



School Newsletter



Welcome from the **Headteacher**

We were delighted to find out this week that Chapel Street has been chosen to receive an award as part of the Manchester Early Years Celebration Event 2026 for "Demonstrating high quality communication and language support". This is a fantastic achievement for the team and reflects the hard work of all staff to provide our children with the very best starts to their education in Nursery and Reception. We're looking forward to sharing some photos with you from the Awards Presentation in March. We had more good news when we found out that we'd been chosen to receive 99 free tickets to the pantomime at Manchester Palace Theatre this Friday. It means that every child in Year 5 will be able to attend and has even been supported with free coach travel to and from the theatre and sweets during the performance. We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the special experience. The Debate Mate visit this week was a huge success with the children representing school and themselves incredibly well. They made some impressive contributions and we loved seeing how confident and enthusiastic they were. We're looking forward to seeing lots of parents and carers in classrooms for our Drop-in on Monday morning - this is a lovely opportunity to see your child's work in their books and find out more about their learning this half term. They have some interesting knowledge to share with you!

Key Dates for Spring Term

Mon 9th Feb – Parent Drop-In

Mon 9th Feb – Y6 Cluster Writing Moderation

Tue 10th Feb – Y3 Assembly: Safer Internet Day

Tue 10th Feb – Y6 Dodgeball Tournament

Thurs 12th Feb – Y6 Hockey Tournament

Mon 16th Feb – February Half-Term

NEXT WEEK – Parent Drop-In!

Drop in at your child's classroom on **Monday 9th at 8:30AM** to see their books and classroom!

Fact of the week:

Rosa Parks, a well-known activist, was born on the 4th February 1913. What did she fight to change? Challenge: Who are some other activists and the causes they support? What would you campaign to change?

Last week's answers:

The dodo was a flightless bird, native to the island of Mauritius. It became extinct because its natural habitat was destroyed by deforestation and its eggs were being eaten by new human settlers. Many animals (47,000 species!) are at risk of extinction for similar reasons today including the Amur leopard, Northern White Rhinoceros, Sunda Pangolin and African Forest Elephant. The main threats are habitat loss through deforestation, poaching and illegal trade and climate change.

Word of the week:

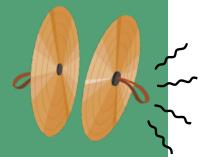
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*What do you think it means?
How would you use it in a sentence?*

Last week's answers:

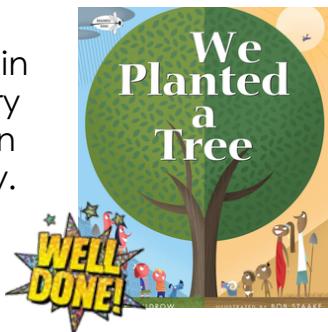
Reverberating – (adj.) echoing and vibrating.

E.g. Like crashing cymbals that shake through your whole body.



Assembly Reading...

Well done to Afifah, Christiana, and Zara in 6C who read our story to the whole school in assembly on Monday. They chose *We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow.



Safer Internet Day 2026

Tuesday 10th Feb is Safer Internet Day. Please see the link below for useful tips on how to keep your children safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



Alumni of Chapel Street

We are looking to develop an 'Alumni' project to share the great successes of children who have been to Chapel Street. Anyone who used to attend Chapel Street and would like to share their experience, how it helped them and what they are doing now, please contact the office or email admin@chapelstreet.manchester.sch.uk. Everyone is welcome to get in touch – from our youngest Alumni who are thriving in Year 7, to those who are now much older. We look forward to hearing from you!

ONE EDUCATION MEDIA DAY!



Take a look at these amazing photos taken during OneEducation media day.

LAST WEEK'S
HOUSE POINT
WINNERS

4B
MAPLE



Year 3 Internet
Safety Assembly!

We would like to invite parents to the Year 3 Internet Safety assembly on the morning of Tuesday 10th February at 9:15am. Please may we ask that you arrive promptly to prevent the children from being distracted.

The assembly will highlight the importance of internet safety, provide tips and offer you the opportunity to ask any questions. It will include posters, role play and a year group song. We really hope to see you there!

Early Years Celebration 2026

The Early Years sector in Manchester plays a vital role in supporting young children's development – laying the foundations for learning, preparing them for school, and providing essential childcare for working families. Your impact is invaluable.



We've won an award as part of the Manchester Early Years Celebration Event 2026!

A huge congratulations to the EYFS team for received an award in the 'Demonstrating high quality communication and language support in 2025' category.



Information for Parents...

You are invited to Arcadia Library & Leisure Centre 10th Birthday!!!

Decorate your own
birthday hat with
Mona & Helen



Make Bunting
with Rizwana



Badge-making
with Laurie Pink

and more... including
storytime with Janet, gym
machines.....and Cake!!!

