



Have a great Summer!

Dear Parents and Carers,
I don't know about you, but I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. It just seems like yesterday that we were welcoming the children back from their last Summer holidays — and here we are getting ready to embark on another one. There has been lots going on this year. We launched our new mission statement and school values, and there are now two brilliant pieces of artwork, in the entrance area and behind the stage, to illustrate them.

This year, we have tried to expand the variety of clubs to add to the excellent sports clubs that have been running successfully for a while.

There have been science, drama, art, lego and guitar clubs at various points this year, while a Forest Schools after-school club will begin in September.

So, as we end one year and head into another, there are also some fond farewells to members of staff who have served the

school and the children so well over the years.

Mr Thompson is leaving to embark on new adventures, so I am sure you will join me in saying thank you and wishing him the best of luck for the future.

When we return in September, Mrs Delury will probably be in some far flung land enjoying her well-deserved retirement. Send us a postcard — we will miss you!

Mr Gavin will hang up his apron after many lunchtimes of service for the children, while Mrs Hughes is also departing from her role as teaching assistant. Thank you to both for everything you have done for the children in your care.

So, all that is left now, is to wish you all a happy holiday whatever you have planned.

After weeks of glorious sunshine, I won't be happy if it's raining next week!

Thank you for your support,
Mr Hughes.

Consider yourself brilliant, Year 6



Year 6 left the whole school community with a lasting impression of their confidence, character and charm during their outstanding performances of 'Oliver!' The children performed for audiences of staff, pupils, parents, grandparents, governors, parishioners and other members of our community.

Mr Coyle, alongside Miss Flynn, superbly directed the children and led the team effort to put together such a brilliant Leavers' Show.

Staff helped with rehearsals, a brilliant stage backdrop, props, costumes, sound and lighting, as well as supporting and helping on the night.

After weeks of hard work, including re-

hearsals after school, the final performance was an evening to remember for Year 6 children and their parents.

One comment in our Guestbook from a parent summed it up: "Wow! What an amazing performance! Well done to all the staff and children—lots of hard work!"

All that is left now is to bid a final farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children as they enjoy their last few days at St Margaret Ward before heading off to their various high schools.

They go with our best wishes for their bright futures ahead. We will miss you all but please pop back to let us know how you are doing!

More news from around our school....



Growing friendships

Our Year 6 gardening group teamed up with children from our next-door neighbours at Brentwood School on a wonderful project.

They visited each other's blossoming garden areas and worked together, growing new green-fingered friendships along the way.

At the end of the six weeks, they then combined their cooking and baking skills to put their freshly-grown produce to good use.

Together they made soup, bread rolls and carrot cake. Judging by the great taste, we have a few Master-chefs and Monty Dons on our hands. A huge thank you to Mrs Seaman, who set up the gardening group to meet at lunchtimes and after school, and was the driving force behind this joint venture.

First Holy Communion

Children in Year 3 made their First Holy Communion in the Summer term.

Thank you to Fr Ned, Miss Flynn, Mrs Boyle and of course all of the families for making it such a valued and spiritual occasion.

The Parish folk group also provided the music on the day, and there were lots of comments how their lovely contribution had added to the day. There were also Masses with the Parish and the rest of the school to give the children and their families



further opportunities to celebrate this special occasion together.

You are a-MAZE-ing

Our School Council have been working closely with Sale West community this year to develop a garden maze on the estate.

The children attended a conference during which they presented their ideas and regularly meet with Irwell Valley Housing and the Sale West team to bring these ideas to fruition.



Kathy's Centre opens

The Ugandan nursery, named after former SMW teacher Mrs Smedley, has opened its doors to children for the first time.

Sarah, from the Act4Africa charity behind Kathy's Kindergarten, visited to tell us all about it.

Children were delighted to watch songs and videos from the staff in Uganda, thanking our pupils for their donations of toys last year. Mrs Smedley previously helped set up the SMW Nursery before she sadly passed away in 2014 after bravely battling cancer.

Our partnership with Uganda began when Kathy's husband Martin visited our school last year to tell us about the ambitious plans for the African centre. We are delighted that these plans have now come to fruition with a fitting legacy for Mrs Smedley.

Pupils out and about

Our children enjoyed various school trips this term as they took their learning out of the classroom. Nursery and Reception pupils visited Cockfields Farm. The children enjoyed getting up close and personal with the minibeasts, feeding the animals and cuddling the furry friends in pets corner.



Year 3 took a trip to the Stockport Air Raid Shelters. They donned gas masks, dressed up and went underground to learn more about life during World War Two.

While Year 3 went into the past, Year 6 were given a possible glimpse into the future on their visit to Manchester University. They toured the campus and found out about opportunities open to them as they met with the university's student ambassadors

SUMMER TERM HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Javae Haughton, Eloise de Fouw, Lily Chandler, Emily Coupe, Marcus Drozdowski, Eva Gill-Banner, Sophie Rinu, Billy Newton, Clara Ford, Eryk Baca, Remielle Levy, Lillyia McCloy, Finn Naughton, Darcie Dobson, James Dobson, Phoebe Tarmey, Mahdi Bhullar, Caleb McGlenn, Cian O'Grady, Faith McMullen-Hopkins, Hollie Carroll, Tyla McEachern, Alex Clow, Maddison Mae-Carty, Hudson d Fouw, Sophie, Jessica Parry-Williams, Aliya Shoy, Sophie Hope, Joseph Bradley, Bradley Wilson, Koby Hussey, Aimee-Grace Davenport, Aaliyah Saunders, Hannah Drozdowski, Ben Hope, Sapphire Deenah, Connor Armitt, Joelle Attisha, Praise Iyiola, Abbas Sardar, Remy Chin, Maria Skwara, Kayden Taylor, Noel Arunnirmal, Emma Hull, Rahul Deenah, Harry Petrykowski, Millie Downey, Osian Terzo, Joe Purakkariyil

Our School Values are: **AMBITION KINDNESS TEAMWORK RESPECT**