



DIGGLE STARS

Flossie Chapman and Iestyn Morris - for super maths work with money.

Isabella Edmondson - For being a superstar in phonics

Daisy Lees and Brooke Sloan- for improved resilience in their maths- even when they find it a little bit tricky.

Dale Alderson- For being responsible and representing school really well on school trips.

Edwyn Harrison-for being more responsible outside and working hard in writing.

Maya Goldstraw - For working hard in all lessons and always keeping the 6Rs.

Alfie Matley - For representing the school so well in the archery competition and writing a superb biography of Julius Caesar.

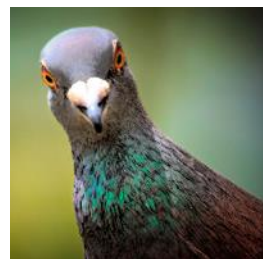
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HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

I am sure that you all remember that we consulted with you about parents evenings last term. The outcome was that half of parents wanted them to remain online, while the other half wanted the opportunity for an in-person appointment. Therefore look out for dates in next week's newsletter. There will be one evening for in-person appointments, and then each class teacher will do an evening of online. We hope that this hybrid model will suit the majority of people.

Well done Class 5,
you have the tidiest
cloakroom this week!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5th Feb - Year 5 performance
Saddleworth School 16:00 - 18:00 approx

w/c 12th Feb - Science Week

Fri 16th Feb - FODS Break the Rules Day

Fri 16th Feb - Break Up for Half Term

Mon 26th Feb - Return to school

Thurs 7th March - Charlie and the
Chocolate factory themed World Book Day.

Fri 22nd March - Y3 & 4 Hike to Castleshaw

Mon 25th March - Yr 4 Experience Easter

Thurs 28th March - Y3 & 4 Roman Day

Thurs 28th March -Break Up for Easter

Wed 12th June- Fri 14th June - Year 6
Kingswood Trip



Class R

The children have loved reading *The Three Little Pigs* this week. We have read and watched a few different versions and we have enjoyed comparing what is similar and what is different in each. We especially enjoyed the book *The big SAD wolf and the MEAN little pigs*.

Using our fairytale as inspiration, the children have enjoyed our new-look construction area to build things. We have loved wearing hard hats and hi-vis while using the toy tools.

We have used our fine motor skills to cut out different clothes for the pigs. We have also practiced our writing skills by following outlines of houses. The children also completed an ordering activity for the story.

Next week, if the weather is better, we will be going to the forest to see if we can make a house of sticks!

We also finished off last week's *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* focus by making delicious porridge.

In maths, the children consolidated their understanding of number up to 5, learning that 5 can be made up of two smaller numbers. We call this a part-part-whole. We learnt how to represent this a number of different ways.



This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.

Class 1

This week in English we have continued reading our class text Beegu and made lots of predictions about what might happen next and how the characters were thinking and feeling. We answered questions about the story so far and completed speech bubbles for the children in the story. Later this week we began writing our letters to a relative. We are looking forward to finishing them next week and getting them posted. In Maths we completed our work on Place value. We compared numbers using the symbols and terms 'greater than, less than and equal to.' We also ordered numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest. We then started a new unit on Addition and Subtraction to 20. We have practised adding by counting on and used number lines to help us.

In Theme we learnt about the history of the Post Office and then worked as a group to order the significant events on a timeline. In Science we have learnt about the changes from Autumn to Winter. We found out that there are less hours of daylight in the Winter compared to all the other seasons. We looked at the changes to the trees and the clothes we wear.

In PE we continued our Gymnastics work. We recapped on our spins and balances and then worked in pairs to perform a routine.

In Music we practised playing our glockenspiels to accompany the song we learnt last week called 'In the Groove'.

Class 2

In English this week we have been finding out how to use adjectives to make our writing more interesting. We developed noun phrases for describing some of the characters in 'Fee Fi Fo Fum', thinking about colour, size, behaviour and characteristics. We then looked more closely at Wolfie and wrote wanted posters using accurate descriptions. In Maths we continued our work with money making equivalents of 50p and £1 and also did some shopping. We also completed a pre-learning task to see what we already knew about data and how it is recorded. In IT we learned how to stay safe online. We worked on different scenarios to see if we knew what to do. We also had fun learning how a scanner in the supermarket works with the barcodes on our shopping. In science, we finished our topic of Animals including humans with a timed exercise investigation. We completed a series of exercises to see what effect they had on our body. Some exercises made our legs ache, some made us hot and sweaty, some made us breathe harder, while others had no real effect. However we all agreed we were tired out at the end!



