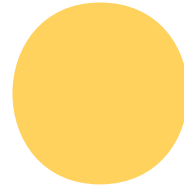


GATEWAY GOSSIP NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026



Dates

Monday 5th October

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 6th October

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 8th October

9.30-10.30am SEND & Family
support parent drop-in

Tuesday 13th October

Reception and Nursery Open
Evening. 4pm-5pm

Friday 16th October

Halloween dressing up day
Parent/Carer Halloween crafts
session 9-10:30am.
School closes for half term at
3:15pm on 16th October.

Message from Miss Makinson

Hi Everyone,

It has been another busy couple week at school, full of discovery, hands-on learning and community connection.

Our Clore Duffield learning trips are now officially underway! The children had an incredible time kickstarting these adventures from visits to White Scar Cave and Cuerden Valley River. Exploring the underground subterranean world and getting hands-on with river habitats brought our curriculum to life in such an exciting way. It was brilliant to see our pupils so engaged, inquisitive and eager to learn beyond the classroom walls. A small group of our Year 6 pupils represented the school at the Stanley Park Centenary event, they truly made us proud with their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour.

A quick reminder that our Parents' Evening takes place next Monday and Tuesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and see how well they have settled into the new academic term. If you haven't yet booked your slot, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible.

Finally, looking ahead, we are really looking forward to our Parents' Craft Session at the end of this half term. It is always a joyful occasion to welcome parents and carers into school to get creative alongside the children and we can't wait to share that experience with you soon. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a restful weekend!
Miss Makinson

Our Spotlight

Year 1

What a busy and brilliant start to the term Year 1 has had! Our young writers have been diving into English by brainstorming descriptive adjectives for The Gruffalo—made all the more magical by a special assembly with Julia Donaldson herself, who treated us to a reading of her new book, Gruffalo Granny. In Maths, the children have been flexible thinkers while investigating numbers up to 10, building a strong foundation for the year ahead. Our Scientists put their senses to the test by tasting an array of sweet, savoury and sour treats while exploring human body parts, whilst in History, they stepped back in time to learn how two incredible women, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, changed hospitals forever. To top it all off, PE has been full of energy as everyone has been busy mastering the art of skipping. Alongside all these adventures, our pupils have been working hard every single day in their Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics sessions, building crucial blending, decoding and writing skills. A friendly reminder to all families: daily reading at home makes an extraordinary difference! Spending just a few minutes each day sharing a book or listening to your child practise their RWI storybooks rapidly builds their reading confidence, vocabulary and love for stories. We are so proud of how hard Year 1 has worked and cannot wait to see what they accomplish next!



Trips

Wednesday 7th
October

Reception trip to
Ridgeway Farm

Wednesday 14th
October

Year 1 trip to
Knowsley Safari
Park

Friday 9th October

Year 2 trip to
Rochdale Fireground
Museum

Tuesday 13th October

Year 6 trip to
Manchester Museum
and the Science and
Industry Museum

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 7th October

9am Year 1 Harvest
assembly

Friday 9th October

Year 5 Egypt
assembly 2:15-3pm

Monday 12th October

Parent Forum 9am-10am
about Oracy led by Miss
Johnson and Miss Caunt

Wednesday 14th October

Year 2 assembly 9am

Have a lovely weekend



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Join our Nursery



If your little one has already turned three they could be eligible to join us. We are currently enrolling 3 and 4-year-olds into our nurturing, inclusive environment.

We focus on learning through discovery and creative play, ensuring every child has the space to thrive.

Spaces available.

Call our office on 01253 402936 to book your visit.



Open Evening

Come and visit Nursery

and Reception on

Tuesday 13th October

2026 between

4pm-5pm.



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