



Corrie Forum - October 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
Thursday	23rd Oct	School closes for half term
Friday	24th Oct	Inset day
Saturday	1st Nov	Admissions open for Reception intake Sept 2026
Monday	3rd Nov	School Reopens
Monday	3rd Nov	Year 6 Titanic Workshop
Tuesday	4th Nov	Reception open day for Sept 2026 9.30am -10.30am
Tuesday	11th Nov	Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday & Wednesday	26th & 27th Nov	Year 5 Tudor Day (In school)
Wednesday & Thursday	26th & 27th Nov	Remote Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6pm
Tuesday	2nd Dec	Reception open day for intake Sept 2026 9.30am -10.30am
Wednesday	3rd Dec	Pantomime Aladdin (in school)
Monday	15th Dec	Rock Kidz Smiley Awards
Wednesday	17th Dec	Christmas Dinner /Christmas Jumper day
Friday	19th Dec	School Closes for Christmas

If your child is on school dinners please can you make sure you select their meal preferences on ParentPay each week.



Nursery



The nursery class has been very busy this half term. We have taken part in activities related to families, mapping our way home and talking about ourselves.

We have shared a wide variety of stories, including 'The Gingerbread Man' and baked gingerbread biscuits.

We have made lots of creative crafts including self-portraits, with art to celebrate Black History month linked to the artist Alma Thomas, transient art, leaves on trees and observational pumpkin sketches.

We practised performing rhymes and the poem 'On The Move Again' by Michael Rosen

We planted bulbs and harvested tomatoes in our garden.

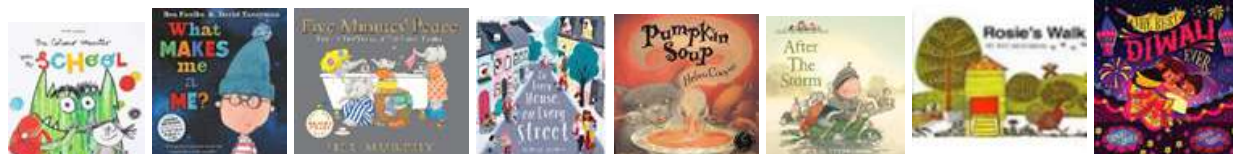




Reception

What an incredible half term it has been! It has been wonderful to see the children settle in and develop a sense of themselves in our school community. It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. Thank you for a fantastic start to the year.

Our first theme was 'All About Me', where we have been learning about ourselves, our families and our world around us. We have then moved onto our Autumn theme where we have explored lots of interesting facts about changing seasons and noticing what is happening in our environment. Through these themes we have really enjoyed exploring lots of brilliant books, which we're sure your child would love to share with you at home too.



- The Colour Monster Goes to School by Anna Llenas
- What makes me a me? by Ben Faulks and David Tazzyman
- Five Minutes Peace by Jill Murphy
- In Every House, on Every Street by Jess Hitchman
- Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
- After the Storm by Nick Butterworth
- Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
- The Best Diwali Ever by Sonali Shah

We have been learning lots of songs and nursery rhymes at school, click the titles of the songs to sing them at home too. [Happy Hand Washing Song](#) - [Wind the Bobbin up](#) - [Five Little Speckled Frogs](#) - [Five Little Ducks](#) - [Five Little Pumpkins](#) - [Rain, Rain Go Away](#) - [What's the Weather?](#) - [One Potato, Two Potato I Can Sing a Rainbow](#)

In Phonics and Literacy, we have been sharpening our knowledge of initial sounds (the first sound in a word), the ability to break down and blend the sounds together in a word and develop our knowledge of story language. We have loved playing lots of games to practise these skills, especially a special version of Simon Says.

Next half term our theme continues our learning around the seasons, Autumn and Winter, and Celebrations. Please ensure that your child's spare set of clothes (including underwear and socks) has been refilled in a separate bag for the next half term. We hope you have a lovely half-term break!

See you soon, The Reception Team



Year 1

Wow! Year 1 has had an incredible start to the school year! We have been virtual astronauts using VR headsets to explore our solar system and learn about some of our eight planets. "There are eight planets in our solar system - We all revolve around the sun." [The Planet Song - 8 Planets of the Solar System Song for Kids | KidsLearningTube](#)

We have celebrated some fantastic Space homework including: rocket ships, alien costumes, space biscuits and Galaxy jars. We have even been to the moon for a picnic with Baby Bear and can't wait to write our stories inspired by 'Whatever Next!'

We thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Enormous Crocodile' on Roald Dahl day and produced some fantastic crocodile illustrations inspired by Quentin Blake.

We are learning all about different materials in Science and have been asked by Mrs. Crumbs to find out which material is the most effective to protect Christmas chocolates from being broken in the post. We will investigate and let you know!

