



Key dates

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd September 26

School open

Wednesday 9th September 26

Reception Phonics Parent Workshop

Wednesday 23rd September 26

Y5 Swimming Starts

Wednesday 23rd September 26

Nursery - Toileting Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 30th September 26

Reception - Fine Motor & Handwriting Workshop

Friday 2nd October 26

Non-uniform day – Full Bottle donations

Monday 5th October 26

Parents Evening

Friday 9th October 26

Non-uniform day – Tombola donations

Tuesday 13th October 26

Flu Immunisations (Rec-Y6)

Friday 16th October 26

Celebration Assembly & Non-uniform day –
Chocolate donations

Thursday 22nd October 26

Treat Day

Friday 23rd October 26

Last day of term & Firework display

Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations assembly themes:

- Jigsaw - Being me in my World
(All of the British Values)
- Zero waste week
- Dougie Mac launch assembly
- National Fitness Day
- The Ripple Effect of Kindness -
Mutual Respect, Individual
Liberty
- Harvest
- World Mental Health Day
- Celebration assembly
- Firework safety and Mill Hill's
Firework Extravaganza



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Senior Leadership

Message from the Head of Academy:



Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another fantastic academic year. As I write to you in my new role as Principal of Mill Hill, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to lead such a wonderful school, and I look forward to building on its many strengths with our children, families and staff. This has been another successful year, and I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved. Their academic progress, personal growth and enthusiasm for learning have been complemented by a wide range of enriching experiences that have built confidence, developed new skills and created lasting memories. Thank you to our amazing pupils for their hard work and positivity, to our parents and carers for your valued partnership, and to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to ensuring every child thrives. I wish you all a happy, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September. If you need anything over the summer, please feel free to contact me via ClassDojo. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Message from the Assistant Principal:



What a fantastic way to finish the year with our Colour Run! It was the perfect final treat, and both the children and staff absolutely loved every colourful, laughter-filled minute. Seeing everyone having so much fun together made it truly memorable. It was such a well-deserved treat for all of our amazing children, who have worked so hard and achieved so much this year. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them. I hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break filled with fun, rest, and special family moments. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting year ahead.

Have a fantastic summer!

Message from the Assistant Principal:



Please see the attendance and behaviour page for a message from Mrs Salih.

Tea & Tots

Thank You for an amazing final term!

A huge thank you to all our amazing parents, grandparents, and carers for your continued support throughout this academic year. Your time, kindness, and enthusiasm are what make Tea & Tots such a warm, welcoming, and special community for everyone.

Wishing you all a safe, joyful and relaxing summer break.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 8th September** ready to begin another wonderful year-filled with play, laughter, and new friendships ♡ 'Happy Holidays to Everyone!' from Mrs Hussain & Mrs Donnelly x



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up....

Rising 3's



This term, our topic has been '*Under the Sea*', and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this exciting theme through a range of fun, hands-on activities.

We have been learning about what lives beneath the ocean, using our tuff tray filled with sea creatures and fishing rods to encourage imaginative play and exploration.

Our carpet area was transformed into a pirate adventure! With pirate ships and characters, the children took turns searching for treasure, developing their social skills, cooperation, and creativity. In the writing area, under-the-sea colouring and pencil control activities supported the children's fine motor development and early writing skills.

We also enjoyed sharing a range of stories, including *Sharing a Shell*, *Shark in the Park*, and *Oi Frog!*, where we explored rhyming words. Our focus story, "*The Rainbow Fish*," helped us reflect on important values such as friendship, sharing, and taking turns. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about how their actions can affect others.

We have also been singing songs such as *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* and learning number rhymes, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We are incredibly proud of all the children and their fantastic engagement and progress this term. It has been a wonderful way to end the year! Wishing you all a lovely, safe and relaxing Summer break.

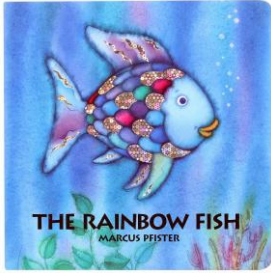


Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Rising 3's



To complete our learning, the children worked collaboratively to create a beautiful *Rainbow Fish* collage. They used colourful tissue paper and gummed circles to make scales, adding shiny foil pieces for a special finishing touch.



