



# Newsletter Friday 14th February 2025

Frieze Panel 2  
People of God

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will cause bread to fall down from the sky for you like rain. Each day, the people must go out and pick up enough bread for that day. In this way I will test them. I will discover whether they will obey my rules. 5 On the sixth day, they must pick up and prepare twice as much bread.'

Dear Parents and carers,

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive half term, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a very happy and restful half term break. I sincerely hope you have some fun and exciting plans in store, whatever they may be, and that you enjoy some precious quality time with your children. These breaks are so important for recharging our batteries and coming back refreshed and ready for the challenges of the next half term.

## A Warm Welcome Back to Mrs. Hollas!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Mrs. Hollas will be returning to school after the half term break. We know the children, and indeed the whole school community, will be thrilled to have her back with us. She will not be returning to her class duties immediately and Miss McEnnerney will continue to teach Year 1.

## A Temporary Farewell to Miss Watson!

Miss Watson leaves us today to go on maternity leave. Her baby is due very soon and Miss Watson has done amazingly well to be in school for as long as she has. Indeed, we were beginning to wonder if we all might need to gain some midwife experience - just in case!!

## Valentine's Disco: A Resounding Success!

I'm sure many of your children have already recounted the excitement of the Valentine's Disco, but I wanted to share my own enthusiasm and say a huge thank you to everyone who made it such a resounding success. It was lovely to see so many children (and quite a few adults!) letting their hair down and having a great time. Events like these are so important for building our school community spirit. And, on top of all the fun, we also managed to raise an incredible sum of money. The exact amount will be available soon. This money will go directly towards funding resources and experiences for all our children.

## Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

- **Monday, February 24th:** School reopens after the half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready to learn.

We are already looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, February 24th, refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities and activities planned.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are always happy to help.

Wishing you all a truly wonderful and relaxing half term break!

Kind regards

Mrs M Underwood



### This weeks Medal Winners are:

Britney	-	Reception	- for amazing handwriting in phonics
Gustas	-	Year 2	- for super sewing
Alice	-	Year 3	- for incredible division
Inaya	-	Year 3	- for incredible division
Noah	-	Year 3	- for incredible division
Wilfred	-	Year 3	- for incredible division
Sia	-	Year 3	- for incredible division
Harvey	-	Year 4	- for perfect predictions
Hassan	-	Year 4	- for magnificent multiplication
Ollie	-	Year 4	- for marvellous maths vocabulary
Emanuel	-	Year 5	- for victorious vocabulary
Evie	-	Year 6	- for cracking coordinates
Joseph	-	Year 6	- for cracking coordinates

**School finishes at 3:30pm today for February half term, and classes resume on Monday, February 24th at 8:45am.**

### Meeting of Friends

Our next Friends meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March at 3.30-4.30pm in the hall. We would love for any parents/carers to come along and help us plan for our next Easter event.

Children are very welcome to come and play whilst we meet.

### Mini Marsdens

Starting Tuesday, February 25th, a Mini Marsden baby and toddler group will meet every Tuesday morning from 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM in the school hall. Staff will be available, and tea and coffee will be provided. All parents and toddlers are welcome, regardless of whether their child attends the school.

**Don't forget to order your meal options on Parentpay before Monday 24th February.**



### Dates for your Diary

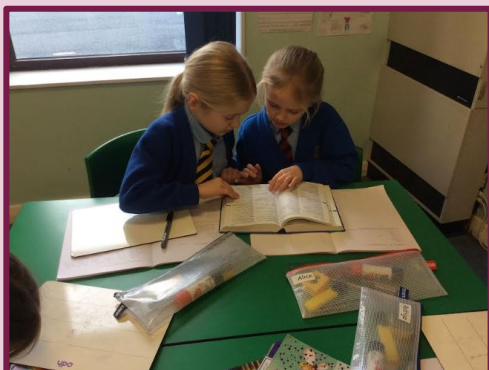
24th February	Y6	SATs information Evening
24th February	PARENTS	Eat well Play well (runs for 6 weeks)
3rd March	Y6	Robinwood Information Evening
4th March	PARENTS	Friends Meeting
6th March	Y4/Y5	Joseph at the Opera House
13th March	Y2	Thornton Hall Farm
13th March	KS2	Careers Day
14th March	CHOIR	Winter Gardens
19th March	Y4	Viking Visit
20th March	Rec	Little Lancashire Village
26th March	Y4	Towneley River Visit
26th March	ALL SCHOOL	GMSJ Book Day
26th March	ALL SCHOOL	Parents Evening
26 Mar- 2 Apr	ALL SCHOOL	Book Fair
19-21st May	Y6	Robinwood



