



# Weekly Newsletter

## Single Use Plastic Day

Single Use Plastic Day was a fantastic success! Thanks to the brilliant effort from our children and families, we dramatically reduced the amount of packaging in school snacks. In fact, we went from 85 pieces of single use plastic in one day to just 8! This is an amazing achievement and shows what we can accomplish when we work together. Thank you to everyone who took part—let's keep up the great work and continue making sustainable choices every day!

## Conservation

A big thank to Sustainable Heaton's for coming in and talking to the children about the important work they do locally. They gained a greater understanding about conservation and in particular how we can support our bat population here in the Heatons.



## Branching Out Kids Club - Reminder

Payments should be made directly or by Tax-Free Childcare or Workplace vouchers. Once the credit has been applied to your MCAS account (this can take up to a week), you can book sessions directly through the app. If all of your credit appears under one club (e.g. Breakfast Club) and you need to move some to Afterschool Club, email [kidsclub@norrisbank.org.uk](mailto:kidsclub@norrisbank.org.uk) stating the amount you would like transferred. Please note that credits cannot be shared between siblings Tax-Free Childcare accounts. You do not need to inform Branching Out when you have made a payment as we work directly from the bank account.

If you have any queries, please email the address above. Any queries which cannot be resolved will be passed directly to the Extended Services Manager and/or the Central Finance Team for further support.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

## Sport

### Athletics

On Monday, some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in an athletics competition at Priestnall High School.

They had a wonderful time, taking part in both field and track events against other schools. It was a very busy sports hall but the children took it all in their stride.

Well done to all who attended!!

### Girls Football

Last night our team took part in a Pokemon Football tournament at Cheadle Laurus. 9 teams took part with our team finishing joint 3rd! What a result! We had goals from Amalie, Nancy and Leyla, great defending from Bea, Heidi and Ivy, attacking skills from Luna and Halle and goalkeeper Erin did a wonderful job!

The girls did all of this with a smile on their faces and enjoyed every minute.

Ivy picked up an extra award for Respect.

Well done team!



# GROW STARS OF THE WEEK

## Reception

**Zayd & Samuel**

## KS1

**Year 1: Camille & Tiara**

**Year 2: Joseph & Thom**

## KS2

**Year 3: Tilly & Sami**

**Year 4: Primrose, Norah, Brodie & Richie**

**Year 5: Charlie & Cormac**

**Year 6: Arthur & Nancy**

## Top Pick Book of the week The Queen's Handbag



### Reception and Key Stage 1

*The Queen's Handbag*, written and illustrated by Steve Antony, is a humorous children's picture book that follows the Queen on a high-energy chase across the United Kingdom.

*The Queen's Handbag* is the second installment in a 4 book series known as The Queen Collection. The series follows the Queen on various whimsical adventures, often involving a chase or a grand tour.

## Our Big Planet Promise

This half term, all children will be exploring an important theme: **sustainability**.

Through exciting activities and discussions, they'll learn how small actions can make a big difference for our planet.

If any parents/carers have a job or personal interest linked to sustainability and would like to come in and speak to the children, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us to arrange a visit.



## Thursday 29th January Switch Off Day!



On Thursday 29th January we will be trying to limit the amount of electricity we use by switching lights off and using computers as little as possible. Please join us on the day and try to think of ways you can save electricity in your home.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

[For a full list of dates for the 2025-26 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.](#)

Date	Event
<b>January</b>	
19th	Parent's meeting for Year 5 residential at 5.00pm
21st	Parent's meeting for Year 3 residential at 5.00pm
28th	Year 6 SATs parents meeting at 5.00pm
29th	Switch Off Day
<b>February</b>	
2nd-6th	Walk to School Week
6th	Year 4 trip to Peak Wildlife
13th	<b>Last day of term</b>
23rd	<b>School reopens</b>
24th	Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum

