



Updates



- Well done for reaching 95% for attendance this week! We are above national attendance, which is fantastic! Keep up the hard work!
- Don't forget to return your pantomime letters to school by Monday at the very latest! Payment needs to be made on Arbor by Monday 1st December. Children that haven't paid, won't be able to attend. Please let class teachers know if you DO NOT want your child to attend.
- Early Years parents – please don't forget to sign your letters for your child to attend the Louby Loo Magic Show in school on Thursday 4th December. £10 payment needs to be made on Arbor. This guarantees to be a magical experience for the children!

Message from Mrs. Woolley



Dear families,

I can't believe that on Monday, we will be in December! Please keep an eye on Dojo for upcoming events as there are lots of exciting things happening at Brentnall. Don't forget to get your December 1st photos taken in our newly-decorated entrance hall on Monday morning! Our Santa Squad have been busy this afternoon!

After my Kindness Assembly on Tuesday, I would like to appoint some Kindness Ambassadors at Brentnall. If any child would like to be considered, please write me a short letter explaining why you would be good and how you show kindness in school.

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Evans for two weeks whilst he is on paternity leave. Good luck Mr. Evans and we can't wait to hear about your baby news! See you in the New Year!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs. Woolley ☺

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy! **Target: 96%**



Class	% Attendance
Nursery	87.22%
Reception	98.13%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	93.33%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97.14%
Year 5	95.42%
Year 6	98.52%
The Ark	77.5%
Whole School	95%

Star of the Week & Star Writers

Certificates will be awarded in our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 5th December at 9am**. We hope you can come along to join us celebrate.

Class	Star of the Week	Star Writer
Nursery	Aziel	Alisa
Reception	Aurora	Rayne
Year 1	Eman	Lexi
Year 2	Huda	Erayah
Year 3	Aziza	Chikamso
Year 4	Rowan	Lewis
Year 5	Aran	Shahwar
Year 6	Amir	Matty
The Ark	Ethan	Joshua

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

December

Tuesday 2nd – Blackpool Illuminations 3.15 – 7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd – EYFS Nativity at 9.30am for parents

Thursday 4th – Pantomime Theatre trip (Year 1 – 6)

Thursday 4th – Louby Loo Show for EYFS

Tuesday 9th – Christmas Fair 2pm

Thursday 11th – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Thursday 11th – Blackpool Illuminations 3.15 – 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th – Year 1/2/3 Carols by Candlelight for parents at 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th – Year 4/5 Christmas Production for parents at 1.30pm and 5.00pm

Friday 19th – Finish School at 1.30pm

Christmas Production Dates:

BRENTNALL ACADEMY

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

Wednesday 3rd December
at 9.30am

YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Tuesday 16th December
2.30pm

YEAR 4 AND 5 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Wednesday 17th December
1.30pm and 5pm



Connected Salford

Salford Community Cohesion Newsletter

Salford City Council

November 2025



A Welcome From Iman

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our Salford Cohesion Newsletter.

This newsletter is a space to celebrate the people, partnerships, and projects that bring communities together across Salford.

At the heart of this is cohesion. Cohesion is about actively creating spaces where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard.

That's why the theme of this first edition is **standing against hate**.

Hate doesn't just impact individuals, it fractures communities and the very fabric of cohesion. But across Salford people are stepping up to challenge hate and promote unity.

This month, we are proud to announce that we are currently training Hate Crime Reporting Ambassadors from a range of diverse backgrounds.

These individuals will soon be active in their communities, offering support, raising awareness, and helping ensure that **hate has no home here**.

In our Community Voices section, we speak to one of those ambassadors.

Welcome to Connected Salford. Let's keep building bridges and showing that Salford stands connected.

Warmly,
Iman Jacoby
Cohesion Officer

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Upcoming Opportunities

Community Cohesion Conference 16th December 2025

Join us for the upcoming Salford Cohesion Conference to connect and strengthen unity across the city.

The conference will feature:

- Interactive workshops on tackling misinformation and navigating difficult conversations.
- A presentation from Belong on national cohesion and practical approaches.

If you're passionate about making Salford safer and more united, your voice matters.

Registration details are at the end of the newsletter.

Hate Crime Reporting Ambassador Training Tuesday 2nd December 3.00pm-5.00pm

Have you booked on to the hate crime reporting ambassador training yet?

If not, join us for an online training session looking at standing up to hate, supporting victims and understanding hate crime and how to report it.

By the end of the training, you will:

- Know the difference between a hate crime and hate incident
- Be confident in supporting victims and encouraging reporting
- Receive resources and merchandise from Salford Council

For more information please email Iman: iman.jacoby@salford.gov.uk

Quote of the Edition:

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart"

-Nelson Mandela

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To get in touch with me, email me at iman.jacoby@salford.gov.uk

COHESION CONFERENCE

Join us for a day of collaboration, learning, listening and action as we shape community cohesion in Salford.

Morning Session:

Help shape Salford's cohesion strategy. Share your community's needs and priorities, and give your feedback on the current cohesion strategy to help shape what comes next. Your input will guide the next steps in our work to bring communities together, making sure every voice is heard and valued.

