



**Dear Parents and Carers...  
Have a lovely weekend!  
From us all at UPS**

### **If the name's not down...**

Just a little reminder that if someone comes to pick up and they aren't on our list, I'm afraid we won't be letting the children go until we've confirmed by call, which means a bit of a wait. Please understand we don't do this to be a pain, but to guarantee the safety of the children. Many thanks for that understanding!

### ***Dates...further details will follow...***

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Diwali*

*WB Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week/World Kindness Day*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children In Need*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 9.15 - Sleep Talk with Sleep Therapy Services*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Own clothes and tombola donation (chocolates or bottle!)*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: PTA Xmas Fair...volunteers please!*



### **AUTHOR VISITS**

It was wonderful to welcome in Sean Perkins, author of the Oscar and Ben series of books, and Marie Basting, author of Auntie Medusa, this week to talk about their careers as authors and about the writing process. Great stuff to get our children motivated to write themselves! Thank you both for such engaging talks!

### **PTA info!**

#### **Halloween Costume Sale**

This Monday, from 3.30pm, in the infant's playground, the PTA will be selling pre-loved Halloween costumes for ages 6-11. Please come along to browse all our costumes. All money raised will be going to the PTA fundraising efforts for this year.

#### **PTA Donations**

If you would like to set up a monthly donation or make a one-off donation to the pupil experiences paid for by the PTA, you can do that by scanning the QR code below. All donations, large or small, go directly to help every single student at UPS to enhance their education and learning experiences. Every contribution helps your child to get the education they deserve.



#### **Christmas Fair**

Save the date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

#### **Easyfundraising**

A reminder that joining easyfundraising.org really is money for nothing for our PTA. Join today and raise free donations when you shop with over 8,000 retailers including Sainsbury's, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more who are ready to donate.

All you have to do is sign up at the following link:

<http://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/urmstonprimary/60aqa2/s2s/FGzwYxpq/SE876/whatsapp>

So please do consider it. It is such an easy way to raise money for your child's school.

#### **Asda**

A final reminder that if you shop in Asda, you could make **FREE** money for our school by simply selecting UPS as the recipient of your shop. It is simple, it's quick and at no cost to you. There are only a couple of months to go so sign up at the following link:

<http://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

**SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD!**

**We all wore red today in taking a continued stand against racism and to show our will to be anti-racist.  
Thank you for our support with this most important of movements.**



### 500 word story!

The 500 Words is open for entries, it's time to get writing! Submit your stories here before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

We would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

Maybe this would be a great half term activity. You can find further details at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4>

Give it a go and please share with us too!!!

Mrs Hall

## 500 Words 2024 – Live Lesson

Inspire your class to write a story they would love to read with our 500 Words Live Lesson.

More on this

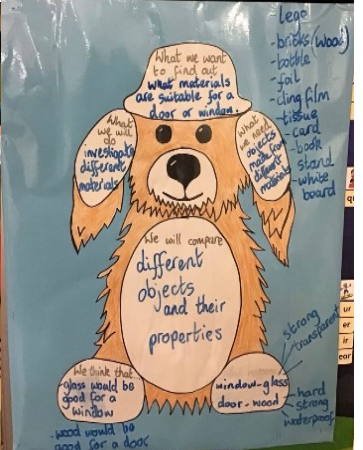
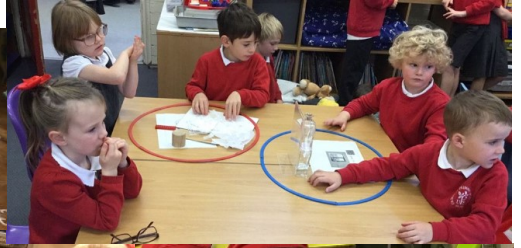
ABOUT 500 WORDS

Submit your stories

# LIVE LESSONS

## CLASSROOM ACTION!

We've been up to a lot this week...! Like...investigating stone age poo (!) to find out about their diet; practising our column subtraction; learning about fair testing and dissolving in science; chopping wood, baking bananas, doing arts, craft, clay and den-building; working together to find number bonds to 20; sharing adjectives about the Great Fire of London; investigating the properties of silly soap...and other materials too; practising art like Richard Long; visiting the residents of Urmston Manor residential home; and much more too!



