

#Belonging Bulletin

Week Ending 13.02.2026

Dear all,

Hello Yellow!

Thank you for taking part in **#HelloYellow** to support children and young people's mental health. Wearing something yellow is a simple but powerful way to show our pupils that they are not alone with how they feel and that it's okay to talk about emotions.

Yellow is a bright, hopeful colour, and seeing the whole school join in helps create a sense of belonging, positivity and togetherness. Staff and pupils have made a real focus this week to open up gentle conversations to show the importance in recognising feelings, supporting one another and looking after our wellbeing.

Thank you for helping us make today a little brighter for our children. 🧡

Attendance:

Whole school attendance for the week beginning 02.02.2026, again was an impressive 96.54% - Thank you! This really does help us to meet our attendance target set by the DfE!

As I am writing this and starting to analyse the attendance for this week, as always, as we come to a holiday period, this has dropped. Therefore a reminder, **we return to school on Monday 23rd February** at our usual time, with drop off between **8:35am - 8:45am**.

Have a wonderful half term break; we are now half way through the academic year!

Helena Miller
Executive Headteacher

PARKING/DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL

We are asking all families to **take extra care** when driving and parking around the school and surrounding roads. Please ensure pavements and driveways remain unobstructed, drive slowly, and avoid stopping in places that put children or other pedestrians at risk. We have seen an increase in unsafe driving behaviours recently, and even small lapses in judgement can lead to serious accidents.

By being **patient, respectful, and mindful of others** during drop-off and pick-up times, we can work together to keep every child in our community safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Mental Health Week

For Mental Health Week, KS1 and KS2 started the week off with an assembly to discuss what mental health is. We spoke about the different emotions that we can feel, both positive and negative. Children learnt about different things they can do to promote positive wellbeing for themselves and what to do if they are concerned about their wellbeing – e.g. talking to trusted adults. In classes, children spent some time doing something positive for their wellbeing which included a variety of things including classes such as cosmic yoga, mindful colouring, listening to music, observing nature and exercising. Here is what some of our children had to say.

Mental health means when your brain is healthy. We both have happy and sad emotions. - **Atlas, Y2.**

For my mental health, I like to exercise and to play with my friends and sister. I like finger-breathing and yoga. - **Sienna, Y2.**

I enjoyed mindful colouring and going outside to spot signs of spring. - **Millie, Y4.**

We learnt about why mental health is important. I love doing cosmic yoga and spending time in nature. - **Cora, Y3.**

I enjoyed time to focus on happiness. We had extra playtime, listened to calm music and also enjoyed a fun run. - **Will B, Y4.**

I love to read books, draw and play with toys. - **Faith, Y3.**

In Worship time on Thursday, Year 1-Year 6 had time to discuss behaviours we want to see on the playground and behaviours we did NOT want to see. We spoke about how everyone has a role to play to promote happy, positive playtimes and the impact of this on our own and others' mental health.

The school engaged brilliantly: they discussed their own opinions, asked and answered questions, listened beautifully and some even took part in role-playing situations. The children learnt that sometimes conflicts are inevitable but there is a right and wrong way to manage this, and we are going to use the following restorative approach: **ACT**.

The session made me think about the importance of what you say and treating others how you would want to be treated. - **Lottie, Y3/4.**

A	Action: Something happens that upsets you.
C	Calm down: We explored many different calming strategies.
T	Talk it through: Sentence starters, a friend or teacher can help to resolve it.

It is important to calm down before you talk it out so that you don't carry on feeling angry or sad. - **Rory, Y4.**

Take Care of Your Mind



Mental Health Matters

SWIMMING AT ST WILFRID'S

For all information regarding swimming, please ensure you check your child's ClassDojo feed. All information has been shared via the ClassDojo platform.
Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Miss Woof** on ClassDojo.



Internet Safety

This guide helps parents and carers understand the digital world from a child's perspective. It shares what young people say they wish adults knew about their online experiences, feelings, and challenges. By listening to their voices, we can better support children to develop healthy, safe, and confident digital lives.

[Click here for the PDF.](#)



MCC CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO PLAY

Manchester City Council recognise Children's Right to Play and are in the process of researching the extent to which children can play. The research will help them to understand the variety of issues that influence whether children get enough time to play and hopefully secure more resources to improve local play opportunities. Please can you carry this out to help:

[Manchester Play Survey 2026 - Parents & Carers](#)

<p>Feb 2026</p>	<p>Monday 23rd February: Back to School Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 1st April: Swimming Commences (on-site pool) – <i>Details to be shared via Class DOJO by Miss Woof in due course.</i> Tuesday 24th February: Reception Vision and Hearing Tests</p>
<p>Mar 2026</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd March: World Hearing Day Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (more information from Mrs Taylor) Week Beginning 9th March: British Science Week (more information from Mrs Argles) Wednesday 11th March: Year 2 – Year 6 Spelling Bee Heats (Cluster School Competition) Thursday 12th March: at 8:50am – Year 2 Celebration Assembly Friday 13th March: Rocksteady Concert –2pm for a 2:15pm start (KS 2 to watch as well with parents/carers) Monday 23rd March: Down syndrome Day (Odd Socks) Wednesday 25th March: Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 7pm) Thursday 26th March: Church (Easter Service). Parent Helpers-leave school at 8:50am for 9:15am Service Thursday 26th March: Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 5pm) Tuesday 31st March: at 8:50am – Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>Apr 2026</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st April: Spelling Bee Final (Cluster School Event) at Sandilands Primary School Wednesday 1st April: PTA Event – <i>Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggstravaganza from 2pm.</i> Wednesday 1st April: Break Up for Easter Holidays Wednesday 15th April: Back to School Tuesday 28th April: at 8:50am – Year 1 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>May 2026</p>	<p>Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed Thursday 7th May: at 8:50am – Reception 1 Celebration Assembly Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATs Week Week Beginning 18th May: Sustainability Week Thursday 21st May: Church (Whitsun Service) Friday 22nd May: Break up For Half Term</p>

<p>Jun 2026</p>	<p>Monday 8th June: Back to School</p> <p>Monday 8th – Friday 12th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Official Check</p> <p>Monday 8th – Friday 12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June: Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 – 10:20am – KS2 – Year 3 to 6 • 10:30 – 11:30am – EYFS – Nursery and Reception • 2 – 3pm – KS1 – Year 1 and 2 <p>Thursday 25th June: Reception 2 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>Jul 2026</p>	<p>Thursday 9th July: Nursery Celebration Assembly</p> <p>Friday 10th July: Rocksteady Concert – 2pm– 2pm for a 2:15pm start</p> <p>Monday 20th July: Church (Leavers’ Service)</p>



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2026-2027 School Calendar

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August 2027						
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- Teacher Training Days (5 INSET Days/190 pupil days)
- School open for pupils
- School Closed
- Bank Holidays
- Nursery closed from 19th July 2027

Please note- School is closed for Reception -Year 6 from 26th July 2027

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