



Corrie Forum - July 2025

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The Golden Rules We are kind and gentle We are prepared for the school day We work hard We look after property We listen to people We are honest	Check the website See our website for all the latest school information, events, class details and class blogs www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk		
Attendance The whole school attendance target for the school year is 97%	Dates for your Diary september		
	Day	Date	Event
	Friday	25th July	School closes for half term
	Monday	1st Sept	Inset day
If your child is on school dinners please can you make sure you select their meal preferences on ParentPay each week.	Tuesday	2nd Sept	School opens
	Monday	8th Sept	Year 4 swimming lessons start for class 4B
	Wednesday	17th Sept	VR Workshop
	Monday	22nd Sept	Stoneage Workshop
	Wednesday	24th Sept	Individual photographs
	Friday	3rd Oct	Flu Immunisations Reception - Year 6
	Friday	17th Oct	DEVA Chester trip year 4
	Wednesday	22nd Oct	Safe Squad Year 6
	Thursday	23rd Oct	School closes for half term
	Friday	24th Oct	Inset day



Nursery

It has been a busy half term in the Nursery.

We have role-played serving ice-lollies and ice-creams in our shop.

We have learnt about farm animals and had a lovely visit to Cannon Hall Farm with our families.

Recently we have been learning all about minibeasts, we observed the caterpillars changing into butterflies and have also watched the progress of the frogspawn changing into tadpoles then little froglets at the forest school pond.

We have discovered lots of other interesting little creatures in the garden and made some pictures of them.





Reception

What a Wonderful Year! ☀️

What an absolutely fantastic year it's been in Reception! We've had the greatest pleasure getting to know all of the children and being part of their journey at Corrie. From their very first days settling into school life to blossoming into confident, curious little learners — we couldn't be prouder!

It's been a year full of magical moments and exciting adventures. We've grown and released beautiful butterflies (and waved them off with lots of love!), explored the wonders of the Senses workshop on our amazing trip to Eureka, met some fascinating visitors, and had muddy, magical fun at Forest School!

The children amazed us during the butterfly project — they were so caring and thoughtful, showing a real love for nature and learning. And at Eureka, they put their five senses to the test and solved tricky puzzles like true explorers. 🦋👨🔬🌳

Reception, you've had a jam-packed year of learning, laughter, and growth, and we're so proud of every single one of you.

To all our wonderful families — thank you for your continued support. And to our brilliant Reception children — we'll miss you so much, and we wish you all the luck in the world as you flutter into Year 1. You're going to be amazing!

With lots of love,

Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Jones, Mrs Baguley, Mrs Hartigan and the team xxx



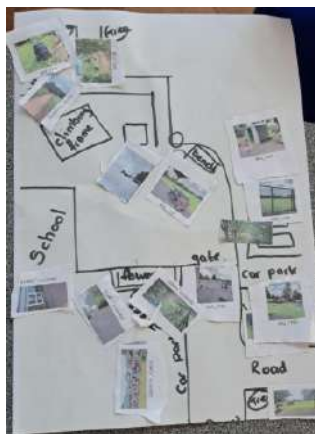


Year 1

Ahoy there me hearties! In Year 1 this term, as part of English and Geography, we have been learning lots about Pirates!

In English we have shared the story 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. We used this book to create our own stories about a different character.

In Geography, we were pirates for the day, we had an adventure searching for treasure in forest school, we learned how to follow and create our own maps. We have even used a compass!





Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant term; the highlight was our trip to Lytham St Anne's! In our topic lessons we have been learning about the seaside, the human and physical features of the seaside and all about the RNLI. When we visited St Anne's we had a brilliant tour of the Lifeboat Station, learning lots of interesting facts and getting to see the actual lifeboat. Then we had a lovely walk down the pier in the sunshine, followed by a picnic on the beach. There was then time for us to have a play in the sand with our buckets and spades, building sandcastles and decorating them with all the pretty shells. Our day was finished off with a delicious Mr Whippy ice cream -yummy!