We have also created some amazing multi-media portraits and poems to celebrate who we are, for our Arts unit. We are looking forward to performing the poems and showing our art to you before we break for half term. We are also hoping you will join us on Tuesday 14th October to walk to St.Mary's for our Harvest Festival. Have a fantastic half term break and we'll see you soon.

Year 1 Teamxxxxx





Year 2

What a brilliant start to **Year 2** this half term has been! The children have shown great maturity across KS1 and have settled extremely well back into school.

In writing we have explored two texts 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke and more recently 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen.

The children have innovated some fabulous pieces of work linked to both texts and we had lots of fun using role play and singing.

The Naughty Bus Song!



In Science the children have been investigating uses of materials and their properties. The children showed great team work skills when investigating the suitability of different materials, the children thoroughly enjoyed using scientific equipment to perform this task and were able to interpret their findings.

They have enjoyed autumnal activities in Forest School including making their own crowns and taking part in a scavenger.



The children have also enjoyed Kick Start's PE lessons including lots of games, improving on their throwing and catching skills.



Have a fabulous half term break, we look forward to welcoming you all back soon. The Year 2 Team



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great half term, we have enjoyed our time outside in forest school and have been lucky with the weather!!

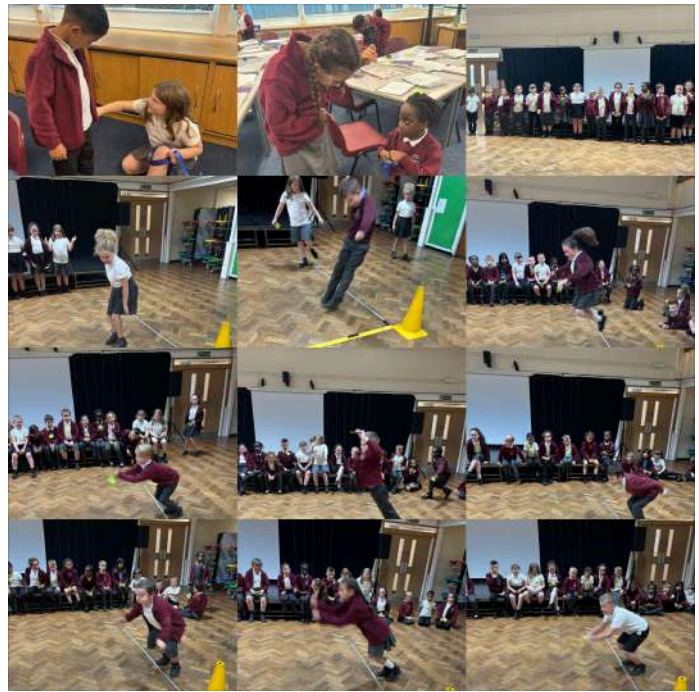
In Topic, we have been learning about 'The Stone Age', we have discovered lots of things about living in these times and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. In the workshop, we were able to handle artefacts and look at a range of sources from the Stone Age.

We have had lots of fun investigating in science, we measured our femurs and held a jumping competition, we also designed a healthy menu based upon a balanced diet. Year 3 have produced fantastic pieces of writing and created our own Stone Age narrative.

What a brilliant start in KS2, we look forward to the rest of the Autumn term.









Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year. We enjoyed a brilliant trip to visit the Deva Roman Experience in Chester, linked to our topic work all about Invaders and Settlers. We joined the Roman army for the day and marched through the streets, before learning about Roman food, experiencing some Roman entertainment and even visiting a Roman bath! It was a very informative day and the children asked lots of great questions.

We have also started our weekly swimming lessons. All the children have been doing really well and are enjoying our PE lessons.

In English, we have been reading Meerkat Mail and writing about the adventures of Sunny and his family. We really enjoyed our Writing Party and shared lots of creative ideas and suggestions for the different places Sunny could visit around the world.

We are looking forward to the rest of Autumn term and hope all the children have a brilliant break.





Year 5

Year 5 have made an amazing start to the school year! The first stop on our writing journey was at the circus! We explored 'Leon and the Place Between', writing our own magical stories using different writing styles. In Guided Reading, we have been reading 'Boy in the Tower' to further build our knowledge of evidence gathering from texts.



Science has seen us reach the for the stars and explore Space- can you remember the order of the planets using your planet rhyme? VR headsets allowed to us to visit the planets up close, learning more about their properties and building our knowledge.



Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived! Our Topic theme this half term has been The Tudors and Henry VIII. We have been reviewing the different portraits of the Royal Family, the foods they ate and designed our own Tudor menus.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the year! They have all settled into their new roles and have been setting an excellent example for the rest of the school.

