**Next Week:**

**Monday**

Guitar and Ukulele lessons

Swimming

After school: choir and football for key stage 1

**Tuesday**

After School: Multi-skills for Key Stage 1

**Wednesday**

Brass Lessons

EYFS and KS1 allergy info session

2.00pm and 5.30pm Open Day

After School: Rugby

**Thursday**

After School: Football for Key Stage 2

Year 5/6 cross country event

**Friday**

School Photograph Day

Flu vaccination

After School: Netball

What’s Happening In school



This What an eventful week! The fire service was called to school on Thursday morning. Fortunately, it turned out to be a false alarm. The breakfast club children did an amazing job at waiting on the car park until the building was checked. They even posed for a picture with the fire engine! Mrs Heywood celebrated a special birthday on Wednesday and on Thursday, we gathered together in church for our annual Harvest service. We gave thanks for the food that we have and the wonderful world that we get to enjoy. We took our harvest donations to church ready to be distributed to local foodbacnks.

**Worship**



This week, our theme was harvest, with a particular focus on gratitude. We gave thanks to God for the creation of our wonderful world, that provides us with the things we need to live; learning about Creationtide. We also spent time thinking about the people who provide our food – the farmer. The fishermen, factory workers, delivery drivers and shopworkers - who all work together so that we can have the food that we need.

Finally, we talked about generosity and compassion – sharing what we have with others through simple acts of kindness – which many of us demonstrated as part of our harvest celebrations.



**Oscar R., Fraser, Stevie, Hugo, Ethan, Chester, Clara, Iris is T. and Marnie**

**Maddie** received an award for Under 11’s Fielder of the Year from Milnrow Cricket Club, **Renaiya** came 2nd in the year 4 Pennine cross country event and **Noah P**., was awarded Cub of the week.

Well done to you all for living up to our school values.

**Lost Property**



The lost property box is increasing in items. They must belong to somebody!

Please call into the office if your child is missing some clothing.

**Applying for a Secondary School Place**



Applications are now open for the parents of year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place. Applications need to be made online via your council’s website.

Families who live in Oldham, must use Oldham council’s application form, even if you are applying for Rochdale schools.

Please put as many schools in order of preference as you can on the form. If you only put one or two and the application is unsuccessful, your child will be sent to the school with the nearest available space after all other applications have been considered.

**The closing date for all secondary applications is the 31st October 2025.**

Applications received after this date, will be considered late and they will be processed after all of those received on time have been allocated places.

We advise all of our parents to visit as many schools as they can in order to make an informed choice.

**Applying for a Primary School Place**



The application process is now open for parents of a child needing a primary school place in September 2026. The closing date is the 15th January 2026.

We will be holding our open days on: **Wednesday 15th October at 2.00pm and 5.30pm and Thursday 6th November at 5.30pm**.

In addition, private tours can be arranged during the school day by contacted the school office on 01706 847093.

**Manchester Shine Walk 2025**



On Friday 10th October, 7 staff are taking part in Cancer Research’s Shine Walk. This is a 10km walk at night through the city of Manchester to raise funds for Cancer Research.

Many of us at school have been affected by cancer and we want to do our little bit to support a much-needed charity.

Mrs Robinson, Ms Lockley, Mrs Turner, Mrs Stewardson, Mrs O’Toole, Mrs Thewlis and Mrs Williams will be putting their best foot forward and lighting up the streets of Manchester in memory of too many dearly missed family and friends; to celebrate those that are with us to tell the tale of their cancer survival and to support those that we know who are fighting every day to get through their battle with cancer. If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link below.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-thomas-newhey>

**Times Table Rockstars**



Times table Rockstars is a great way to develop confidence and speed in recalling times table facts. Please help us to help your children learn their tables.

**Hope, Hugo** and **Jack J**. top the table for the most effort in school. Whilst **Brendan F., Scarlett H.** and **Maddie** are the quickest across the school. **There are no certificates this week.**

**St Thomas’ is in 25th place out of the local schools. Last year we were 12th.** Let’s see if we can move up the table!

Year 4 children have to take a times table test in June. They have 6 seconds to answer 25 times table questions.

**School Photographs**



All children will have their photograph taken on Friday. Each child will have an individual photograph and a photograph taken with siblings. The photographer will take photographs of pre-school children with their siblings before the start of the school day from 8.30am.