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been looking at diaries in English. We have also revised letters; writing a letter to the Roman army, planning and commanding an invasion of Europe using map skills and their compass directions.

In maths, we have continued with multiplication; looking at the relationship with division and multiples of 10. In theme we have looked at the Roman Army and made notes about soldiers in the army, ready to plan and write our diary entries next week.

We have written programmes for coding sequences in Computing, building on work from last week, and considered how reliable websites and social media can be in SMSC.

Class 4

It's been a busy week in Year 4. In Maths we have been doing multiplication using different methods, including using columns and place value counters. In Theme we have continued our topic of 'Romans' and have been writing a letter to an army general. In Science we investigated the digestive system in more detail and learnt the functions of the different parts of the system, including the gallbladder, the liver, the oesophagus, the pancreas, the salivary glands and the small and large intestine. In English we finished our biographies of Julius Caesar. In SMSC we have been learning about how to keep our body and mind healthy. Finally, we had a wonderful PE lesson with Chiara from City in the Community where we practiced our football skills.

Class 5

In maths we have continued our topic of multiplication and division. We have focused on problem solving and reasoning.

In English we have begun to create our own mythological beast and have used descriptive features to write detailed descriptions. In science we investigated whether or not materials were soluble and then tried to separate the materials from the liquid. We have also been to the Bridgewater Hall to watch the Halle Orchestra, the children were very impressed by a violinist who played two movements with no music!

Class 6

This week in maths we have started a new topic- algebra, the children have worked hard to understand how to use one and 2 step functions and have been introduced to the idea of forming expressions to represent numbers. In science we have looked at adaptation and how living things have survived over time from adapting to their environments. In SMSC we have looked at what financial risk is and the different options we have to keep money safe. In English, we have read a number of Greek myths, looking carefully about the similarities and differences between them. We are hoping to use some of these characteristics in our own writing next week.

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Class 5 at the Bridgewater Hall

Class 5 have been very lucky this week as they got the chance to see the world class Halle Orchestra play at The Bridgewater Hall. The trip to see the Halle follows their in-school workshops with Halle Connect, where they are composing their own interpretative piece to The Firebird by Stravinsky. We cannot wait to hear it!

We're also enormously pleased to announce that we had a wonderful message from a lady who attended yesterday's concert and who had taken the time to email school. She said:

'At the Bridgewater Hall today I was most impressed by the behaviour of your students. The staff were obviously relaxed in knowing that the children would enjoy the concert.'

It was a joy to see several schools there. It certainly was fantastic to witness . The conductor spoke directly to the school groups and encouraged them to "let their imaginations fly!"



CITC- Football Competition

On Tuesday 23rd January some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented school in a football competition against a number of other schools in the Manchester Borough. Our first game was against St Paul's and we started off the game really well. We were very strong throughout all areas of the pitch and created a lot of chances and won the first game 1-0. Our next game was against St Andrew's and having faced this school in previous years, we knew they were going to be tough opposition. We worked really well as a team and our defence played a great role in keeping the score line down, but late in the game they went ahead. We worked tirelessly to to get the ball forward and had 3 shots on target- two of which came off the keeper and back into play and we did everything we could, but couldn't find a way of getting the ball over the line. We were unlucky to lose the game 0-1.

Our final game was against St Matthew's, who again were really strong opposition. We started off well, but half way through this game they scored and our heads seemed to drop and we let them get the better of us and the final score was 1-3 to st Matthew's.



CITC- Football Competition

We were really impressed with how the boys conducted themselves at the competition and they worked really hard to play as a team, and in the positions that they were given. Being a mix of Year 5 and 6 they don't play together too often. But each of them worked hard for the team and should be proud of the effort they put in.



