



Weekly Newsletter

'Learn Together, Learn Forever'



Welcome

We were really grateful to Dennis Brown and his Youth Support Team for delivering a session this week for our Year 6 children on e-safety. This session included the risks of social media and the age guidance for certain platforms along with why they are not suitable for younger children. We would really encourage you to read our regular 'online safety' feature in these newsletters for up-to-date information and tips for how to keep your children safe in this increasingly digital world.

Subject Spotlight:

Multiplication Times Tables

Times tables are a **foundation** of maths in every year group because they help children calculate quickly and accurately without always relying on counting. When pupils know multiplication facts automatically, they can focus their attention on higher-level problem solving, including division, fractions, area, ratio, and written methods, rather than getting stuck on basic calculations. Strong times-table recall also boosts confidence and fluency across the curriculum, for example when working out "how many altogether" in word problems or scaling quantities in science and DT.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100



Here are 3 Teachers' Top Tips to support your child's times tables at home:

- 1 Practise little and often, keep it fun, and help your child spot patterns so they understand (not just memorise) their facts.
- 2 Aim for a few minutes most days (or several times a week) rather than one long session, because frequent repetition helps facts "stick."
- 3 Put up a times-table grid/poster somewhere they'll see often (fridge/door), and revisit one table at a time.

Every Day Counts

Our school target for attendance is 96%

Evidence tells us that regular attendance gives children the best chance to thrive-academically, socially and emotionally. Please help us protect learning time by aiming to be at school every day, and by prioritising routine appointments such as dentists and opticians outside school hours.

Every Minute Counts too...

Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

House Points so far this half term...

 Faster 753	 Higher 665
 Stronger 804	 Greater 688



Wellbeing and Mental Health

Positivity Boost

Try writing down three good things that happened today — big or small. Maybe you had a laugh with a friend, finished a tricky task, or just enjoyed your lunch. Focusing on the positives helps train your brain to notice what's going right instead of what's wrong.

This Week's Cornerstone Certificate Winners



Head of School
**Academic
Aspiration**
Cornerstone Award



Inaya, Zayn, Hongbin, Mabrukah,
Nathan



Head of School
**Culture, Creativity
and Rhetoric**
Cornerstone Award



Tabitha



Are you a parent or carer looking for information and advice about Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND), Neurodevelopmental and Emotional Wellbeing support for your child?

Come along and have a chat with colleagues from the multi-disciplinary team which includes representatives from The Educational Psychology Service, Jigsaw Team, Neurodevelopmental Team, Children's Therapy Services, and The Hearing and Vision Service.

Wednesday 11 February 10:00-12:00

One Stockport Family Hubs
Abingdon Rd
Reddish
SK5 7EU



Refreshments will be provided!



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PARK CONSIDERATELY FOR OUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURS AND PLEASE AVOID PARKING ON CORNERS OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Online SAFETY



Spotting Online Scams and Misinformation

Social media and messaging apps can spread false information fast. Teach your children to question what they read: if something sounds too good to be true or tries to create panic, double-check it with a trusted adult or reliable source. The same goes for suspicious messages asking for money or personal details - report and delete them immediately.



Off the Bookshelf



4G would love to recommend The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde

The Selfish Giant is one of the selected Year 4 books on this term's Bookshelf. The children have been reading this story in class and then using the story to create their own amazing story settings and brilliant character descriptions.

"I love this book and it's OK because the Giant doesn't stay selfish - at the end he becomes really kind."

"I love all the books we read at school, but this is one of my favourites!"