The children also enjoyed exploring a bubble painting, using paint and bubble wrap to create a colourful Rainbow Fish.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Nursery



This half term has been really bittersweet as we come to the end of a fantastic year together. We have absolutely loved spending time with your children and watching them grow in confidence, independence and curiosity.

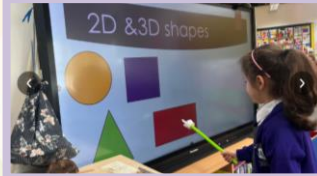
We are so proud of all the progress the children have made, whether that has been making new friends, trying new activities, developing their language, becoming more independent, or simply coming into nursery each day with a smile. It has been a joy to see their personalities shine and to be part of their learning journey.

We have had so much fun this year, sharing stories, singing songs, exploring, creating, playing and making lots of special memories together. We really hope the children have enjoyed their time with us as much as we have enjoyed our time with them.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. It has been a privilege to care for and teach your wonderful children, and we wish them every happiness as they move on to their next adventure.

With love and best wishes,

Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Lindop, Mrs Perry, Mrs Hussain, Mrs Moreton and Miss Frost



Maths

The children have been busy developing their understanding of numbers and shapes.

We have explored number composition, looking closely at how numbers can be made in different ways and using practical resources to support our learning.

The children have also been practising recognising and ordering numbers to 5, as well as thinking carefully about which number comes before and after a given number. They have enjoyed joining in with counting games, songs and activities to help strengthen their number confidence.

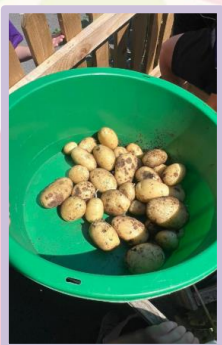
We have also explored 2D and 3D shapes, learning to recognise, name and describe them. The children have had lots of fun spotting shapes in the environment, building with different shapes and talking about their properties. We are so proud of how much their mathematical confidence has grown.

Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Our Garden

Our garden has truly flourished this half term, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed helping us to look after it. They have shown such care and enthusiasm as they watered the plants, watched them grow, and noticed the changes happening each week. It has been wonderful to see their excitement as our hard work began to produce radishes, carrots, strawberries and potatoes.

The children have also really enjoyed tasting some of the produce we have grown. This has been a lovely opportunity for them to talk about healthy foods, where food comes from, and the importance of caring for living things. We are so proud of how curious, responsible and hands-on they have been in the garden.



Transition

The children had a very successful transition into Reception this half term. It was wonderful to see them embrace their new environment with such confidence, enthusiasm and independence. They settled in brilliantly, explored their new classrooms, met their new teachers and took part in the activities with big smiles and positive attitudes.

We were incredibly proud of how mature and resilient they were throughout the transition process. It has been lovely to see just how much they have grown during their time in Nursery, and we know they are more than ready for this exciting next step. We have every confidence that they will continue to thrive in Reception.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

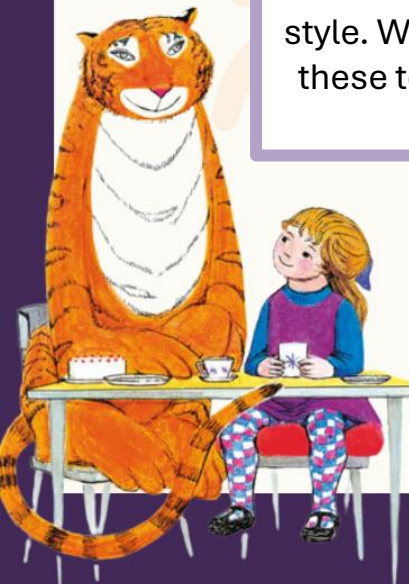
Reception



The children in Reception have enjoyed finishing off their topic all about animals and their habitats. We have done lots of exciting activities and learning about animals that live in the ocean, woodland animals and animals that live in the grasslands. The children have taken part in lots of art activities where they have used their cutting skills to create their own pictures and different materials to colour and draw. We have had the pleasure of welcoming back Miss Carolyn where we learned all about hedgehogs and the woodland habitat. Then, they used clay to create their very own hedgehog with spaghetti spikes!