In our science lessons we have enjoyed learning about plants and the elements plants need to keep healthy, we have planted our own plants, dissected seeds and we have been looking after the plants in KS1 for our lovely site managers.

Sports week was brilliant, we really enjoyed taking part in sports day and all the exciting activities such as the sack race and the egg and spoon race. We enjoyed learning about healthy eating choices and making fruit faces using the chopped fruit.

What a great term we have had, so much fun!





Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant summer term! They had a fabulous time at the Bridgewater Hall watching and taking part in the Halle orchestra using skills learnt in our weekly brass lessons.



The children also had an informative visit to the Hindu Temple in Ashton as part of their RE topic and had the opportunity to see the main shrine with statues of deities.





For our topic (Extreme Earth), we have been learning about different natural disasters and how they impact our lives. We used Google Earth to locate areas of natural disasters and discussed why they have affected more than people in our own area. We answered geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location. We described key aspects of physical geography, including rivers, mountains, tsunamis, volcanoes and earthquakes and suggested causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes.

The children have been doing some great artwork related to natural disasters.





Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant term. During our topic lessons, we have been learning all about 'Rivers of the World'. We have really enjoyed building our own rivers to explore how water flows and created water cycles to learn more about where our water comes from. For our local area focus, we researched the River Tame and discovered lots of interesting facts about its history and how it has changed over time. We then enjoyed a sunny afternoon walk to see how many of its key features we could spot.

In English, we have been reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and explored persuasive writing techniques. The children have written some brilliant letters and enjoyed publishing them.

Sports Week was a lot of fun! We learnt how to play Danish longball, practiced our archery skills and everyone had a great time on Sports Day. We learnt about why it is important to make healthy eating choices and made some rainbow fruit kebabs!

The children also successfully completed the Year 4 multiplication check. Everyone has worked extremely hard all year to learn their times tables and they should all be very proud of themselves. Well done Year 4!





Year 5

Year 5 has had a brilliant half term! We have been learning about the Ancient Maya in our history lessons. We have developed our historical enquiry skills by looking at a range of sources and working out what they tell us about the Mayans. We learnt about how the Mayans thrived living in the rainforest and created our own Mayan settlements, even with a pok-a-tok ball court!

In English, we have started learning about the fascinating history of Lego. We started our English unit by completing a Lego challenge activity and had to work together to create different things from Lego. We will use the film 'The Lego Story' to create a report about the history of Lego.

Year 5 had an amazing time on their residential to PGL. The trip was action-packed! They did bushcraft, orienteering, the zip wire and kayaking amongst other things. Their behaviour was exemplary and they challenged themselves to try new things. We are all very proud of them!





Year 6

Firstly, we were so proud of all the year 6 children who got their SATS results back last week. All we ever ask is that the children try their best with whatever they do and the effort they have put in all year has been wonderful and I hope they were as pleased and as proud of their results as I was!

We are now right in the middle of a very exciting end to the year as we finalise our performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', which will be a wonderful curtain call on the children's time at Corrie, before all the parents join us for our emotional farewell Leavers Assembly when we wish the children all the luck in the World as they set off on the next stage of their incredible journeys.

I have loved every minute of this year and am so proud of all the children and I really look forward to sharing these memorable experiences with them over the next few weeks.

Mr. Griffin.



KS1 Resource Base

This half term the children have been busy learning about minibeasts and life cycles. We observed caterpillars turning into butterflies and released them.



The children enjoyed reading the text 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae and doing craft related activities related to making their own minibeasts.

The children also took part in sports week and making their own fruit kebabs.





From everyone in the resource base have a lovely summer and the staff look forward to welcoming your children back in September.



KS2 Boost Group

The children in Boost Group have used CGI Animated Short Film "Joy and Heron" by Passion Pictures, to inspire their writing. They have produced some fabulous pieces of writing based on the film. They have also been reading the book Monstersaurus by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. Inspired by the book, they have also created some of their own inventions.

