



Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all of the families that were able to join us for our 'Work Day' on Saturday 22nd March. We were joined by volunteers from Grove Church who helped us to clear our pond area and make it more accessible for our pupils.

The last two weeks have been particularly busy in school. Y3 & 4 pupils presented their Eid assembly to the whole school and Y1 & 2 shared their learning about the Easter story. On both occasions I was tremendously proud of our pupils who showed great courage and determination to stand and speak in front of the whole school and an audience of parents. Thank you to everyone involved in organising these wonderful community celebrations.

Following each of our assemblies, the children have taken part in a special Eid trail and an Easter egg hunt that I know they have enjoyed immensely. It was particularly pleasing to see our older pupils supporting the younger children to access the Eid trail. There have been several posts on our social media accounts if you would like to see some photographs of these two special events.

As you will be aware, school closes today for the Easter break and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April. During the Easter holiday there are two events well worth visiting as a family. The Easter Hearts Trail is available in Fletcher Moss Park, and some of our pupils work is being exhibited at Didsbury Parsonage as part of the Local School's Open Art Exhibition.

We hope that you all enjoy some family time over the next two weeks, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school for the final term of the year!

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.  
Headteacher

## Star of the Week:

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

Elm - Rima & Hunter, Pine - Gabriel & Amir, Ash - Yousef & Sofia B.

Beech - Ruqayyah & Yusuf K, Hazel - Abi & Ameesha,  
Larch - Katie & Joe.

Aspen - Liyana & Freya, Rowan - Jorgie & Alish,  
Spruce - Harry & Jenson.

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

Elm - Yusuf & Felix W, Pine - Michael & Ayla,  
Ash - Adam & Summer.

Beech - Zohaib & Yusuf M, Hazel - Zeyneb & Eliza,  
Larch - Eli & Kaleb.

Aspen - Lana & Ava, Rowan - Ahmad & Jorgie,  
Spruce - Lilly & Vania.

## Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97%.

Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 21.03.25 was 94.6%

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 24.03.25:

Oak - 98%, Pine - 98%, Beech - 97%.

No classes had attendance above our school target W/E 04.04.25, as many of our pupils were celebrating Eid at the beginning of the week.

Every week, UKS2 has been attending tennis sessions at the local tennis club.



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This term, Saplings have been enjoying doing Forest Crew.

In the last two sessions, the children cooked some food on a fire. They loved learning how to start a fire and eating all the food!



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**BROAD OAK  
EASTER HEARTS TRAIL  
4TH TO 28TH APRIL 2025**



**GET YOUR TRAIL SHEET AND MAKE A DONATION AT THE FOOD  
TRUCK IN FLETCHER MOSS PARK, DIDSBURY M20 2SW**

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**Monday - Year 1 - 4 Gymnastics with Laura @ United Sports Coaching**

Start Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Monday - Year 3 - 6 Creative Art Club with Mrs McKrell and DCC**

Start Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Monday - Year 3 -6 Broad Oak Choir with Mrs Stevenson**

Start Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Tuesday – Year 3 & 4 Tennis Lessons @ Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club**

**Collection is at 4.30pm from the Tennis Club**

Start Date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

End Date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Wednesday - Year 3 - 6 Cheerleading with Laura @ United Sports Coaching**

Start Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

End Date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

**Thursday - Year 1 - 6 Yoga with Kerry @K27 Dance and Cheer**

Start Date: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Friday - Year 1 - 6 Drama with Amelia @ A.B Dance**

Start Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**Friday - Year 3 - 6 Football with Primary Sports Coaching**

Start Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

End Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**All clubs start at 3.20pm and finish at 4:20pm, with the exception of Monday Creative Art Club which finishes at 4.30pm. Collection is via the small gate on Broad Oak Lane. Please ensure that your child has a drink, suitable clothing and a change of footwear if they are attending Football.**