DLP- Archery Competition

On Wednesday 24th January some of our Year 3 and 4 children had the opportunity to take part in an archery competition with other schools from the DLP. They children were shown how to use the equipment and got some chances to practise before entering the competition.

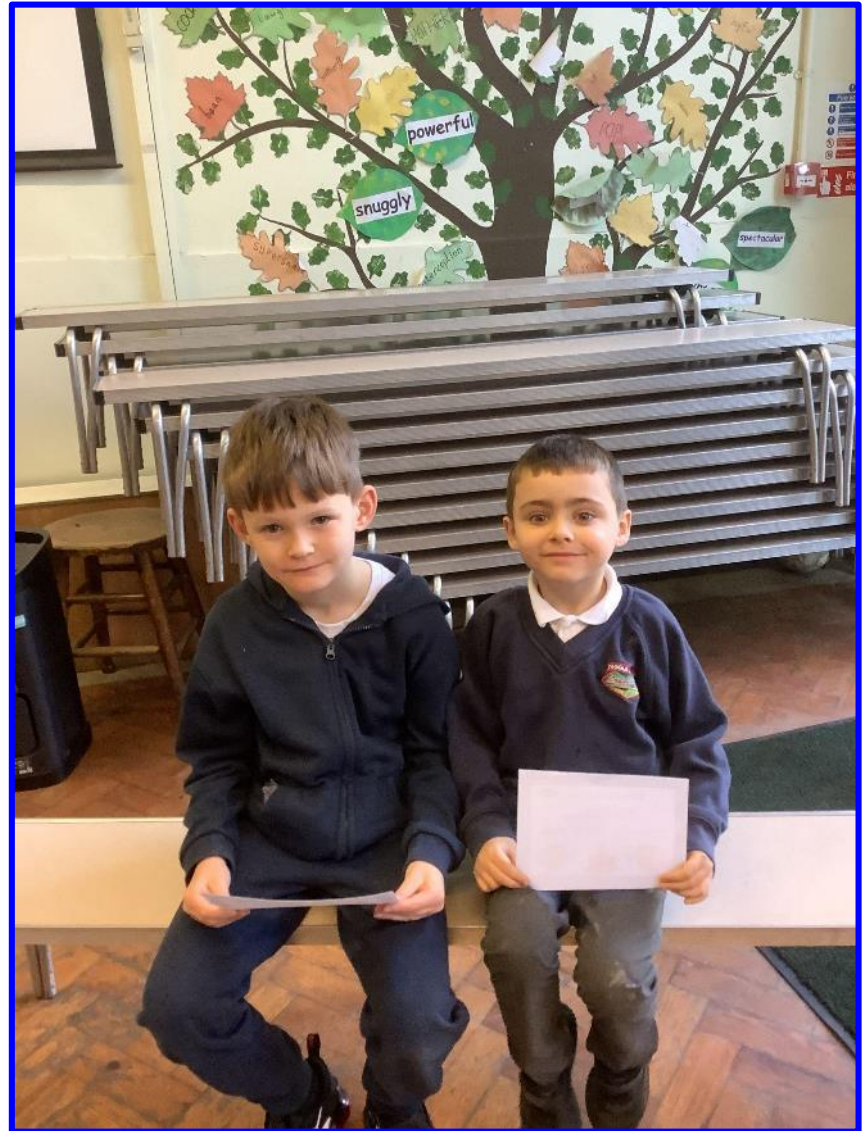
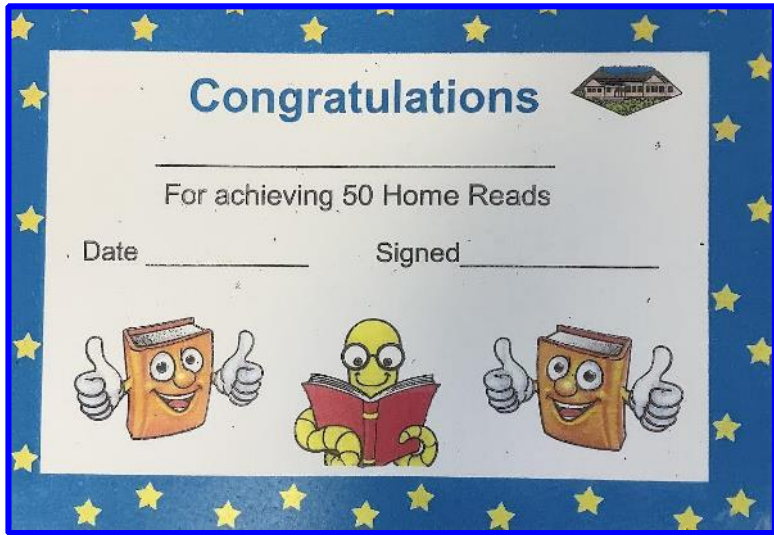
On this occasion, we did not place in the competition but all of the children had a great time and represented school in the right way using our 6 Rs and all enjoyed the experience.

