

Newsletter Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we have held our first 'Break the Rules Day'. The children (and staff) have enjoyed breaking our usual expectations in order to raise money to support school projects.

In the last few days Y1 and Y2 have been out of school visiting Knowsley Safari Park and Lytham St Anne's as part of our Science and Geography curriculums. In both cases the children were great ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday this week Ash class presented their Class assembly to Williamson House to share all of their learning from across the term.

Mrs. Davison attended the assembly and was very impressed by the children's knowledge and their confidence to present their learning to such a big audience – well done Ash!

In recent weeks a group of pupils and parents have been meeting to organise our entry for Didsbury Festival Parade. We have one more making session on Thursday 5th June prior to the big event on Saturday 7th June. We would love as many families as possible to join us on the day of the parade – please look out for further information as we return to school after the half term break.

Last week our Y6 pupils completed their end of key stage 2 SATs. The children showed great courage and determination and really tried their best. I was very proud of the way they approached what can be a very stressful experience – well done Y6!

Next half term there are many more great activities and events planned as we approach the end of the school year. Please look out for the Key Dates sheet for upcoming events.

Finally I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd June.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen. Headteacher

Star of the Week:

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

Elm - Felix S & Ismail, Pine - Brody & Aria, Ash - Ashanta & Ali.

Beech - Serene & Avi, Hazel - Sama & Gabriella, Larch - Hendrick & Tilly.

Y5 - Evie, Frankie & Lilly, Y6 - All of Y6.

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

Elm - Helan & Noah S, Pine - Amy & Gabriel, Ash - Alex & Aron.

Beech - Athena & Zaid, Hazel - Termeh & Harlee,

Larch - Hema & Aniya.

Aspen - Aiyla A & Albert, Rowan - Emma & Ishaaq, Spruce - Leo & Ben.

Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97%. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 23.05.25 was 94.2%

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 16.05.25:

Elm - 98%, Beech - 100%, Larch - 98%, Aspen - 99%, Spruce - 99%.

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 23.05.25:

Elm - 97%, Pine - 97%, Spruce - 97%.

Vaccination Update:

Dear parent or carer

There have been some cases of Measles in Greater Manchester. Because of that we wanted to remind families of how they can protect children against measles and also other illnesses that can spread quickly.

The attached link shows which vaccinations to have and when, to keep your child well. These are free vaccinations from the NHS. Please contact your GP if you need more information.

Manchester's guide to free childhood vaccinations.

Road Safety:

School has been contacted by local residents concerned about road safety at drop off and pick up times.

As always we request that parents park cars courteously, taking account of our neighbours and not blocking pavements or driveways.

We would also kindly request that you remind your children not to run out into the road. We will also be including some road safety messages in assemblies next term.



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Didsbury Library's 110th Birthday:

Literacy Champion Alice inspired children to discuss their favourite stories and create drawings of characters they connected with.

Maryam was thrilled when her artwork won her a bundle of five fantastic books!



Broad Oak Hearts Trail:

This week we received £155 raised by the team that organise the Broad Oak Hearts Trail in Fletcher Moss Park. The money raised will go towards projects to improve the outdoor area for our pupils.

There will be a trail during the half term break and this will be in aid of the friends of Fletcher Moss park and the Swift Society to thank them for the work they do in the park (as has become our annual tradition!).

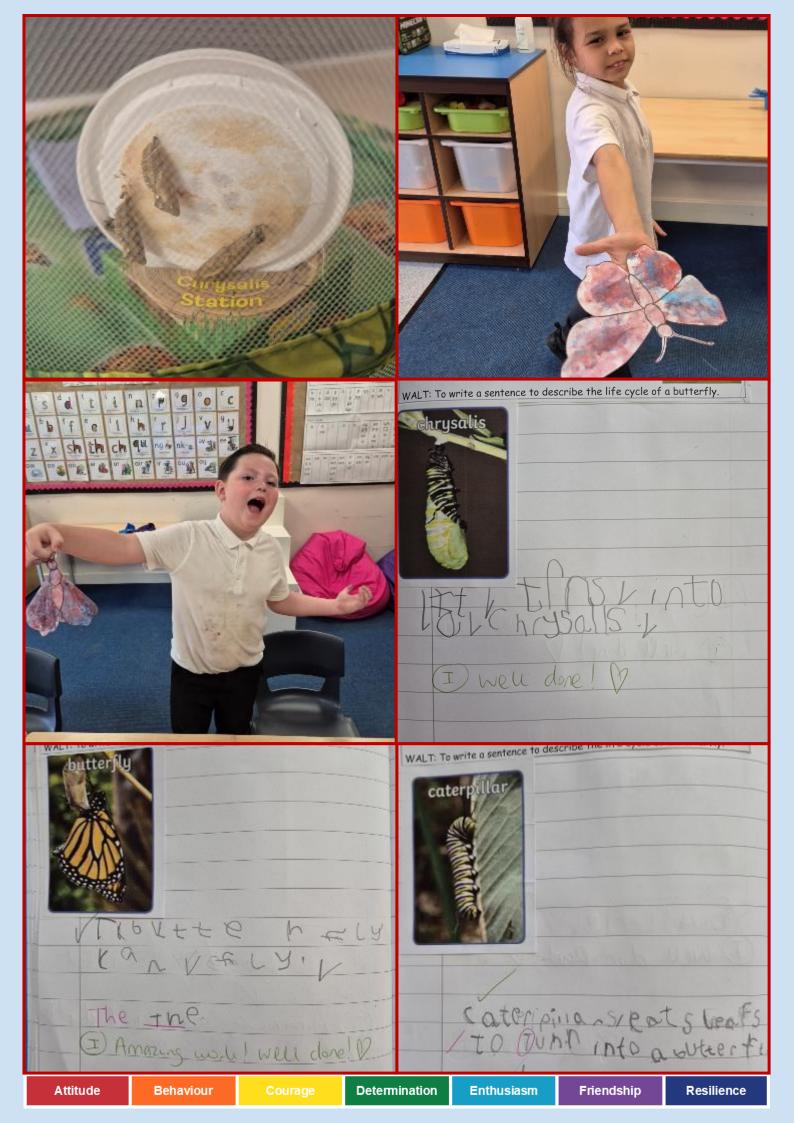
It would be wonderful to see as many of our families as possible supporting this event. Trail sheets can be collected from the food truck in the park.