**All payments must be made prior to the club starting, payments can be made via Parent pay or at the school office.**

**Please ensure that an emergency contact number is left in the notes section.**

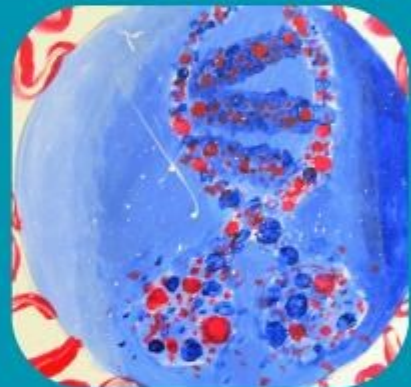
**As clubs are run by external organisations and can be subject to change, these should not be used as an alternative to childcare.**



# LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS' OPEN ART EXHIBITION

Spring 2025

Sunday 30th March to Monday 21st April 2025



0161 445 7661



[www.didsburyparsonagetrust.org.uk](http://www.didsburyparsonagetrust.org.uk)

Didsbury Parsonage Trust, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2RQ

Open viewing every Sunday from 9.30am to 5pm.  
For access at other times please phone for details.



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# **DIDSBURY**

## **LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

**You're invited**

# **Junior Social**

Last Friday of the Month 4:30-5:30

(March / April / May / June / Aug / Sept / Oct)

Join us for tennis and fun, ages 8-16

Members free - Non-members £2 - (equipment provided)

509 Parswood Road - M20 5QG - [www.didsburyltc.org.uk](http://www.didsburyltc.org.uk)

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# SPRING

AT THE DIDSBURY PARSONAGE

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL '25, 1PM TO \*4PM

THE OLD PARSONAGE, STENNER LANE, DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER, M20 2RQ



**CHILDREN'S  
SPRING  
THEMED  
CRAFTS  
(INDOORS)  
&  
GARDEN  
'RIDDLE'  
TRAIL**

**\*£6**

**PER CHILD**

**\*PER EVENT**

**NO NEED TO BOOK  
PAY ON THE DOOR  
ONLY**

ALL ENTRANCE FEES GO TOWARDS  
MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE BUILDING  
AND SUPPORTING THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS LIKE THIS ONE!

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# THE QUAYS EASTER DUCK RACE



Support MedEquip4Kids, your local children's charity!



Join in the fun!

- Fairground rides!
- Tombola!
- Tasty food!

12:30 Good Friday 18th April 2025  
Salford Watersports Centre, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3SQ



Tickets

**For info contact:**

info@medequip4kids.org.uk  
0161 798 1600  
www.medequip4kids.org.uk



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Join us for an

# EASTER EGG HUNT

In Didsbury Park

SATURDAY  
19TH APRIL

DROP IN ANY TIME FROM  
10AM-12PM

A free family event run by Grove Church in  
partnership with Friends of Didsbury Park



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# SPRING SERIES

## JOIN OUR EASTER TRAIL TO WIN A DELUXE ARTIST SET

WE'VE HIDDEN 7 BRIGHTLY COLOURED BUNNIES IN THE VILLAGE. EACH ONE HAS A LETTER. PUT THE LETTERS TOGETHER TO SPELL THE NAME OF A FAMOUR ARTIST FROM MANCHESTER. SEND US YOUR ANSWER AND YOU COULD WIN A 168 PIECE ARTIST SET.



## SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOUR CLUE SHEET AND ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY MIDNIGHT 24TH APRIL. YOUR DONATION WILL FUND COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECTS IN DIDSBURY.

DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL IS A REGISTERED CHARITY 1158370



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

### AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

### RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

### THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

### SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

### EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

### OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

### SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

### BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# Easter Camp - delivered by Didsbury Theatre School

Didsbury Theatre School has a limited number of FREE places available at our Easter Camp next week **(Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th April)**.

These places are available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

This camp includes dance, drama, singing and arts and crafts, providing a fun and creative holiday experience. A hot lunch and snacks are provided.

Parents can book via [MCRactive Activity Finder](#) or by contacting Chloe at [admin@didsburytheatreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@didsburytheatreschool.co.uk)



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