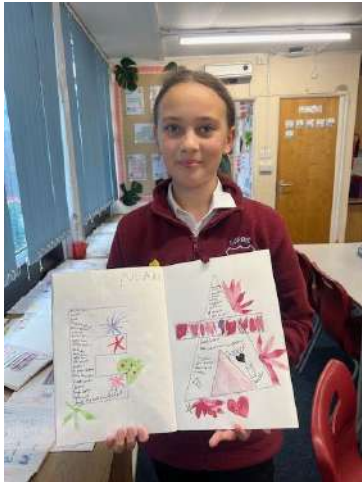
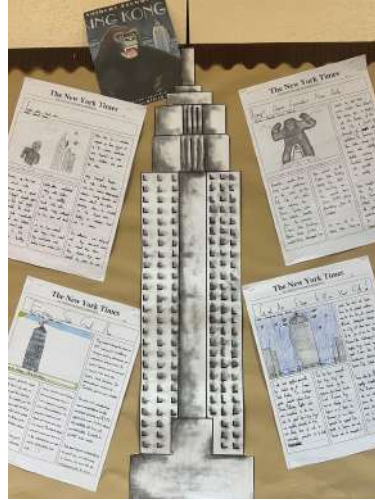
We have been enjoying learning all about North America in our topic lessons. We have studied the human and physical geography of North America and learnt all about extreme weather such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

In our English lessons we have been reading the book King Kong by Anthony Browne. We became newspaper reports to report on the extraordinary event when Kong kidnapped an actress and scaled to the top of the Empire State Building.

For World Mental Health Day we looked at the book The Grand Hotel of Feelings. We discussed how every emotion is welcome in the hotel and then created our own hotels. We also created a Greenhouse of Growth to explore the things that help us to grow and be our best selves.

This term we have been exploring poetry in our art sessions. We have created poems about a person who we feel that we have a strong connection with. The children have blown me away with their creativity!

Well done on a fantastic start to the year!





KS1 Resource Base

Children in the KS1 Resource Base have had a great few weeks. A couple of highlights were joining in with songs about different feelings and making zones of regulation cress heads as part of World Mental Health Day. Well done to all the children who joined us in wearing something yellow! The children have also been busy preparing spooky Halloween crafts to decorate their homes at the end of term - stringy pumpkins, witchy and ghostly handprints and goody bags for our Spooky Trail activity. Happy Halloween to everyone from KS1Resource Base!





KS2 Boost Group

It has been lovely to welcome both new and returning children to Boost Group.

We were all delighted that the sunflowers seeds that we had planted earlier this year had grown and we had a fantastic display of sunflowers. The children have now collected some seeds, to hopefully start the cycle again.

It was fantastic to hear that RHS Bridgewater has used some of the photographs that the children took last year at Forest School, in their display at RHS Bridgewater and can currently be viewed at their site.

The children enjoyed being virtual astronauts using VR headsets to explore our solar system and learn about some of our eight planets.

We celebrated Roald Dahl Day by listening to some of his book 'The Twits'. The children then created their own Roly Poly birds. The children also listened to the story 'Harold's Worst Nightmare' and then created their own version of the book, which has been shared with families at home. They have also created some fabulous poems about 'Our School'.

In science, the children have been learning about light and shadows. They have created their own shadow puppet show.

The children joined in with World Mental Health Day by thinking about what / who has helped them become who they are and what they aspire to be when they are older.





Eco Committee

The Eco Committee has a new team dedicated to helping our school's sustainability plans and have already held their first meeting.

This November is Cut Your Carbon month! Eco-Schools is calling on young people across the UK to tackle carbon emissions, one simple action at a time.

YOU can complete these 6 challenges at home with family and friends to raise awareness and spark change. At the end of the month, we'll count how many children joined in. **Each child that completes all 6 challenges, will get a certificate!**

1. Make three evening meals plant-based across the month Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
2. Make any three journeys 'active' across the month. Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
3. Have a device-free day Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day — no gaming, no streaming — and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
4. Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less — it's good for the planet and your wallet!
5. Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month. Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
6. Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet — one cosy jumper at a time.

We hope that you will join in!



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

As always an amazing fun packed start to the new school year, it has been great to welcome our new children into school, we are looking forward to sharing your learning journey with you.

Our learning mentors have been working hard with groups, settling the children in and have also organised coffee mornings for our parents, it has been lovely to see some new faces joining us for a drink and something to eat. Our PTA event 'Spooky trail' took place on Wednesday, thanks to all the children who raised money for the PTA, a petrifying time was had by all! I have enjoyed sending lots of positive postcards home this half term, fantastic behaviour and effort across school by our wonderful children. Have a restful half term.

Mrs Cartledge