This term, Saplings have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies.

We got some caterpillars and we have watched them grow and turn into chrysalises. We are still waiting for our butterflies to emerge and then we will release them into the school garden. We have done some writing in our English lessons and have used paint to create our own butterflies in art.







On Wednesday our Year 3 and 4 students held a homework showcase where they displayed wonderful garden sculptures that they had made.

The garden sculptures are linked to our Art topic in which the children have been creating 3-D sculptures from wire and soap. The homework also linked to our Science topic on sound. The sculptures were absolutely incredible and made a beautiful exhibition. We will be keeping some of the children's work on the trees for as long as the weather permits.



After School Activity Clubs - Summer Term 2

Monday - Year 1 - 4 Gymnastics with Laura @ United Sports Coaching Start Date: Monday 2nd June 2025 End Date: Monday 7th July 2025

Monday - Year 3 -6 Broad Oak Choir with Mrs Stevenson Start Date: Monday 2nd June 2025 End Date: Monday 7th July 2025

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

Start Date: Monday 9th June 2025 End Date: Monday 7th July 2025

Please note that Art Club starts a week later the other clubs

Wednesday - Year 3 - 6 Cheerleading with Laura @ United Sports Coaching Start Date: Wednesday 4th June 2025

End Date: Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Please note that there is no Cheerleading on 9th July due to the competition

Thursday - Year 1 - 6 Yoga with Kerry @K27 Dance and Cheer Start Date: Thursday 5th June 2025 End Date: Thursday 10th July 2025

Friday - Year 1 - 6 Drama with Amelia @ A.B Dance Start Date: Friday 6th June 2025 End Date: Friday 11th July 2025

Friday - Year 3 - 6 Football with Primary Sports Coaching Start Date: Friday 6th June 2025 End Date: Friday 11th July 2025

There will be no clubs during the last week of term, week beginning 14th July 2025

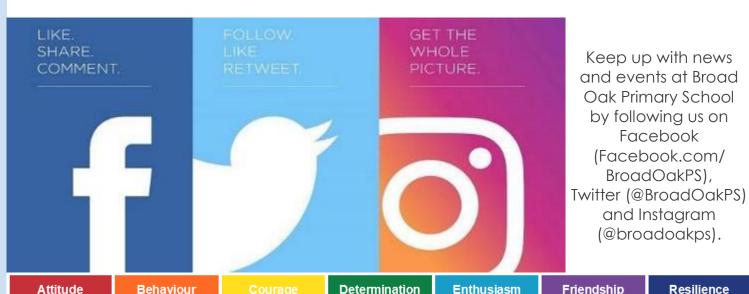
All clubs start at 3.20pm and finish at 4:20pm, with the exception of Monday Creative Art Club which finishes at 4.30pm. Collection is via the small gate on Broad Oak Lane.

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.





Whit and Summer **Holiday Courses**

Sports, Dance and Gymnastics



- Acacias Primary School, Burnage
- Broadstone Hall Primary School, Heaton Chapel
- · Norbury Hall Primary School, Hazel Grove
- Norris Bank Primary School, Heaton Moor
- · St Thomas Primary School, Heaton Moor
- Moss Hey Primary School, Bramhall (TBC)
- St Catherines RC Primary School, Didsbury

Standard day: 9am - 3.30pm (£24)

Reception children: 9am - 12.45pm (£14)

Early drop off: 8am-9am (£4) Stay and play: 3.30pm-5pm (£5)

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Attitude

Behaviour

Determination

Enthusiasm







Holiday Course Calendar

		St Thomas CE Primary School Heaton Moor	Broadstone Hall Primary School Heaton Chapel	Moss Hey Primary School Stockport	Norris Bank Primary School Heaton Moor	Norbury Hall Primary School Hazel Grove	Acaclas Primary School Burnage	St Catherines RC Primary School Didsbury
	Activities	Multi Sports, Dance and Gym	Multi Sports	Multi Sports	Multi Sports	Multi Sports	Multi Sports	Multi Sports
WHIT	Tues 27th - Fri 30th May	1	1	TBC		1		1
	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th June	1			1	1		
SUMMER	Mon 21st July - Fri 25th July						Thurs & Fri only	
	Mon 28th July - Fri 1st Aug	1	1			1	1	
	Mon 4th Aug - Fri 8th Aug	1	1	TBC		1		
	Mon 11th Aug - Fri 15th Aug	1	1		1	1		
	Mon 18th Aug - Fri 22nd Aug	1	1	TBC	1			
	Tues 26th Aug - Fri 29th Aug	1			1		1	

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