The children have also been learning about Manchester. They have studied Manchester over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality. The children were shocked when they realised about the living conditions of some predecessors and how people had to protest to earn the right to vote.

They have continued to venture to Forest School and the children have been able to see the changes in the life cycle of a frog as they have inspected the pond each week. The children were awarded the National Education Nature Park Habitat Heroes Certificate.

They have also been maintaining our vegetable beds and have had a fantastic crop of strawberries which they have enjoyed tasting and also selling. (The money will be used to purchase more seeds for next year).

The children joined in the activities during Health and Sports week and also took part in the Pro-Strike fundraising event.

The children have also been learning how to cook. They have enjoyed making fruit crisps, toasted sandwiches and flapjacks.

Children in Boost Group have also joined their year groups to take part in Bikeability and Go Ape trips.

Congratulations to Eli, Felicien, Halle and Jordan for their part in the year 6 show Joseph and the amazing technicolour dreamcoat. They were all amazing!

We will be really sad to see Eli, Felicien, Halle, Jordan and Sky leave us for secondary school and wish them all good luck for the future.

Congratulations to Bethany and Frankie for receiving a Headteachers award for 100% effort. Congratulations to Felicien, Holly, Jordan and Tom for receiving a Headteachers award for 100% attendance.



Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have continued to meet and are working hard to help our school's sustainability plans. We have had visits from Danielle at Let's go Zero, she has spoken to both the Eco Committee and staff about the impact of climate change and how we can all take small steps to help.

Our Energy detectives are continuing to check that lights and screens are turned off when they are not in use. We have also started to collect our used white board and felt tip pens, so that these can be recycled.

The school has also been awarded Level one RHS School Gardening Award.



National Book Token competition

Please remember that you still have until 31st July, to nominate our school in the National Book Token rebuild your library competition. This is the website that you can nominate us on:

[Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens](#)



Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance

The vast majority of our children are achieving our school attendance target of 97% or above which is fantastic. Below is a grid of the impact of having time off school has on children. Taking the odd day off if they are feeling unwell does have an impact not just on their attendance but also their future. Being in school every day also builds their resilience and sets in place good routines that they will need in the future. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year.

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for college, university or work.

95%: 10 days absence a year.

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance!

90%: 19 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to do their best.

80%: 38 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing a year of school over the five years of secondary education, it will be almost impossible to keep up with work.

Lates

Arriving on time for the school day is incredibly important. It not only ensures that your child has a positive start to the day but also means that they are ready to learn and can engage with all their learning. Arriving late every day means that they have to walk into class when everyone else is settled but also means they miss out on the input to the lesson which will then impact on their potential to understand what they are learning. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable being late due to traffic or unforeseen circumstances. Being late just 5 minutes, every day will equate to 2 hours and 5 mins of lost learning time each week. Being late 5 minutes, every day will then equate to 12 hours and 30 mins of lost learning time in a half term which equates to 2 whole school days that they have missed by being late 5 minutes every day, which is a huge amount of time. If you are having any difficulty in getting your child to school on time, please let me know and I'll do what I can to support you.

Mrs Higginbotham



Message from your Headteacher

It's been another busy year at Corrie, with lots of fun and learning across school.

We have had some wonderful PTA events, a huge thank you to all the parents that have helped, and also a big thank you to Oscar and Natasha who made bracelets to sell at the summer fair to raise money for school.

All the children are enjoying the last few weeks at school, year 6 are preparing to move on to Secondary school and we are looking forward to their end of year show and the prom, they have been a fabulous class and will be missed at Corrie.

We say goodbye to Miss Sharp, our SENCo and resource base teacher who is leaving us this summer, Mrs MacDonald will be our SENCo from September.

Mrs Holt our TA in Boost is retiring this summer, we hope she has a wonderful time.

We have celebrated two weddings this year and from September Miss Wood will be Mrs Millard and Miss Machin will be Mrs Thomas.

All that is left is to wish you all a wonderful summer with your families.

Mrs Cartledge