In Art we have focused on the artist Steven Brown. The children have identified the different pieces of work that he created and recognised his style. We looked through different art work that he had created, then used these to inspire the children to create their own. They used oil pastels to colour in their chosen animals and they looked amazing.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

In maths this half term we have been looking at the visualise, map and build unit. The children used their knowledge of positional language to talk about where objects are. We used language such as behind, on top, next to, in between and under. The children were very good at describing where items were in relation to others. We then used this to create pictures following instructions and using the mathematical language. In Literacy, we have continued with our Little Wandle scheme, improving our reading skills during our guided reading groups. The children impress us everyday with their writing skills – using their phonics to sound out words and create their sentences.



Outside fun!

We have been very lucky with the weather this half term and the children have really enjoyed our outdoor learning area. The children have been engaged in lots of physical activities from riding balance bikes, to climbing on equipment and practising ball skills. Our Sports day was a great success with lots of children running and bouncing their way to the finish line! We have had focus on fine motor skills too within our water play where they have been using lots of different containers to scoop and pour water. Lastly we have enjoyed eating lots of yummy things that have been grown in our garden from peas and strawberries to rainbow carrots.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 1



Year 1 were delighted to welcome visitors from the Hallé Orchestra for a wonderful music workshop. We learned all about the French horn, discovering how it works and the different sounds it can make. The children impressed everyone with their thoughtful questions and enthusiasm for learning more about the instrument.

During the session, we explored a variety of musical instruments and experimented with how music can be used to express different feelings and emotions. Using our new knowledge, we worked together to create our own piece of music to accompany a scene from *Tom and Jerry*.

It was a fantastic opportunity to develop our musical skills, creativity and teamwork. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were inspired by the power of music!

This term, Year 1 have been learning all about the beach. To bring our learning to life, we enjoyed an exciting trip to the seaside! During our visit, we became beach explorers, collecting interesting natural treasures such as seashells, seaweed and sand to take back to school for further investigation. We had a wonderful time exploring the sandy beach and rocky areas, discovering lots of fascinating things along the way. We also worked together brilliantly to build impressive sandcastles and enjoyed a lovely picnic by the sea. As a special treat, everyone had a delicious ice cream! To make the day even better, the weather was fantastic, allowing us to make the most of our seaside adventure. It was a memorable day filled with learning, teamwork and fun!



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 1



This term, Year 1 enjoyed taking part in our annual Sports Day. In the weeks leading up to the event, the children practised a variety of activities, including sprint races, javelin, space hopping and the beanbag race. They worked hard during each practice session and showed great determination to improve their skills. On the day, the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see everyone cheering for their friends and celebrating each other's achievements. We had a fantastic time taking part in all the events and loved watching the races. One of the highlights of the day was seeing some of our family members join in the fun too! Well done, Year 1, for your enthusiasm, effort and positive attitude throughout a brilliant Sports Day!



As part of our seaside topic, Year 1 created their own seaside collages in Design and Technology. We explored different beach colours, shapes and textures before designing our artwork. The children used their cutting and joining skills to carefully select and arrange materials, such as wool for seaweed and felt for sand, to bring their seaside scenes to life. The children showed great creativity and thoroughly enjoyed making their collages. We are very proud of the fantastic finished pieces!



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 2



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London this term. As part of our history topic, the children explored what life was like in 1666 and discovered how the fire started, spread, and changed London forever. We were fortunate to take part in a fantastic Great Fire of London workshop, where the children immersed themselves in a range of exciting hands-on activities. They worked together to create structures using wattle and daub, helping them understand how houses were built during the Stuart period. The children also tackled a design challenge, creating a waterproof structure for Thomas Farriner's bakery, learning about the importance of building materials and fire safety.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...