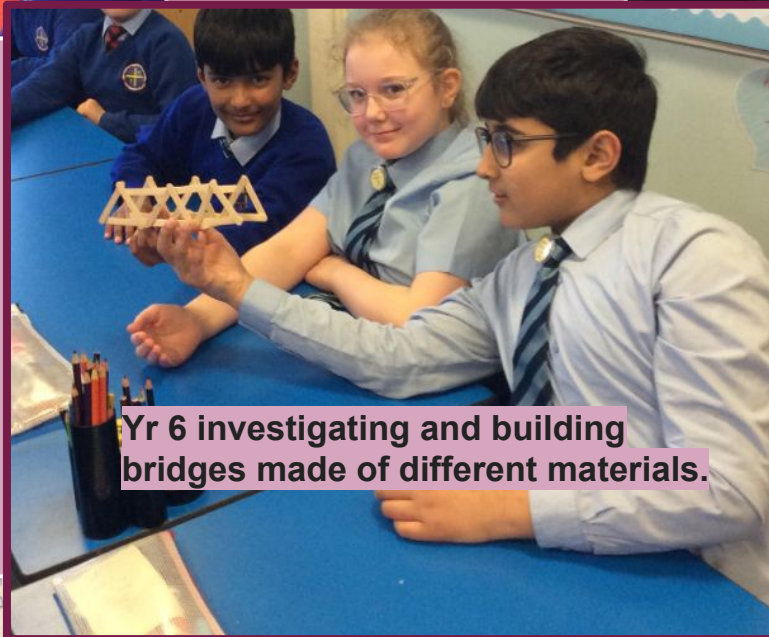
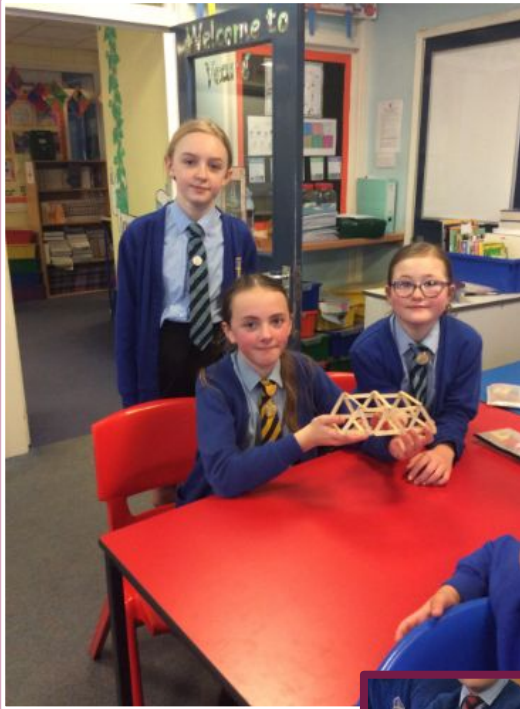
**Year 4 have been busy constructing their castles in DT this week. They made their own castle turret from a net and then built the curtain walls from the junk they have collected. Next week we will be adding a facade to cover the packaging.**



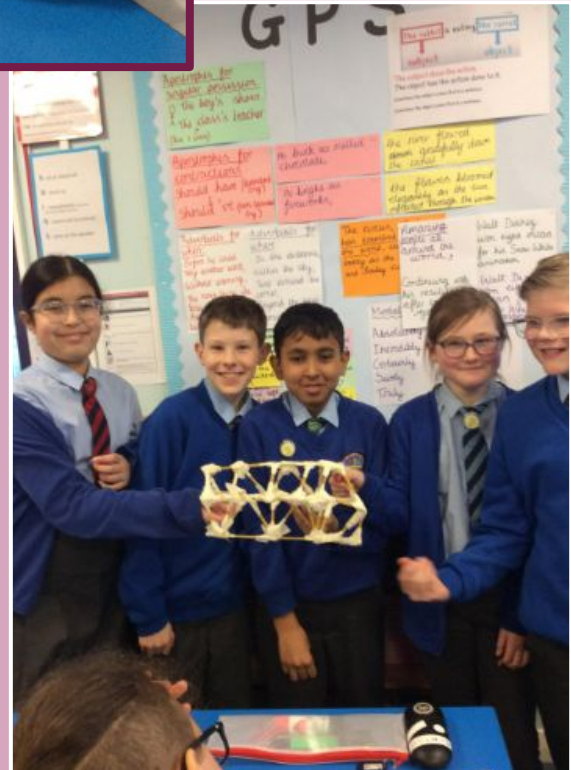
**In Year 3 last week, spelling groups had fun playing a game of 'Dictionary Race'.**







Yr 6 investigating and building bridges made of different materials.