Thank you to Mrs Bird for accompanying the children to the event and for the parents support in ensuring the children got to the event and could take part.



Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 Home Readers...



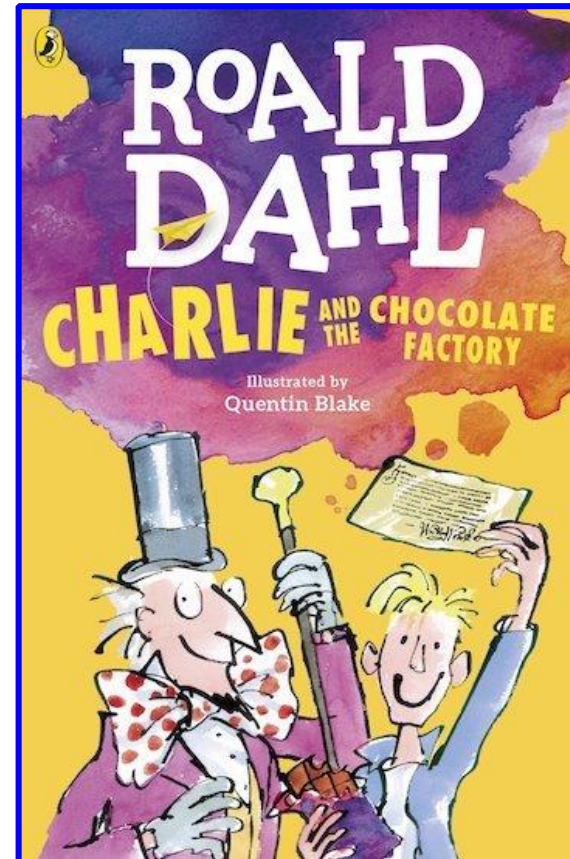
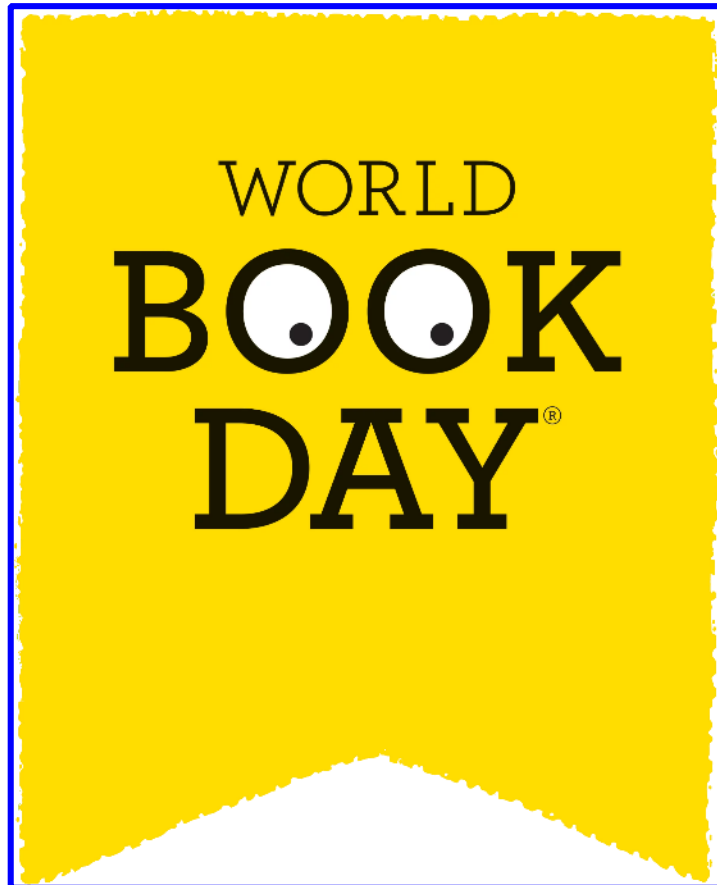
Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to the children who this week reached 100 Home Reads...Amazing!