To further enrich our learning, we welcomed visitors from Sandford Fire Station. The children were fascinated to learn about the important role firefighters play in keeping our community safe. They explored the fire engine, discovered how different pieces of equipment are used, and even had the opportunity to sit inside the fire truck for a photograph!



This half term, we have been learning and developing our cricket skills with Mr Bailey. The children have enjoyed practising batting, bowling and fielding techniques, while also learning the importance of teamwork, communication and good sportsmanship. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and skills improve each week.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 3



In the last half term in year 3 we have been getting ready for our move up to year 4 in September. We did a Geography topic on Bees, we had a fathers and special people workshop, in art we did self portraits, we had Matt in to teach us cricket, sports day and transition days.

In our Geography lessons, we have been learning all about bees. The children really enjoyed this topic and were excited to learn about how they make honey, how they keep us alive and where they live. We even made our own bee hotels and bees out of pegs.



We invited fathers and special people to us in for a workshop, it was fantastic to see all the wonderful people we have in our lives to help and support us to grow.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

We have been lucky enough to have Mr Bailey to come in and teach the children cricket. He has shown them how to catch and throw properly, to hold a cricket bat and to field effectively so that they could get the person who was batting out swiftly. The children have really enjoyed learning about cricket and we have some budding cricket players in year



We finally managed to have the lower key stage 2 sports day after the first one was rained off. It was lovely to see all the families who came to watch the children and to cheer them on.



The children had a fantastic day in their new Year 4 classes and were excited to learn all about their new class teachers and how much fun they would have.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 4



As we come to the end of Summer 2, we can't quite believe it's already time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 4 classes.

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children this year. They have worked incredibly hard, grown in confidence, and filled our classroom with kindness, laughter, and enthusiasm. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and know they are ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

This half term, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting Roman Workshop. The children stepped back in time to explore Roman artefacts, learn about life as a Roman soldier, take part in archaeological digs, play Roman games, and even try on Roman clothing and armour. A huge well done to all of the children for the incredible effort they put into their fantastic Roman costumes—they looked amazing and helped make the day even more memorable!



We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children for the fantastic effort they put into this year's Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, showing determination and resilience. To celebrate their success and all of their hard work, the children enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Tunstall Park, followed by ice cream. It was a wonderful way to recognise their achievements and celebrate together.

Well done, Year 4!

Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

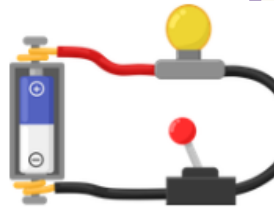
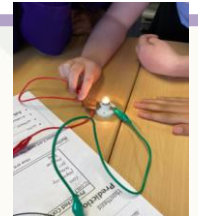


Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting the Halle Orchestra to experience *World Cup Fever*! The children thoroughly enjoyed this incredible live music performance, celebrating cultures and music from around the world.

It was a memorable experience, and we were so proud of the children's enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and appreciation for the music.

This term, the children have loved learning about electricity in Science. They enjoyed building circuits and carrying out experiments to investigate which materials were conductors and which were insulators.

We were very proud of their curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout their learning.



We loved welcoming families to our Father's Day Workshop. The children enjoyed spending special time with their loved ones, taking part in creative activities and making wonderful memories together. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special.

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support throughout this year. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children and watching them grow, develop, and achieve so much during their time in Year 4.

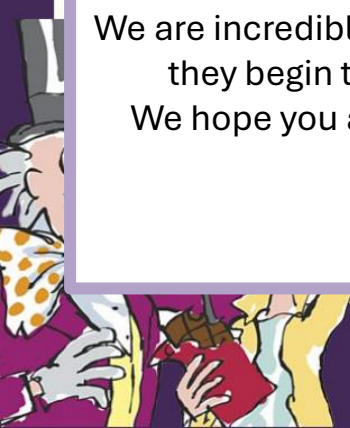
We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they begin their Year 5 journey. We know they will continue to make you proud.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and enjoy making lots of special memories together.

From,

Mr Paxton, Miss McCue, Mrs Khalid and Mrs Hughes

Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...



