception Places

The deadline for submitting an on time application is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**



Follow the link below to apply for a Reception place for September 2026.

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2026](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2026)

## More Places are Available!

We still have places available for both Nursery and Reception starters in 2026. Please share this info with friends and family that may be interested.



For more information on how to apply, visit our website:  
<https://www.chapelstreetprimary.co.uk/for-families/admissions/>  
or contact the school office.



## Support During the Holidays

Support is always available. Scan the QR code below for a full list of available services around Levenshulme. Also visit <https://levyoulots.com/services-and-support/>.

**Cost of Living helpline**  
☎ 0800 023 2692

**Cost of Living information**  
🌐 [www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help\\_with\\_the\\_cost\\_of\\_living\\_crisis](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help_with_the_cost_of_living_crisis)

**Citizens Advice Manchester**  
🌐 [www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)  
☎ 0808 278 7800 (free)

**Pakistani Resource Centre (welfare rights, Domestic Violence, benefits for South Asian community)**  
🌐 [pakistan-resouce.org.uk](http://pakistan-resouce.org.uk)  
☎ 0161 445 0633

[Mind Manchester](http://Mind Manchester)



**Levenshulme Community Grocers**  
☎ 0161 706 1041

**The Bread and Butter Thing**  
A mobile food club bringing low cost weekly shopping to the community. Collection from Levenshulme Inspire (registration required)  
🌐 [www.breadandbutterthing.org](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org)

**Across Ummah Food club**  
🌐 [acrossummah.com/communities](http://acrossummah.com/communities)

**Talking therapies**  
For people with common mental health disorders such as anxiety or depression who are motivated to work towards changing the problem.  
🌐 <https://www.selfhelpservices.org.uk/talking-therapies/>



[Ardwick and Longsight Foodbank](#)  
[Burnage Food Bank](#)

