

#Belonging Bulletin Summer 2 2026

Week Ending 12.06.2026

Manchester Childcare Surveys for parents/carers using the links below.

Please find attached two surveys from Manchester Council. They would really appreciate feedback. There are two surveys – one for parents/carers of children aged under 5 and one for those with children aged 5 and over. Parents/carers can complete both surveys if they have children in both age groups. The feedback will support the city's childcare sufficiency assessment, helping us to better understand demand, identify any gaps in provision and inform future planning.

They would also be grateful if Manchester resident staff who are currently using childcare, or have done so within the last three years, could complete the surveys.

Deadline for responses: 8th July 2026

Parents/carers of children aged 0–5

years: <https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/Under5sParentSurvey26-27/>

Parents/carers of children aged 5 years and

above: <https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/Over5sParentSurvey26-27/>

Promoting Strong Attendance:

Attendance for the week beginning 08.06.2026 is 92.08%, which is significantly below statutory absence for a school.

We have seen a decline in attendance this week (and a major decline the week before we broke up for half term), and I want to stress the **significant impact this has on both the school and, most importantly, individual children's learning and progress**. Strong attendance is essential in ensuring children do not miss key teaching, routines, and opportunities to succeed. I absolutely appreciate chicken pox is still prevalent for our community.

I would urge you to **log on to Arbor and check your child's attendance carefully**. If your child's attendance is currently below **96%**, please take time to review the guidance available on our school website and consider what steps can be taken to help and support, to improve this.

There are **27 school days remaining**, which means there is still time to make a real difference. For children currently at **93%, 94% or 95%**, consistent attendance from now on can help them reach the expected standard.

Please be reminded that **attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence**. Any absences without appropriate medical evidence will not be authorised.

We must continue to work in **partnership** to ensure all children attend regularly and make the most of their education.



We also have some children who are persistently absent (falling below 90%) missing out on important aspects of their education. These cases are closely monitored and managed by our Attendance Champion, Sharon Hellier. We do our utmost to support families to improve attendance and ask that you speak to us directly if there are any reasons as to why your child is not attending school regularly. If parents do not engage with this process, fines and court proceedings may follow.

World Cup

With the excitement of the World Cup starting, we are really looking forward to embracing this as a school and sharing in the enthusiasm with the children.

As part of this, we would also like to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community. We know that many of our families represent different nationalities, and we would love for children to have a wider understanding of the teams taking part—especially those that reflect our own school community.

If your family has a connection to a country involved in the World Cup, please **send a Dojo message to Mrs Doyle** with this information. This will allow Mrs Doyle to acknowledge and celebrate this with us all, as well as keep children updated on team progress during our worship times.

Football Friday Facts

Each week, classes will be carrying out Football Friday Facts. This week, Year 2 have been looking at Manchester born players and also those going to the tournament who play for Manchester City and Manchester United. Miss Amos has made slides for all staff to share with the children to generate interest. Next week we are looking at England's group! Of course there is also music to get everyone involved and singing!

Our National Anthem

Having watched the opening match last night with Mexico and South Africa and seeing the passion many young children and adults demonstrated when singing their national anthem, Mr Goodwin and I will be ensuring that the St Wilfrid's children know our national anthem and can sing with pride when England's men do at their first match.

Attendance during the World Cup

We are fortunate that England's matches are not on too late! (late enough though). I have mentioned already about the need for at least 96% attendance the day of and after matches. This is vital!

Sports Day: Wednesday 17th June

Competitive sport is an important life skill! Our annual Sports Day encourages this. The children will take part in good old-fashioned events, such as the egg and spoon race and obstacle race and sprinting. All information has been shared via Dojo. Parent spectators are warmly welcomed. This date, as always is weather permitting. Our provisional date is Wednesday 24th June.



Transition to new classes September 2026

To help the children make a smooth transition to their new class, this year we will host a day where the children get the opportunity to meet their new teacher and discuss class rules and routines ready for September. We hope this helps to alleviate any anxiety children may feel over the summer about starting a new class. We will let you and the children know who will be teaching each year group later in the term.

Class Organisation for September

At St Wilfrid's, classes are carefully organised each year to ensure all children are placed in a **balanced and supportive environment**.

When making decisions, we consider:

- Age and year group
- Experience of mixed or single-year classes
- Individual needs (including SEND and wellbeing)
- Friendships/relationships and **known** social dynamics

Our aim is for every child to feel **happy, secure, and ready to learn**, while also building new friendships.

Please note, we are not able to take into account:

- Requests for specific teachers
- Placement with particular friends
- Family or childcare arrangements
- If there are known friendship/relationship issues, school will already be aware of this and this is taken into consideration (please note this is from this academic year, not previous years.)

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 Phonics Retake and Year 4 MTC

A massive well done to all of our Year 1 and Year 2 children who have completed the Phonics Screening Check and Phonics Re-take this week. You have shown fantastic effort and focus throughout—something to be really proud of!

Well done also to our Year 4 children for their work on the Multiplication Tables Check and the perseverance they have shown—your determination has been excellent.

We now await the final results, but we would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff involved: **Miss Woof, Mrs Lovatt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Waters, Mrs Moores, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Lowe and Miss Vermeulen** for their dedication and commitment in supporting the children to achieve their very best.



PE Kit (standing Item since 22.05.2026: New PE Tops for September 2026



We are pleased to introduce our new PE tops, which have been selected with both comfort and practicality in mind.

These tops are made from a durable, breathable fabric, ensuring children stay comfortable and active during PE lessons. They are also low-maintenance and require no ironing, making them easy for families to manage.

We have chosen these tops because they are a real win-win: long-lasting, practical, and suited to the needs of our pupils.

Huge thanks to Roman C and Alexis C for modelling our new look PE tops from September. Roman's comment when he tried this on, 'these are way better than what we wear!'

We all absolutely agree. The cost of these will roughly be £15.00 and will be available from 8th June from Tru Uniform (Sale Circle) and Debonair (Civic)

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Overview of Calendar Events: Summer 2

15 th June	16 th June	17 th June	18 th June	19 th June
	Nursery Welcome Meeting: 9:00am in Nursery Classroom	Sports Day: 9 – 10:20am – KS2 – Year 3 to 6 10:30 – 11:30am – EYFS – Nursery and Reception 2 – 3pm – KS1 – Year 1 and 2		
22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June	26 th June
		Sports Day (day held in case of bad weather -if bad weather today,	Reception 2 Class Assembly: 8:50am	

		sports day will not take place)	Classes and Teachers to parents/carers, via Arbor	
29 th June	30 th June	1 st July	2 nd July	3 rd July
	Year 3 and Year 4 to Chester: Grosvenor Museum Year 6 Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral	Transition Morning 1		Adventure Club with Sarah Cornthwaite: Lunchtime
6 th July	7 th July	8 th July	9 th July	10 th July
	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	Transition Morning 2	Nursery Class Assembly: 8:50am End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers via Arbor	Rocksteady Summer Concert: 2:15pm Start
13 th July	14 th July	15 th July	16 th July	17 th July
	Last Day for Nursery Children	Year 6 End of Year Performance to Parents/Carers: 9:15am	Stay and Play Session for New Nursery Children	
20 th July	21 st July			
Leavers' Service at St Wilfrid's Church: 9:15am Lunchtime: Picnic Day (weather permitting)	Break Up for Summer: Year 6: 1:30pm Reception: 2pm KS 1: 2:10pm KS2: 2:15pm The Hive: 2pm - 5pm			

School Re-Opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2026



