

## 'Vernon Mill Remembers'

A local History project, shared with the public Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, UKS2 have been hard at work, participating in a local project of cultural and historical importance - Vernon Mill Remembers.

Stockport has been awarded a grant as a Town of Culture and this funded local artists to plan an exciting project which we are very proud to be a part of. The children visited Vernon Mill for a history tour and then Pauline Wood (local artist) has been into school working with the children on creating art work to tell the story of the cotton mill and the people who worked there. The children also completed a two-week writing project, creating original narrative poems and writing both fiction and non-fictional accounts of the Mill.

The project culminates in an exhibition at Vernon Mill Artist Studios this weekend (please see attached flyer for more details). The children's art work will be displayed in the art gallery, along with a selection of their writing and their class poems. These will also be made into a book, to be presented to the school as a keepsake.

In addition to the children's work, the artists will open their studios and local musicians will be performing, alongside the choir from another local primary school. There will be other interesting performances over the weekend, including the Droylsden Little Theatre's performance of a new play written about the cotton mills. There will also be a raffle to win two original paintings by local artist Joan Bradley.

Families are invited to attend the event over the weekend. Book your free tickets on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dlt>

Finally, in July, some children will be visiting the radio studio of Stockport's Talking Newspaper, with a recorded interview to be aired in August.

We hope that you will be able to visit and will be just as proud as we are of the children's wonderful creative work.

Thank you

Miss Green and the UKS2 Team

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# VERNON MILL REMEMBERS

8<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
OPEN STUDIOS FROM 5PM.  
COMMENCING 6.30PM - CONCERT  
THE WEAVERS -  
WELL-KNOWN STOCKPORT MUSICIANS,  
ALONG WITH THE CHOIR OF  
ST. THOMAS' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
MARRIOT ST. STOCKPORT

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
OPEN STUDIOS FROM 4PM  
COMMENCING 7PM - "STITCHES IN TIME"  
A DRAMA PERFORMANCE  
BY DROYLSDEN LITTLE THEATRE,  
A COLLECTION OF STORIES FROM STOCKPORT  
AND THE MILL'S HISTORY SPUN TOGETHER INTO  
A SINGLE THREAD

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS COMMENCING 11AM TO 4PM.  
THE ARTISTS HAVE CREATED WORK IN RESPONSE TO "VERNON MILL REMEMBERS ..."  
• FOLLOW THE ART TRAIL & TAKE A SELFIE OF THIS SPECIAL OCCASION  
• ENJOY A DISPLAY OF ARTWORK AND WRITTEN WORK BY THE CHILDREN OF VERNON PARK PRIMARY  
SCHOOL WHO HAVE SPENT THIS TERM LEARNING ABOUT OUR HERITAGE.

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