Mens health info
with Only Human

Saturday 14 February, 2 - 4pm

 Manchester
Libraries

Arcadia Library, Yew Tree Avenue
Levenshulme, M19 3PH

Building & Grounds Improvements

There are lots of exciting changes taking place across the rest of this half term and during February half term, such as:

- New wall wraps
- New desks and chairs for year 6 classes
- Canopies added in both playgrounds
- Redevelop area outside the nursery entrance door with painted fencing and artificial grass
- ICT improvements; desktops/laptops for staff and devices for children



Nursery and Reception Places Available

For now and September 2026 starters. Other year groups may also have space. School tours are available to book through the office. Please share this info with friends and family that may be interested.

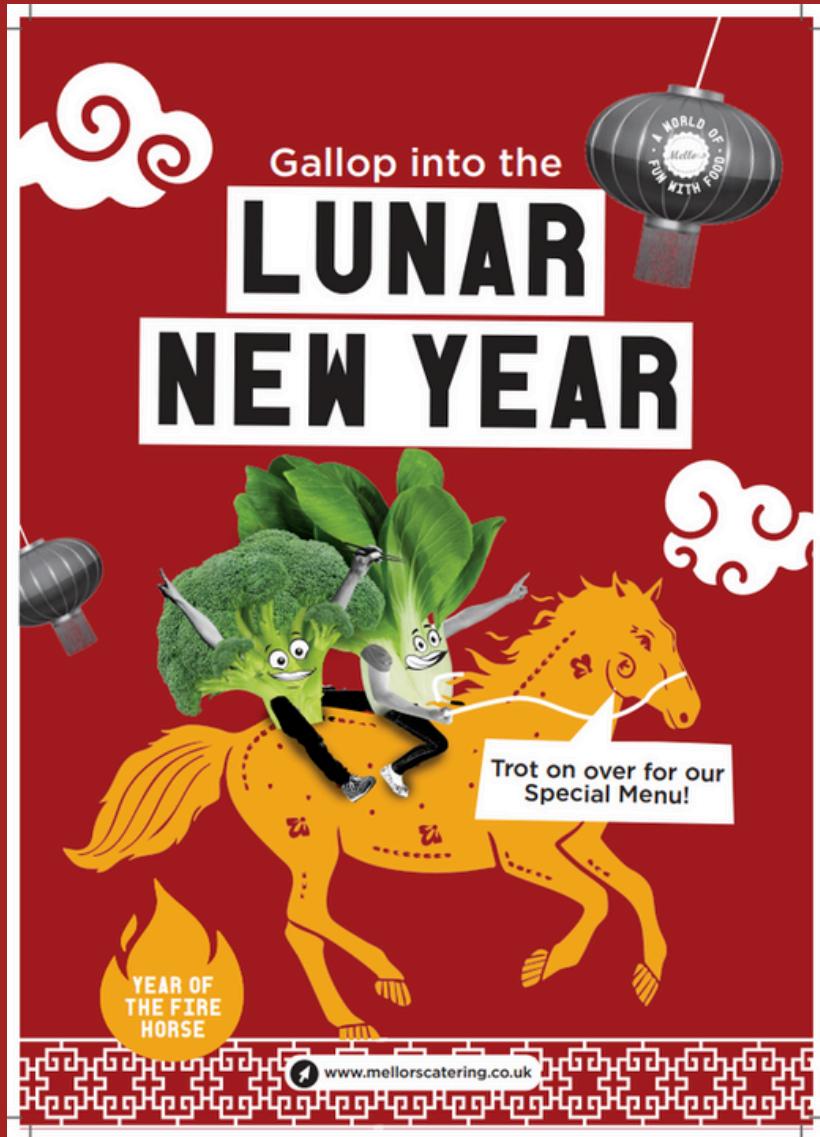
For more information on how to apply, visit our website:

<https://www.chapelstreetprimary.co.uk/for-families/admissions/>
or contact the school office.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE!

Please switch off your engine while picking up children from school. This helps us reduce unnecessary noise and pollution, protecting the planet, the neighbours, and your children's health.





Special Menu!

Tuesday 10/02

Mini Pancakes
Chicken Casserole with
Roasted Vegetables

Thursday 12/02

Chinese Curry Chicken served
with Rice



Update about Trees and Green Spaces

We are currently working on improving the green spaces around our school. This means removing overgrown trees with hazardous roots and deadened branches to make the main route to our school safer for parents to access.

New trees will be planted in their place, with additional planting planned on our school field. We are also developing new landscaping plans for the near future to create a greener, more accessible, and welcoming space for play, sports, and family use.

We are also clearing some trees, bushes, and ivy from the front of the school, which was becoming unsafe and difficult to maintain. This will allow our beautiful school building to be seen clearly from the main road.

We are aware these changes may look quite extreme at the moment, but these areas will regrow over time. A letter with more detail about these changes was sent out yesterday.

