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### Information

- As the weather becomes colder, I thought it wise to express our position on closures due to poor weather. My ambition is to never close a school due to snow. In my experience, what closes a school is when staff can't get to school due to the weather. Again, my experience is that whilst I'm trying to get to school, I'll get a message from a staff member, then another, then a flurry saying they'll be late or can't get to school due to the weather. At some point I then must make a decision. I will make it as early as possible as I fully understand the consequences for all parents, but the reason it may be later than I'd prefer is because I'm trying to keep the school open. I'm thankful that we have such understanding parents as this is an example of when a headteacher is in an impossible position! However, be assured if I can open the school, I always will.
- Please be reminded to not contact me via Dojo. Whilst teachers can monitor their inboxes, it's impossible for me to monitor over a thousand inboxes.
- I love showing off our wonderful school. Feel free to grab me at the gate if you'd like me to show you around. It may be that I don't have time when you ask (as I sometimes pretend to be busy), but if I have a spare ½ hour, I'll gladly take you on a personalised tour.
- 28<sup>th</sup> November marks our next day of peace. As a school we want to make a statement that peace is important for our children, our school, our community and our world. (We call this choosing to be MAD – Make a Difference). Children may wear clothes that celebrate them, including their heritage, but please do not use this day to make a political point that may cause offence, such as masking political points in numbers. Obviously, anything that can be construed as offensive to others must not be worn by anyone attending school on this day – failure to adhere to this may impact on future approaches. On the 28<sup>th</sup> the children will write their personal thoughts about peace and will make origami doves.
- On Friday our MP, Andrew Western, visited the school. There was no agenda, it was in response to 3G writing to him. He spoke to me about how well our children behaved and how lovely the feel of the school was.
- Winter Book Fair – 1st–4th December. We're excited to announce that our Winter Book Fair will be running from Monday 1st December to Thursday 4th December  
Timings: Mon, Tues, Wed 8:30 - 9am, 3:15-4pm  
Thurs: 8:30- 5pm (Winter fair)  
Children will have the opportunity to browse and purchase a wonderful selection of books throughout the week. It's a great chance to encourage a love of reading and support our school at the same time.  
A reminder will also be displayed on classroom exit doors. We hope to see you there!  
Thank you for your support.
- Winter Fair – we are counting down the days to **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** when we will host our annual Winter Fair. As it is such a popular event, we are running the crafts a little differently to try and ease the congestion in one space! Tickets aren't needed for crafts this



year. Watch this space for more details. The fair starts straight after school and will finish by 5pm. All welcome.

### Upcoming Events

<p>This week 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📅 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly: St Andrew and celebration assembly</li> <li>📅 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – 3R, Y2 and Y4 all on trips to the cinema</li> <li>📅 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Theatre visiting school for Y5 (Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science)</li> <li>📅 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – TT: Art</li> <li>📅 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Staff meeting: Cyber security</li> <li>📅 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Kings Got Talent Finals – Y1, 3 and 5</li> <li>📅 Thu 27<sup>th</sup> – Kings Got Talents Finals – Y2,4 and 6</li> <li>📅 Thu 27<sup>th</sup> - Y5 cinema trip</li> <li>📅 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Mr Morgan leading Trafford Headteachers</li> <li>📅 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Day of Peace</li> </ul>
<p>Next week 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📅 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Assembly: St Nicholas and advent</li> <li>📅 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Beginning of assessment week</li> <li>📅 Thu 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Fair</li> </ul>

### This week's assembly focus

St Andrew

### Spotlight

#### Attendance

I speak from experience when I say that Kings Road is a spectacular school. I have worked out that in my various roles of chair of Trafford Headteachers and Quality Assurance Advisor for Trafford, I have visited 37 Trafford Schools. I have been a school leader for over 22 years as Deputy or Headteacher and can confidently say that Kings Road is a remarkable school. The children are stunning, the staff knowledgeable and dedicated, the curriculum is fascinating and our wider offer such as; Team KR, Bubu, Mantle of the Expert and Kings Got Talent (to list a small minority of a lengthy list) are wonderful.

However, attendance (and punctuality) is a big problem. This is a lengthy Spotlight as I really need to express the severity of this issue.

Indisputably, many children are not in school when they should be. It is a legal requirement that children attend school each day. The main issues being family holidays during school time and children not coming to school when they are well enough too.

Here are the facts. Last half term, the national rate of attendance was 95.7%. Trafford was 96.5%. Alarmingly, Kings Road was 94.3% (which matches last academic year). Last week, the DfE wrote to all schools setting them a target for their attendance, such is the magnitude of the national issue. National attendance is so poor that special measures are being put in place to address it. Kings Road's attendance is 1.4% below national!