Year 5



Year 5 Sports Day

Year 5 had a fantastic Sports Day, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout every event. Everyone tried their best, cheered each other on and had lots of fun. Well done to all the children for making it such a memorable day!



Year 5 Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, Year 5 enjoyed making their own tortillas, fresh salsa and guacamole. The children practised their chopping and food preparation skills safely before tasting their delicious creations. It was wonderful to see everyone trying new flavours and working together with enthusiasm.

Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...



Year 5 Visit to the Hallé Orchestra

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Hallé Orchestra at Victoria Hall. The children enjoyed listening to a range of live music performed by talented musicians and learned more about the different instruments in the orchestra. It was an inspiring experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 5 Writing

In Writing, Year 5 researched California and used their findings to write their own persuasive texts. The children worked hard to include persuasive language, factual information and powerful vocabulary to encourage others to visit this fascinating destination.



Year 5 PE

In PE, Year 5 developed their striking and fielding skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. The children practised batting, throwing, catching and teamwork, showing excellent determination and improving their confidence throughout the unit.

Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Year 6



We're coming to the end of the school year and it will be the last for this amazing group of young people. It's been such a busy last term and we hope that the children have had an exciting time and made lots of memories before they leave us to go to their High Schools!



We had a brilliant time at Drayton Manor and although we split into different groups, most of the children went on all of the rides! It was a lovely reward for all of their hard work!



The children also ran stalls to help raise money for our Y6 fund at our Enterprise Day. The children did an amazing job raising £1000 to pay towards things like their prom and Drayton Manor.



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...



The children worked tirelessly in their efforts towards our end of year production 'I'm an 11 year old, get me out of here!' too! We performed it in the last week and everyone did themselves proud!

Half of our cohort had an incredible time at Stanley Head. Despite the heat, the children threw themselves into every activity and were a credit to Mill Hill!



Meanwhile, the children that stayed behind took part in an audio trail in Burslem and had an author visit at Haywood.



Towards the end of the term, we had Sports Day...

...and PROM!



In the last week, the children prepared to leave us, rehearsed their leavers assembly songs and had a water fight to cool down during the heat wave!



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Behaviour & Attendance

Well
done!

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to say **wow – what an amazing year it has been!**

Throughout the year, the children have enjoyed so many exciting treats and experiences, including our Glow in the Dark event, Party Roo, inflatable fun, park visits, and so much more. These special events have created wonderful memories and lots of smiles along the way.

We are incredibly proud of each and every child. Their hard work, positive attitudes, and excellent behaviour have shone through every day. They continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination, and they truly deserve the rewards and celebrations they have enjoyed throughout the year.

To top it all off, we finished the term with an amazing Colour Run! It was a fantastic way to celebrate all that the children have achieved and to end the school year with laughter, fun, and plenty of colour. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead!

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all of our parents and carers for your continued support with attendance throughout this school year. Working together to ensure children attend school regularly makes a huge difference to their learning, confidence, and overall success.

We are delighted to finish the year with an overall attendance figure of **94.5%**, which means we are proudly in line with the national average. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our families and the determination of our children to be in school every day, ready to learn.

Throughout the year, we have celebrated great attendance each half term with a range of rewards, including class celebrations, special breakfasts, and afternoon teas. It has been wonderful to recognise and reward the children's efforts, and we look forward to continuing these celebrations next year.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as we work together to make next year an even bigger success!



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...

Curriculum




Nursery	Here's where my story begins – All About Me Class Text – Monkey Puzzle
Reception	Planes, Trains and Automobiles Class Text – The Naughty Bus
Year 1	Geography – Where in the World do I live? Science – What are the seasons?
Year 2	History – How has technology changed over the last 60 years? Science – How do we know something is alive?
Year 3	Art – How can where you live impact you as an artist? History – How did daily life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?
Year 4	Art – What can pottery tell us about the past? Science – States of matter - Can materials change shape?
Year 5	Geography – What are the features of my local river? Science – How does the Earth fit into our Solar System?
Year 6	History – How has crime and punishment changed over time in Britain? Geography – How can our school reduce its plastic waste?



Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up...