

Friday 27th November 2026

School Ping – Moving to ClassDojo

As many of you will be aware, we have been experiencing some issues with SchoolPing recently. Unfortunately, the app has not received any updates for some time and, as mobile devices and their operating systems continue to evolve, there is increasing potential for issues with compatibility and reliability.

To ensure that we have a reliable and effective means of communicating with all our families, we have made the decision to move away from SchoolPing.

From January, we will be using ClassDojo for all our school communications. Over the next few weeks, we will be working to ensure that all families are connected to the app, ready for the transition.

If no adult is currently connected to your child on ClassDojo, your child should have brought home a printed invitation. Please scan the QR code on the invitation and follow the instructions to link your account to your child.

We would like to reassure families that ClassDojo is free to use for all school communications. Whilst the app may promote an optional paid subscription, there is no requirement for parents or carers to purchase this to access school messages, updates or class information.

We would also encourage all parents and carers to ensure that notifications are enabled so that important school messages and updates are not missed.

If you need any support with setting up your account, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us to make this transition as smooth as possible.

ClassDojo

Spotlight on… Year 5!

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed some exciting learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. Alongside writing our amazing space narratives and developing our understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000, we have enjoyed exploring new topics and taking part in some exciting experiences beyond the classroom.

On Wednesday, we visited the school library to discuss our Author of the Week, Roald Dahl. We explored books that we might not usually choose and also rediscovered some familiar favourites.

On Thursday, we travelled to Norton Priory to deepen our understanding of the Anglo-Saxons. We had a fantastic day learning about Anglo-Saxon settlements, the foods they cooked, local Anglo-Saxon place names, and examining a range of artefacts and traditional clothing.

It was a fun and memorable week, full of hands-on learning and discovery!









Christmas Events

Please see below for the details of some of our upcoming Christmas events:

TG Christmas Lights Switch On

One of our favourite traditions is switching on the lights of the large Christmas tree at the front of school. This will take place on Friday 4th December at 4pm, alongside Santa's Grotto, refreshments served by our PTFA, stalls run by some of our classes from 3.30pm and more!

This year's competition to help us choose which two children will be invited to switch the lights on is below. We have had some lovely entries so far. The closing date for the competition is the 1st December. The template has been sent out again along with this newsletter, and paper copies are still available from the office.

We can't wait to light up our school with kindness!

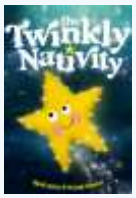


Christmas Decoration Days

Next week, family members are invited into school to make a Christmas decoration alongside their child. This is another special TG tradition, with the children's decorations used to decorate our Christmas tree in the school hall, as well as the tree we will be sending to the Christmas Tree Festival at Newchurch Parish Church. For children in EYFS and KS1, Decoration Day is on Monday 30th November from 2.15pm and for KS2, Tuesday 1st December from 2.15pm.

The Twinkly Nativity

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are working very hard at the moment to prepare for their performances of 'The Twinkly Nativity' on the 9th and 10th December. Instructions for purchasing tickets for the shows has been sent out via Ping. Any spare tickets will be available to purchase from Wednesday 2nd December.



Come and Support our Choir!

Our KS2 choir have their first performances of the year over the next few days. It would be wonderful to see lots of families coming to support them at the Culcheth Village Christmas Lights Switch On and Leigh Golf Club's Christas Fayre!





Diary Dates
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?	
Saturday 28th November	Choir singing at Culcheth Light Switch On, 1.30pm
Monday 30th November	Choir singing at Leigh Golf Club Christmas Fair, 11am
Week beginning Monday 30th November	Year 6 Bikeability sessions
Monday 30th November	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Decorations Day, 2.15pm
Tuesday 1st December	KS2 Christmas Decorations Day, 2.15pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING?	
Thursday 3rd December	Year 4 trip to the Catalyst Museum
Friday 4th December	Year 6 Sunshine Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 4th December	TG Christmas Lights Switch On
Monday 7th December	Year 5 and 6 watching performance at Culcheth High School
Monday 7th December	Year 3 Gospel performance for parents, 2.40pm
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity, 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 10th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity, 5pm
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 11th December	Choir singing in the Golden Square Shopping Centre, 11am and Bents Garden Centre, 1.30pm
Monday 14th December	Mwanjati Monday – fundraising activity to be confirmed
Monday 14th December	Coffee, Cakes and Carols, 9.30am and 1.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	KS2 Carol Service at Culcheth Methodist Church, 2pm
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Party Day for all classes
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
Friday 18th December	PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale and Tuck Shop
Monday 4th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January	School reopens for Spring Term