The table below shows you where we rank out of 63 Trafford Primary Schools.

Attendance Measure	Percentage	Trafford Ranking
Overall Attendance	94.3%	60 <sup>th</sup>
Authorised absences	4.3%	62 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Persistently absent (below 90%)</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>63<sup>rd</sup></b>

A few years ago, I looked at the impact of absence on attainment. The data showed a 10% difference in the number of children who were working at the correct level compared to those that are persistently absent in maths. In writing, it was a 13% difference! If your child is persistently absent, they are less likely to do well in their SATS, phonics or the 11+ - this is a fact.

Folks, I'm tearing my hair out! Low attendance not only affects academic success, it has huge implications for children's social and emotional development. They miss out on crucial social interactions, leading to difficulty making and maintaining their friendships. Confidence is hugely affected when children are not attending school as regularly as they should leading to many children displaying low self-esteem and decreased confidence in many areas of school life. That feeling of missing out and feeling disconnected to their peers when children return to school leads to anxiety for many. Consistent attendance is vital for developing social skills, empathy and the ability to collaborate with others

## Celebrations

### Congratulations to our Kings Got Talent Finalists

Years 1,3,5 final 1.30pm Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	
Year Group	Finalist name
Y5R	Mishkat Ahmed and Fatima Ahmed
Y5HG	Fahya Chaudhry
Y5B	Saphron Clayton Hoxworth
Y3N	Ayla Ahmed
Y3G	Kaiser Latif
Y3R	Rahmaan
Y1G	Amanveer, Ekin, Hussain, Mohamed, Yaseen, Abdullah & Tumelo
Y1J	Rajvir Singh and Keira Kaur
1A	Yuvraj

Years 2,4,6 final 1.30pm Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	
Year Group	Finalist name
Y6N	Amna
Y4H	Nourseen
Y2B	Isa & Adam
Y6W	Ashley, Husna & Ansam
Y4A/Y4H	Tuleen, Sophine(4A) & Layan (4H)
Y2HW	Layla & Ayah
Y6DB	Fareeha
Y4C	Amiyah Ali
Y2KP	Aaliya
Y6DB	Wilfred
Y2KP	Zadie

 Congratulations to Miss Wrigley on completing 240 5K runs in less than 12 months!

- Also, sending our love to those celebrating the occasions listed below
- St Andrew's Day
- Beginning of Advent
- Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib

Last week's winning house was

Tatton

**Reliability - Class Attendance (%age present)**

Nam	Npm	NFT	RH	RK	RI
98.3	78.3	96.7	95.2	89.6	93.3
1A	1G	1J	2B	2HW	2KP
99.3	91.4	89.6	97.5	89.5	97
3G	3N	3R	4A	4H	4C
99	96.8	100	94.4	95.8	96.4
5B	5HG	5R	6DB	6N	6W
93.1	92.8	97.4	97	97.3	97.2

**Reliability - Class Punctuality (Number of lates)**

Nam	Npm	NFT	RH	RK	RI
0	0	5	14	3	7
1A	1G	1J	2B	2HW	2KP
4	5	4	6	5	5
3G	3N	3R	4A	4H	4C
5	8	7	8	8	1
5B	5HG	5R	6DB	6N	6W
7	8	9	4	0	4