World Book Day

Don't forget..... For World Book Day this year, we are having a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Please could all children come in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed fancy dress. Please don't buy expensive fancy dress outfits, you can dress as anything 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' related. Maybe you could dress as Charlie, or Grandpa, or Grandma, or even just a big sweet! FODS will be selling Wonka Bars, will you get the lucky golden ticket?



Don't forget all the amazing things FODS have got planned for the children...

Science Week

Break The Rules day!

Friday 16th February



1. Dress as something science related!
2. Wear a crazy hairstyle
3. Bring chocolate or sweets to school
4. Bring a fun drink to school
5. Wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. Paint your nails
7. bring a toy, game or teddy to school
8. Wear silly accessories



50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please pay £3 on parent pay or
bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your
teacher.



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Mothers Day Sale



£3 per gift. Gifts can be pre paid for on parent pay
from next week.
Gifts for all females of all ages !

Wednesday 6th March
Friday 8th March





On World Book Day FODS will be holding a very special golden ticket sale in school! Buy a special large bar of chocolate and you may find a golden ticket!

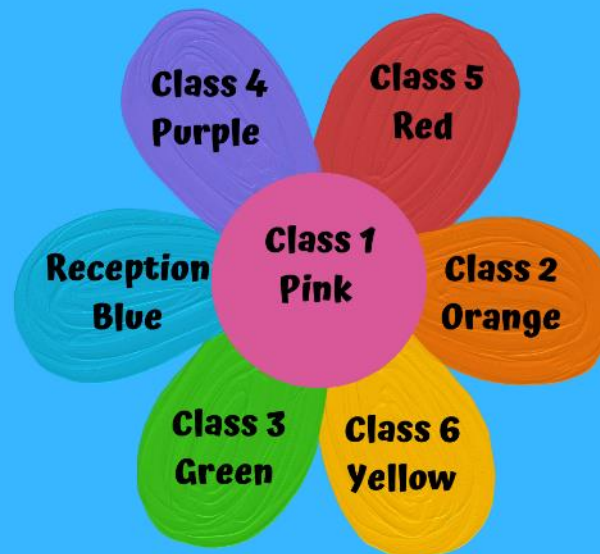


Chocolate costs £2 per bar
Golden ticket bars win a special prize
EVERY child will get a free bookmark and can choose a book!

Chocolate bars can be paid for on the day or on parent pay. Children can buy more than one.



FODS will be holding a Rainbow Raffle this March. We will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for colour themed donations. Each class will have their own colour!



Pupils are kindly asked to bring donations in on Friday 8th March in exchange for a non uniform day .

Raffle tickets will be on sale in March

The Raffle will be drawn on the day of FODS Easter Egg Hunt, Friday 28th March.

Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 28th March

Diggle School Playground 3.20 - 4.30

£3 per child (non school siblings welcome)

Children at school club will get the chance to take part at 4.30

Pay via parent pay by 24th March or entry cannot be guaranteed!

This is a parent accompanied activity

Find 6
coloured
eggs to
win
prizes

Find the
special
egg for
egg-stra
prizes!

Tea,
coffee,
drinks
and tuck
shop

Have a
photo
with the
Easter
Bunny!



Prizes for
best
scarecrows!

Easter treats
with your trail
sheet!

Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL 29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024

Our fabulous Scarecrow Trail is BACK! A great day out for all the family.

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 are available now from
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School> or scan the QR code below.

Purchase your sheet then pick up on the day from one of our outlets-
The Gate Inn, Grandpa Greene's, The Diggle Hotel and Diggle Lock.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for up to date car park and weather info and opening days and times of all venues.

This years theme is

ALL THINGS TELEVISION!

