



**Dear Parents, Carers, and the Reddish Vale Community,**

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly rewarding and productive few months for our school. Our pupils and staff have worked tirelessly, showing commitment, resilience, and enthusiasm in everything they do. It has been wonderful to see the progress being made across all areas of school life, ensuring that every child receives the best possible education and experiences.

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities for our pupils—from enriching trips and extracurricular activities to engaging lessons that spark curiosity and creativity. These experiences are at the heart of what we believe every child deserves: a school environment that is safe, supportive, and inspiring.

We continue to focus on raising standards and improving outcomes for all our young people. Through ongoing staff development, curriculum enhancements, and strong pastoral care, we are committed to creating a school where every pupil can thrive academically and personally. Your feedback and support have been invaluable in helping us move forward, and we remain determined to make Reddish Vale a school our community is proud of.

As we look ahead to the new year, we will keep building on this momentum—working together to ensure that our pupils not only achieve their potential but also develop the character and confidence to succeed beyond the classroom.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The relationship between home and school is vital, and by working together, we can truly “Positively Change Lives” for our young people.

I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas break. Enjoy the festive season, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

**Mr Moroney**



## **Year 11**

Well done to Year 11 for their excellent attendance at P6 this term. In January P6 sessions will be for English on a Monday, Maths on a Tuesday and Science on a Wednesday, starting on Monday 12th January.

This half term we have had 3 Year 11 English and Maths Booster Sessions whereby 84% of Year 11 pupils have been working on specifically closing their gaps in these subject areas, it has been great to see pupils fully engaging in these sessions and making excellent progress.

Year 11 mocks start Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, these provide an excellent opportunity for teachers to identify the specific gaps that pupils still have, so please ensure that your child is present for all of their mocks. All pupils have received a personalised timetable. Please encourage your child to revise over the Christmas holidays, pupils have been guided through the best ways to revise in lessons, in form time and in assemblies.



## **School Farm**

The farm has had a very successful term with many pupils getting involved in making, fixing, painting, cleaning and upgrading various facilities for the animals. The polytunnel has also been fully restored.

We also welcomed various new animals during this term, including a guinea pig, two sheep and a flock of ducks.



### **History Museum Trip**

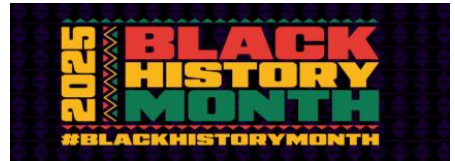
14 pupils who demonstrate a positive attitude to learning in their History lessons were invited to the People's History Museum as the first school to take part in a new workshop. Pupils then had some time to explore the interesting exhibits.

### **Black History Month**

We celebrated Black History Month with lots of different activities during October. Some pupils were lucky enough to listen to Georgia Jasmine, our inspirational speaker, who is a business woman from Cheshire. The pupils loved listening to her journey and advice.

The winner of the KS3 Black History Heroes competition was Oba 7L and runners up were Lyana 7S, Isabelle E 7H, Rayana M 8R and Charlie J 7H. The winner of the Black History Month artwork competition was Amara K who created a piece of artwork on Nina Simone.

14 of our pupils were also lucky enough to visit the University of Manchester to the official Black History Month lecture presented by the Historian David Olusoga.



### **History Curriculum**

Year 7 pupils have been learning about the Norman Conquest this term in History lessons.

Fintan in 7D made a fantastic model of the castle for his homework.



### **Children in Need**

This term, our Community and Charity Ambassadors hosted a Cake Sale and Splash the Teacher event to raise money for Children in Need. Overall, the pupils raised £192! Well done and thank you to our Mrs McGuinness and our wonderful Ambassadors for organising the events.



### **Astroturf Visit**

On 11<sup>th</sup> September we welcomed Stockport MP Navendu Mishra and Rachel Owen from the football foundation into school to visit our fantastic new 3G pitch. The visit offered our visitors to see the pupils using the pitch for extracurricular activities.

### **Year 7 Inter-form Competitions**

This term, one of our Year 7 Inter-Form activities was a Halloween themed bake-off competition. It was lovely to see so many pupils getting involved and decorating some spooky, Halloween themed cakes.

Year 7 also participated in a dodgeball inter-form competition, well done to 7L who were the winners.



### **World Mental Health Day**

Well done to our Community & Charity Ambassadors who raised £162 on the cake sale for World Mental Health Day this term. The money raised will be donated to a local mental health charity.



### **BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow**

On 8<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed BBC Bitesize into school to present their Careers Roadshow to Y7-10 pupils. A big thank you to BBC Bitesize for inspiring our pupils.



### **Clarendon College Visit**

On 11th November a group of Year 10 Photography pupils visited Clarendon College to participate in a photography workshop, where they did different photo shoots and then edited their work digitally.

We received some lovely feedback from the college, who said that our students were fantastic: engaged, curious, and proud of what they created.

### **Disneyland Paris**

This term some Year 10 pupils visited Disneyland Paris, where they had the unique opportunity to see Mathematics brought to life beyond the classroom. They took part in a specialist Maths seminar, learning about the incredible amount of mathematical thinking involved in designing and running a world-class theme park. From ride engineering to park operations, pupils gained insight into the calculations and planning that make the magic happen every day.