**Pupil Achievements**

**Merit Winners**

Class	Name	Reason
Npm	Aiza Jehanzeb	For trying so hard to be brave on our climbing and balancing equipment this week - you can do it Aiza!
NFT	Zoya Bhatti	For always being ready to learn.
RH	Keegan Litherland	For amazing behaviour on our school trip. I'm so proud of you!
RK/C	Adam Aziz	For growing in independence and behaving really well during our school trip - we are very proud of you!
RI	Kyrie-Jae Nevers	Your behaviour during our school trip was exceptional! Well done - keep it up!
1A	Zayna Ali	For a consistently positive attitude and being a good friend to her classmates.
1G	Abdullah Hussain	For making great progress in his independent writing. You always try your hardest and put great effort into everything you do! Well done!
1J	Younus Aya	For having a super attitude now towards singing our nativity songs! You have an incredibly sweet voice! Well done!
2B	Ayaan Ali	For giving your all to everything you do. It is brilliant to see your confidence growing!
2HW	Mariam Ali	For demonstrating excellent focus and setting a good example to others.
2KP	Hamna Momand	For trying really hard with her writing and her reading. You are really trying to improve your skills! Well done!
3G	Duaa Faisal	You are a fantastic member of 3G. You have a calming presence and with this comes your ability to model many of our Team KR values daily.
3N	Alisha Shabir	For working incredibly hard in all areas of learning and always willing to be a helping hand around the class!
3R	Haaris Ramzan	For his fantastic Kings Got Talent audition. It was fantastic to see your confidence growing - well done!
4A	Sasha Dzhyoieva	For learning all of your lines with dedication, enthusiasm and confidence. Your hard work and positive attitude have made a shining difference.
4H	Reyah Hanif	For being a role model in every single way. I am especially proud of your confidence growing in maths. Keep it up!
4C	Reem Hiba	For her perseverance and resilience. She always gives 100% and I can see her confidence grow every day. Keep it up!
5B	Meera Kaur	You are confident, kind and a pleasure to teach.
5HG	Anlin Anandaraj	For always being polite, patient, hardworking and always trying your best.
5R	Sayf Zeeshan	For his determination to keep trying, no matter the challenge and for the kindness and positivity he brings each day. Well done Sayf!
6DB	Ibrahim Ahmad	For showing great dedication and determination to your work this week. Your effort has been incredible, keep it up!
6N	Zaim Saleem	He is being more precise with his learning, particularly in maths and this is resulting in him making really good progress in his learning.
6W	Hashim Kokab	A great attitude in all lessons. You are a pleasure to be around!

# Kings Road Primary School

## Vision

At Kings Road we believe each child should be safe, cherished, valued, free to develop and encouraged to succeed.



## Kings Road Values

(What we think is important in order to achieve our vision)

- Equality
- Happiness
- Respect
- Positive attitude
- Curiosity
- Honesty

## Our school

### Ethos

- Warmth
- Love
- Caring
- Belonging
- Team-work
- Family

## Our Golden Aims

We aim to create a learning environment to;

- Provide enriching experiences
- Develop resilient individuals
- Promote ambitious mind-sets
- Develop responsible citizens
- Provide a nurturing and safe environment
- Develop creative thinkers

Excellence without compromise

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# Getting to know US!

This week's question is: What would your superpower be?

I would love to have super of speed because there is not enough hours in a day to get things completed.  
**Mrs Sinclair**

Teleportation-I want to be able to travel instantly, see new places and visit friends in far-away places  
**Mrs Bettles**

Teleporting - it would be amazing to be able to pop to different countries/places for a few hours and then home again!  
**Miss Stephens**

I'd love to have the power of invisibility, just like Harry Potter with his invisibility cloak. Then I could sneak onto all the Disney rides at Disneyland without anyone even noticing!  
**Mrs Gibson**

If I had a superpower, I'd like the power of perfect and instant mimicry - the ability to see or hear any action, skill or technique performed once and copy it perfectly (fitness level allowing!)  
**Mr Bartram**

I would the superpower of strength! **Mrs Grady**

I would love a super power that could keep me awake after 9pm!  
**Mrs Connery**

I'd love to be able to fly - I've always had a fear of falling, and if I could fly I'd never need to worry again, and I'd be able to explore lots of amazing places.  
**Mr Boothby**

The ability to fly so that I could travel and see the world **Mr Norman**

I think being able to fly would be exciting  
**Mr Morgan**

To pause time - although then I might end up procrastinating!  
**Mrs Barlow**

Teleportation - I would love to be able to just be there rather than travelling **Miss Cooper**

I'd love to be able to teleport! There are so many beautiful and historic places in the world and not enough time or money to visit them all! **Miss Johnson**

Teleportation...just think of all the places in the world I could visit and the time I'd save not sitting in traffic travelling to work every-day! **Mrs Whiteside**

The ability to speak and understand all different languages spoken across the world **Mrs Wrigley**

Mindreading because I would love to know what everyone is thinking as I am so nosey! **Miss Hassall**

To have complete control of my body, especially being able to sleep well!

**Mrs Glasgow**

My super power would be to have chocolate appear whenever I say chocolate  
**Mrs Anderson**

Teleportation! Skipping traffic and visiting friends or new places in seconds would be amazing **Mr Lee**

Time travel - to see many of the historic events we have to learn about and also see loved ones I miss **Miss Evans**

I would love to have teleportation as a super power! I could have breakfast in Paris, lunch on a beach and be home without any traffic!  
**Mrs Johkia**

The power to be able to fly whenever, where ever!

**Mrs Rahman**

The ability to stop time

**Mr Conley**

To be able to fly and travel to amazing places around the world quickly!  
**Mrs Grove**

The power to heal!

**Mrs Walls**

Teleportation - it's simply the best one!

**Miss Hollywood-Summers**

To fly wherever I want whenever I wanted!

**Mrs Singh**