

18 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you some of the wonderful events and initiatives that have taken place in school recently. These activities form an important part of our co-curriculum offer, which runs alongside our core curriculum to help build cultural capital and provide valuable opportunities that educate and enrich the whole child. Over the past few weeks, pupils have engaged in a range of experiences designed to broaden their understanding of the world, strengthen their character and encourage positive involvement in the school community.

One of our newest initiatives is the launch of 'Tabletop Readings' in the canteen. Pupils can now enjoy a range of poems linked to our weekly theme, for example the theme for this week is Courage and Harmony. We hope this encourages reading for pleasure, sparks curiosity, and promotes meaningful discussion during social times.

We have also been incredibly proud of our pupils' generosity and community spirit. Their donations to the food bank at St Andrews Church Whitefield, as well as their contributions to the Poppy Appeal, demonstrate compassion and a willingness to support others.

Year 7 pupils also took part in the Remembrance Day parade led by our school cadets, representing the school with dignity and respect as we honoured those who have served.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, pupils enjoyed taking part in Odd Socks Day, celebrating individuality and reinforcing the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. These are key values which are part of the Oak Way, and we promote them throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of our wide range of extra-curricular clubs available to all pupils. These clubs offer opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, build confidence, and form positive friendships. Participation in extra-curricular activities is a valuable part of each child's growth, complementing their academic learning and supporting their personal development. A clubs and activities timetable has been attached to this letter.

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Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to provide rich and varied experiences that help every pupil thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

Many thanks,

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ENRICHMENT EXTRA CURRICULAR 2024-25

	CLUB	Teacher / Department	Room	Time	Year Group
MON	Show Choir	Bury Music	G20	3 - 4pm	All yr gps
	Reading Club	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Adventure Training Club	Sgt Townson	G10	3-4pm	Y7
	Independent Learning / Library	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Boys Football Club Y9/10	Mr Williams	Astro	2:55-3:55pm	Y9/10
TUE	Drama Club	Mr Thomas	G18	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Duke of Edinburgh Club	Mr Coldwell	G8	2:55-3:55pm	Yr 10/11
	Band Rehearsals	Mr Ashcroft	G19	2:55-3:55pm	Y10/11 GCSE only
	Manga/Anime Club	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Netball Club Y7/8	Miss Schofield	Sp Hall	Sp Hall	Y7/8
	Boys Football Club Y7/8	Mr Carinci	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y7/8
	Independent Learning / Library	Miss Begg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
WED	Art Club	Miss Gilks	G27	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Photography Club	Miss Gilks	G27	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Guitar Club	Bury Music	G20	3pm - 4pm	All yr gps
	Humanities Culture Compass	Mr Fleming/Mr Bennett	F13	2:55-3:55pm	Y7/8/9/10
	Independent Learning/Library	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Girls Football matches Y7/8	Mrs Carinci	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y9/10/11
	Weights Room Club Y9/10/11	Mr Carinci	Weights rm	2:55-3:55pm	Y9/10/11
	Basketball Club Y7/8	Mr Barlow	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y7/8
THU	Drum Group	Mr Ashcroft	G19	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Chess Club	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Cadets	Sgt Townson	G10	2:55-4:25pm	Year 8-11
	Independent Learning / Library	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Dance Club	Miss Schofield	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Pride Club	Mr Parkin	Library	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
	Netball Club Y9/10/11	Mrs Carinci	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y9/10/11
	Weights Club Y7/8	Mr Barlow	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y7/8
	Girls Football Club	Mr Williams	Astro	2:55-3:55pm	All yr gps
FRI	Independent Learning / Library	Miss Beg	Library	2:55-3:30pm	All yr gps
	Basketball Y9/10	Mr Barlow	Sp Hall	2:55-3:55pm	Y9/10

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