## BLACK LEGACY MONTH

During Black History Month this year, we would like to celebrate the **LEGACY** of black individuals. This will give our children the opportunity to research the life of a famous black individual who has made a positive impact in society and left a lasting legacy on the rest of us. Please use the opportunity to talk to your children about their year group's chosen individual and, along with us, discuss with your children their thoughts on what it means to be anti-racist and how we can commit to being anti-racist citizens. This is something we'll be doing in school. We'll look to have a forum or meeting of sorts later in the month to discuss how we might do this better, so please watch this space and do come and have a chat if you'd like!

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

...is upon us and we'll be raising awareness here. Please take a look at these links which may well be useful...

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events/download-an-information-and-resources-pack>

<https://youtu.be/ABUkvSR9ar8> (link to webinar—Thank you Jane!)

## Lost books

Please have a good check at home that you haven't got any school books there! They are an expensive resource and we'd appreciate them being returned as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## Guide to What Support is on offer in Trafford

Life is pretty complex at the moment and we all need a bit of help now and again. Take a look at the guide at the link below which offers information on what is out there in Trafford to support you and your children...

<https://www.urmstonprimary.com/parents/resources-for-parents>

For any dads out there who might be finding things a bit tough...

<https://andysmanclub.co.uk/who-we-are>

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION  
AND ADVICE SESSIONS 24 - 25:



## School Attendance Difficulties & Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

Is your child struggling or reluctant to go to school?

Trafford's Educational Psychology Service are hosting a series of advice and information sessions throughout this academic year. Each session will begin with some information about school attendance difficulties and what support can be offered, followed by a chance to ask questions and chat to other parents and carers. Each session will last around 90 minutes.

### Online (via Teams):

1pm, Friday 29th November  
10.30am, Monday 3rd February  
6pm, Thursday 8th May

### Firswood Community Centre:

1pm, Friday 6th December  
6pm, Wednesday 5th March  
10.30am, Thursday 19th June

### Urmston Library:

5.30pm, Tuesday 19th November  
10.30am, Thursday 20th March  
1pm, Monday 23rd June

### Altrincham (TPF):

10.30am, Wednesday 6th November  
1pm, Tuesday 11th March  
6pm, Thursday 19th June

Book your free place today via: <https://forms.gle/dNUkh96KRwwnhdSNA>



Trafford Thrive  
in Education

## Parent/Carer Training Series

All of our trainings are free and take place online.

To book send email to:

[parentsandcarers.training@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:parentsandcarers.training@mft.nhs.uk)

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| 10/10/24<br>4.30-5.30pm  | Supporting your Young Person to Manage Their Wellbeing     |
| 3/12/24<br>3.30-4.30pm   | Supporting your Young Person to Manage Their Anxiety       |
| 3/2/25<br>3.30-4.30pm    | Supporting Young People with Low Mood                      |
| 4/3/25<br>9.30-10.30am   | Supporting Young People's wellbeing around exams           |
| 13/5/25<br>3.30-4.30pm   | Supporting Young People who Self-Harm                      |
| 16/6/2025<br>3.30-4.30pm | Supporting Young People with Emotional Regulation          |
| 15/7/25<br>9.30-10.30am  | Supporting your Young Person with Transitions in Education |

# HALLOWEEN & COSTUME SALE



## WHERE

Infant Playground  
Under the Canopy

**WHEN** From Mon 21 October  
Everyday at 3.30pm  
*Until stock runs out*

**PAY BY CASH  
OR CARD!!**

Non-halloween dress up  
welcome – donations  
being taken up to the sale

**Help us raise funds  
for our school**





## Autism courses for families

- Refreshments provided [tea, coffee, biscuits], please bring your own lunch
- This is open to parent/carers only. Receive a FREE course booklet to take home
- Learn from our experienced facilitators & other

### Understanding sensory needs course

5th December 9.30am-2.30pm

Benchill community centre

Benchill Road

Manchester M22 8EJ

**Booking is essential for this free course**

**more information: click [link](#)**

Email [gmac@nas.org.uk](mailto:gmac@nas.org.uk)

[www.autismgm.org.uk/events](http://www.autismgm.org.uk/events)





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### Understanding and supporting stress and anxiety-related behaviour course

21st Nov 2024 9.30-2.30pm

Bolton Central library

Bolton BL1 1SE

**Booking is essential for this free course**  
**more information: click [link](#)**

Email [gmac@nas.org.uk](mailto:gmac@nas.org.uk)

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