# Mini

Baby & Toddler  
**GROUP**



# Marsdens



A new baby and toddler group every Tuesday in the main hall of GMSJ from 8:45 – 10am. First session Tues 25<sup>th</sup> February  
(Term-time only)

Come and have a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat.



Please note, this is not a drop off session – adults must stay.

For further info contact school on 01282 615055.

All welcome, you do not need to already have a child attending GMSJ, so let everyone know.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS & DATING APPS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Dating apps can be used to help people find new relationships – whether casual or more long-term – that they are based on age, interests, gender and more. Some more sensitive dating apps were designed to cater for people who may not be able to use others, but effective age verification measures can be in place, and it's been known for young people to end up on apps of this type.

## EASE OF ACCESS

It's incredibly simple to create an account on most dating apps and they're incredibly easy to use. This makes it easy for young people to access them. The ease of access is one of the reasons why dating apps are so popular. It's also one of the reasons why they're so effective. It's also one of the reasons why they're so easy to use. It's also one of the reasons why they're so easy to use.

## CONTACT AND CONDUCT RISKS

Some young people may find they've formed a relationship with someone through a dating app, but the person can be a stranger. This can lead to contact and conduct risks. It's important to be aware of these risks and to take steps to protect yourself. It's also important to be aware of the risks of contact and conduct.

## SCAMS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Some young people may find they've formed a relationship with someone through a dating app, but the person can be a scammer. This can lead to financial loss and sexual exploitation. It's important to be aware of these risks and to take steps to protect yourself. It's also important to be aware of the risks of scams and sexual exploitation.

## UNVERIFIED ACCOUNTS

Some young people may find they've formed a relationship with someone through a dating app, but the person can be a scammer. This can lead to financial loss and sexual exploitation. It's important to be aware of these risks and to take steps to protect yourself. It's also important to be aware of the risks of unverified accounts.

## PEER PRESSURE

Some young people may find they've formed a relationship with someone through a dating app, but the person can be a scammer. This can lead to financial loss and sexual exploitation. It's important to be aware of these risks and to take steps to protect yourself. It's also important to be aware of the risks of peer pressure.

## SKEMED PERSPECTIVES

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## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT DATING APPS

It's important to talk to young people about dating apps. This can help them understand the risks and to take steps to protect themselves. It's also important to be aware of the risks of dating apps.

### ENCOURAGE DATA PROTECTION

It's important to encourage young people to protect their personal information. This can help them understand the risks and to take steps to protect themselves. It's also important to be aware of the risks of data protection.

### VERIFICATION STAMPS

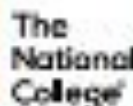
It's important to encourage young people to use verification stamps. This can help them understand the risks and to take steps to protect themselves. It's also important to be aware of the risks of verification stamps.

### REPORT AND BLOCK

It's important to encourage young people to report and block suspicious accounts. This can help them understand the risks and to take steps to protect themselves. It's also important to be aware of the risks of reporting and blocking.

### Meet Our Expert

Meet our expert, who will help you understand the risks of dating apps and how to protect yourself. It's important to be aware of the risks of dating apps.







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Dear Madam/Sir,

Oak House Dental Education Centre is currently offering courses of NHS dental treatment for people living in and around the Accrington area, to try and help meet the overloaded dental health needs of our local community.

Clinics are held on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays each week during term time. The clinics are operated by student Dentists and Therapists under the supervision of fully qualified clinicians.

The students can carry out a full NHS examination and can provide any treatment required or make appropriate arrangements for referral to specialist dental services where necessary.

If you do not have a regular dental practice and wish to take advantage of this service, we will be happy to help. Please ring the above number and book your appointment with us to assess and discuss your suitability.

Please note that there is no registration with dental practice, and we will not be able to provide long term routine care. This is an offer of a single course of routine dental treatment. You should still seek to find a regular dentist. [How to find an NHS dentist - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you have a dental emergency and you do not have a regular dentist, please ring 0300 1234 010. Please do not ring the number on this letter for dental emergencies.

Kind regards

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