Afternoon Workshops:

- Tackling mis/disinformation
- Holding difficult conversations
- Communications: challenging negative narratives and promoting positive messages

**Tuesday 16
December**

09:30 - 15:30

Lunch included

To book a place please click below:

[Eventbrite: Community Cohesion Conference](#)

Alternatively email: iman.jacoby@salford.gov.uk

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Community Voices: Revive Hate Crime Reporting Ambassador



Over the past month, we've delivered four training sessions and recruited nearly 100 Hate Crime Reporting Ambassadors across Salford.

We spoke to one of our newly trained ambassadors from Revive, a community project that supports refugees, people seeking asylum and other vulnerable groups.

They shared, **'when communities come together, it strengthens trust and reduces tensions'**.

They were inspired to become an ambassador because they see **'first-hand the impact that hate, discrimination, and hostility has'** on the people they support at Revive.

For them, **'becoming an ambassador and speaking out against hate helps create a safer, more inclusive environment where everyone can live with dignity, feel valued, and participate fully in community life.'**

We've been truly inspired by the overwhelming response to this initiative. Every volunteer has demonstrated a strong commitment to standing up against hate. These ambassadors will officially launch in February.

Positive Stories Spotlight

Cadishead & Irlam Mosque Open Day
This October, Cadishead & Irlam Mosque held an open day for the local community in Salford. The event offered a chance for people to learn more about the mosque, meet others, and build connections.

There were stalls from Early Help, Greater Manchester Fire Service, Greater Manchester Police and other local services, providing advice and information. Around 40 people attended, creating a welcoming and warm atmosphere for conversations and shared learning.

Events like this play an important role in strengthening community ties and encouraging positivity across Salford.

Make Christmas special
for local children by donating brand new toys and gifts.

Christmas Toy Appeal

Wood Street Mission currently have a Christmas appeal to collect donations for children and families across Manchester and Salford.

To help you can:

- Donate new toys, gifts or books
- Make a financial donation
- Fundraise

See more information at the end of the newsletter.

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November's Focus: Anti-Muslim Hate Awareness Month

This month marks Anti-Muslim Hate Awareness month, also known as **Islamophobia Awareness Month**, a national campaign to raise awareness of anti-Muslim hate and celebrate the positive contributions of Muslim communities across the UK.

This is about challenging harmful stereotypes, amplifying Muslim voices, and promoting understanding across all communities. It is a reminder that cohesion is about active inclusion and standing up to hate in all its forms.

Islamophobia, or alternatively anti-Muslim hate, is defined by the APPG on British Muslims as: 'a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness'.

According to Tell MAMA, 2024 saw the highest number of anti-Muslim hate cases ever recorded. 6,313 cases were reported, a 165% increase since 2022.

In Salford, we're committed to supporting our Muslim community.

Available Support:

- **Tell MAMA:** A national service to report anti-Muslim hate. They offer confidential support.
- **British Muslim Trust Helpline:** A newly launched helpline service to support victims to help them report their experiences.
- **Muslim Women's Network UK:** A dedicated watchdog encouraging Muslim women and girls to report hate, discrimination, and abuse. They offer culturally sensitive support and advocacy.
- **Greater Manchester Victim Support:** Offers free, confidential support for anyone affected by any type of crime, including hate crime.
- **Islamophobia Awareness Month Resources**

Share your Story

Seen something inspiring in your community? Scan the QR code or click the link to share your story and help us celebrate cohesion across Salford!

[Submit your story here](#)

(This will take you to a short form where you can share your story.)



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People submitting CVs with 'Muslim-Sounding' names are **3 times less likely to get a job interview.** [1]

Over **70% of Young Muslims** say they experienced mental health struggles and also say that they have been victims of Islamophobia. [2]



A study on Muslim female victims of Islamophobic assaults found that **many of the women believed that they were targeted** "because of the impact of gendered Islamophobic discourses that construct Muslim women as being passive, weak and oppressed". [3]



Our vision is to see a society free from Islamophobia in all of its forms.



Our mission is to raise awareness of Islamophobia and to showcase the positive contributions of Muslims in society.

1. Hate Crime, England and Wales, 2020/2021 second Edition: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-2020-2021-160000-survivors-uncovering-the-mental-health-struggles-of-young-british-muslims> | <http://bit.ly/3888888>
 2. Ahmed, S. M. (2018). 'Islamophobic Victimhood as a Form of Gender-Based Violence: A Qualitative Study of Muslim Women in Canada', *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 3(1), 45-66.

Every child deserves a magical Christmas!



We really need your help to give local children from struggling families a happy and memorable Christmas. Families across Manchester and Salford will come to Wood Street Mission to choose gifts for their children from the selection we are donated by our supporters.

We will be accepting Christmas donations until **Monday 8th December 2025**. Please try to get yours to us as early as you can, to enable us to help as many families as possible. You can visit our website for gift ideas and links to our Wish Lists.

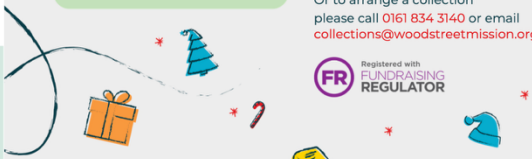
To help you can...

- Donate new toys, gifts or books, unwrapped and suitable for children aged 0-14 years old. Chocolates, selection boxes and wrapping paper are also much appreciated!
- Make a financial donation
- Fundraise with your friends, family, community or workplace

Donate now!

You can drop gifts off with us Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm at **26 Wood Street, Manchester, M3 3EF**.

Or to arrange a collection please call **0161 834 3140** or email collections@woodstreetmission.org.uk



Get in touch or visit us at

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