Pupils also experienced the rides firsthand, applied their learning in real-life contexts, and had plenty of fun along the way.

Our pupils represented the school exceptionally well. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and mature engagement were praised by staff and Disney's education team. It was an amazing trip, full of learning, enthusiasm and memorable moments.





### Parliament Week

This term we participated in Parliament Week. Pupils took part in mock elections during Citizenship lessons, a Parliament quiz and a screening of the latest edition of Prime Minister Questions.

We also invited Year 5 pupils from St Joseph's Primary School to participate in a workshop. The children had a great time and have taken away the importance of Parliament.

### Chester Zoo

Year 7 and 8 pupils have visited Chester Zoo this term to look at conservation and habitats as part of their Geography study. The pupils represented the school brilliantly, showing our school values of respect and independence throughout the day, which offered a wonderful way to bring the Geography curriculum to life!



### Ex-Year 11 Certificate Evening

We invited our Class of 2025 back into school on 26<sup>th</sup> November to collect their GCSE certificates and have the opportunity to catch up with their teachers and friends from school. It was lovely to see the pupils again and we wish them all the best in their futures.



### BIG Award

We have achieved the BIG Award Excellence in challenging bullying for the fourth year in a row - what a huge success! Here is a snippet from the official feedback we received:

"The school takes bullying seriously, and have a wide range of anti-bullying strategies to identify and address bullying. Students, parents/carers and staff are united in their efforts to ensure that the students can learn and socialise in a caring and safe environment."

-Val McFarlane, Director, Bullying Intervention Group.





### **Basketball Kit**

At the start of the year, we were kindly donated new basketball kit in memory of Private Fred Lamb, who sadly passed away following an air strike in 1941 in Newbiggins-by-the-Sea.

Fred's Granddaughter, Julie, visited our school, along with Jim Armstrong, a representative of a society who funded the kit, and Mark Armstrong, who designed the kit, to meet members of the basketball team. It was an honour to welcome them into school and the basketball will wear the kit with pride.



### **Shrewsbury Prison**

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 48 Year 8 pupils visited Shrewsbury Prison, where they had a guided tour, participated in an escape room activity, and learnt all about what life was like for prisoners, officers and visitors. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved throughout the trip.



### **Manchester Art Gallery**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December some of our Year 7 pupils visited Manchester Art Gallery, where they walked around the galleries and participated in a workshop where they were able to create their own miniature sculpture. It was lovely to see so many of the pupils engaging in the activities.

### **Careers Fair and mock Interviews**

This term we hosted our annual Careers Fair, where our Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to gain valuable information about their future education and career choices. They have also participated in mock interviews to prepare them for applying for jobs in the future. The pupils' determination and professionalism was amazing.





### **Attendance Rewards**

Regular school attendance is key, and this term we have had a big Christmas Countdown and offered many rewards for pupils with excellent attendance, including a Christmas treat hamper, P Louise beauty products, pantomime tickets and JD vouchers, just to name a few!



### **Music and Dance Showcase**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December our wonderful Performing Arts pupils performed in the Music and Dance Christmas Concert, where they showcased their incredible talents. There were performances from the lower school vocal group, upper school vocal group and soloists, as well as performances from the school rock band, steel pans club, drama club performance and many wonderful dance routines. The pupils were outstanding and we are so incredibly proud of them.



### **Christmas Jumper Decorating**

This term we invited pupils to decorate a Christmas jumper in preparation for Christmas Jumper Day. It was lovely to see so many pupils attending and being so creative, and their finished creations were exceptional.

### **Christmas Fair**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we hosted our Christmas fair for Y7 and 8 pupils, organised by our Year 11 student leadership team. There was a variety of stalls, including a hot chocolate stand, Christmas themed games and a tombola.





### Rewards Trips

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, many of our Y7-9 pupils with excellent behaviour and attendance went to the cinema as a reward for their outstanding conduct.



Some Y10-11 pupils also visited the Manchester Christmas markets as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school. The pupils had a lovely time and it was a wonderful opportunity to get into the festive spirit!

### Christmas Hampers and Gift Donations

In the run up to Christmas we were extremely grateful to a number of local businesses and charities who kindly provided gift donations, enabling us to run our school Christmas Grotto and give many of our pupils' gifts for Christmas. We are extremely grateful for their support.

We would like to say a special thank you to Paul Cheetham Karcz, Sedulo, Manchester Cash for Kids and the Toy Appeal for their very generous gift, voucher and food donations.



### Reward Assemblies

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies for all year groups have taken place. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards. These include subject awards, tutor and Head of Year awards, attendance awards and pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver or Gold badge membership will receive their respective badges.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils who achieved an award and thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of our school.



### School Calendar Dates

- Christmas Holidays School Closure 1.00pm on Friday 19th December 2025.
- Staff INSET Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- School Reopens on Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Year 10 Parents' Evening 15th January 2026 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Year 8 Parents' Evening 5th February 2026 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Staff INSET Day Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Year 11 Parents' Evening 12th February 2026 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Pupils finish for half term Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 3.00pm
- School re-opens Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