All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075



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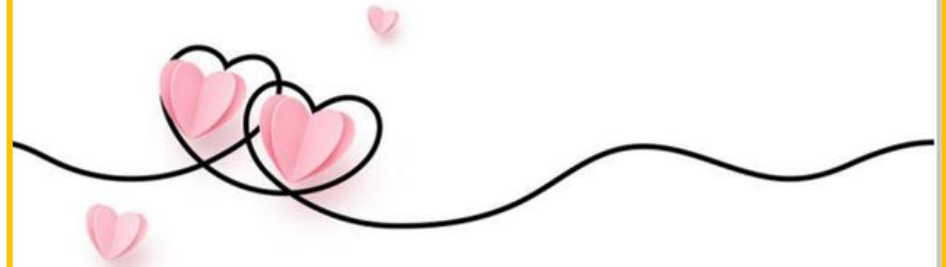
Special Valentine's Day Buffet

Miss Booth in the kitchen is doing a beautiful buffet to celebrate Valentine's Day. If your child does not normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday, but they would like to have our Valentine's Day buffet, please could you let the office know by Monday 12th February.

Thank you.

Valentine's Day Buffet 14th February 24

Assorted sandwiches
Mini sausage rolls
Pizza fingers
Nibbles
Valentine's cookies



Oldham Council Research

Oldham Council are doing some research with parents and carers which is focused on parenting and the home learning environment.

You are invited to join our virtual Parent Carer Panel this month where we'll be focusing on parenting and the activities you like to do with your children!.

The information gathered is used to help co-design local Family Hubs services.

This is a really great opportunity for parents and carers to share their views with senior leaders in Oldham, have their voice heard and help to shape plans across the borough.

Your presence at this event would be invaluable, and your insights will shape our approach to parenting support in the future. We genuinely appreciate your contribution as a Parent Carer Panel member.

The links to book tickets for the sessions are below:

- [Wednesday 31st Jan](http://tinyurl.com/5n6p8dbt) <http://tinyurl.com/5n6p8dbt>
- [Thursday 1st Feb](http://tinyurl.com/yr37yhk3) <http://tinyurl.com/yr37yhk3>

All parents and carers who attend will be placed into a prize draw to win £50!

Parking

Please could we ask once again that you do not park on Heather Way. We have had a number of complaints from residents who are finding their drives have been blocked by the cars of our parents. There was also a complaint last week that the bins on Heather Way had not been emptied because the lorry could not get through.

There are now cones placed on the corner of Heather Way to prevent people from double parking. Please do not remove these cones, they are there for the safety of our children and to ensure the residents of Heather Way are not inconvenienced.
Thank you for your understanding.

Music Lessons

Music lessons have commenced, and fees are now on Parent Pay. Please note that Singing lessons will not start again until after half term and the charge on Parent Pay reflects this planned absence.

Lessons will be as follows:

Monday - Singing (from after half term)

Tuesday - Brass

Wednesday - Percussion, Woodwind, Keyboard

Thursday - Guitar

Please ensure your child brings their instrument with them where applicable on the day stated above.

If you would like your child to start music lessons please contact the school office to enquire about availability and financial commitment.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

**Tuesday 16th January 2024, Tuesday 6th February 2024,
Tuesday 27th February 2024, Tuesday 12th March 2024,
Tuesday 16th April 2024, Tuesday 7th May 2024, Tuesday 4th June 2024, Tuesday 26th June 2024, Tuesday 16th July 2024**

Community Wardrobe

We are pleased to support a local initiative called Community Wardrobe, where you can donate warm winter coats and quilts to keep local families warm this winter. If you have any old coats or quilts you would like to donate, please bring them into school next week. Thank you.



Half Term Holiday Club

Don't forget to book your place for the 'outstanding' Diggle Holiday Club this February Half Term. Remember, places are limited, so don't delay.

Now taking bookings for February half-term!
Open Monday 19th February to 23rd February 2024 inclusive
8.45am - 5pm £27 per day per child



Diggle Holiday Club

Diggle School, Sam Road, Diggle, OL3 5PU
Telephone: 01457 601972

For more information please email:

landaholidayclub@gmail.com

Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,
lunch to be provided by the parents.

