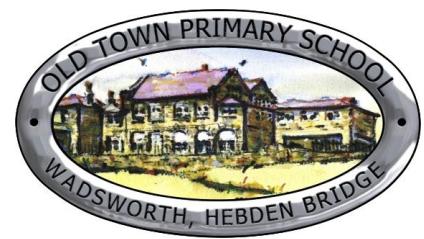


# OLD TOWN NEWSLETTER

13/02/2026



## THIS WEEK AT OLD TOWN

### **Morning Routine for Parents/Carers & Children**

Please be aware that after the half term holidays, any children arriving after 9am via the main entrance will need to say goodbye to parents at the office. Staff will be available to escort pupils through school to their classrooms.

Limiting adult access to the school site during busy arrival times helps us to ensure the safety and security of all our pupils. In addition, this approach supports the development of children's independence and confidence.

Staff will be present in the office to welcome any pupils running late and to ensure that they arrive safely at their classrooms. If you feel that your child still needs you to go into class with them, please ensure you arrive early enough to do this before school starts at 9am.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you.

### **Reminder to Log on and Pay Outstanding Monies**

Please can we remind all families to log on and pay all outstanding payments on School Money, particularly long standing amounts. Thank you.

### **After School Activity Clubs Next Half Term**

The dates below are the dates for the various after school activity clubs for Spring Term 2 2026.

**Monday Yr2-6 Sports Club** will run on 23<sup>rd</sup> February & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Monday Yr1-6 Gardening Club** will run on 23<sup>rd</sup> February & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Thursday Yr1-6 Art Club** will run on 26<sup>th</sup> February & 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**Friday Yr4-6 Drama Club** will run on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please note there is **NOT** a session on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The payment has been added to School Money for the children who are currently attending. If your child does not want to continue, please contact the office to let Mrs Turpin know and the payment will be removed.

If your child would like to join a club, please contact Mrs Turpin and she will add the payment to S/Money.

### **Emergency Morning Closures**

On occasions we may not be able to open the school in the morning due to adverse weather, boiler problems, etc. If this should happen, we will text message all parents. We will endeavour to do this by 7.30am at the latest wherever possible. We will then post a notice on the school website. As you may be aware, Sandy Gate leading to Walker Lane and the road up towards the Hare and hounds are often not gritted or ploughed, therefore, should there be severe snow or frost, the bus routes will be safest.

### **Emergency Closures during the School Day**

If a need to close occurs during the school day we will firstly text message all parents. The system generates

a report to advise when the message has been delivered to the phone. In the event of a failed delivery, a telephone call will be made to you too. Secondly, we will post a notice on the school website welcome page. Can I reassure you that your child will never be sent home until you or your representative has arrived to collect him/her.

### **Reminder Regarding PE Kit**

Please can children have a change of footwear (pumps/trainers) with their PE kit. During winter, shoes are generally bigger/heavier and they are not always suitable for PE lessons.

### **Reminder Regarding Water Bottles and Coats**

Please can we ask all parents to help their child to remember their winter coat every day. We try to play out whenever possible. This includes during rainy days and cold weather. Also, children need a leak proof water bottle with them every day. We have a small stock of bottles available for £2.50 or new lids for 50p. Please order on the School Money Shop.

### **Breakfast/Out of School Club Number**

Breakfast/Out of School Club telephone number for contacting them outside of the normal school day - 07759 240998.

### **YourSchoolLottery**

If you would like to sign up to the School Lottery which raises money for FOOTS, click on the following link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

### **Ofsted Parent View**

If you would like to share your view of the school with Ofsted, please use the following link. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## **Awards This Week**

### **Wainsgate**

Hazel

Phoebe

### **Wadsworth**

Theo B

Class Vote: Bea T

### **Chiserley/Crimsworth**

Alice

Class Vote: Jeep

### **Events First Week Back**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – School Re-opens for Spring Term 2

Monday – Wainsgate PE (R/Yr1) (PE Kit!!!)

Monday – Yr1-6 Gardening Club 3.30-4.45pm

Monday – Yr2-6 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday – Yr4/5/6 PE (please come in PE kit)

Wednesday – Wainsgate (R/Yr1) and Wadsworth (Yr2/3) PE (PE kit!!!)

Thursday – Yr1-6 Art Club 3.30-4.45pm

Friday – Toddler Group in the School Hall 9.15-11.15am

Friday – Yr4-6 Drama Club 3.30-5pm

### **Future Dates**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – FOOTS Meeting 8pm at Vocation (venue tbc)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – FOOTS Open Mic Night 6.30pm in school

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Totally Quackers Entries in (letter to follow)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Wadsworth Performance (letter to follow)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Assembly 2pm at Community Centre

### **POST THIS WEEK**

Have you received these letters?

### **Whole School**

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