

Old Town School News

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Harvest Festival

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ties Trophy**

**Summer Reading
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KS2 Cross Country



Congratulations to our KS2 Cross Country runners who took part in the first event of the season last week. The event was held at Calder and the conditions were wet! A great turn out for the first event from Old Town. A big well done to all the runners. Results were:

Year 5: Boys: Charlie 8th

Year 4: Girls: Esme 4th, Lucia 16th, Lilah 17th
Boys: Herbie 14th, Malachy 18th

Year 3: Girls: Sienna 12th, Clara 29th
Boys: Hugh 9th, Sam A 12th

Harvest Festival



What a lovely Harvest Festival we enjoyed together at Wainsgate Chapel. Each class and the choir performed beautifully led by Mrs Pearce. Well done to our Year 6 readers who led the service very well. Michelle and her colleague from Happy Days were thrilled to see the amount of donations and spoke about how much it would help their charity. Thank you so much for all the donations and thank you to Wainsgate Chapel for enabling us to have our service in their beautiful building. Many thanks to parents and carers who joined us at the service.

School Photographs – Wed 30th September

We have Happy Snapz Photography in school next Wednesday 30th September. If you would like to have photographs taken with pre-school children, please be in the hall for 8.30am as these will be taken first. School age children will be photographed with other school age siblings during the school day.

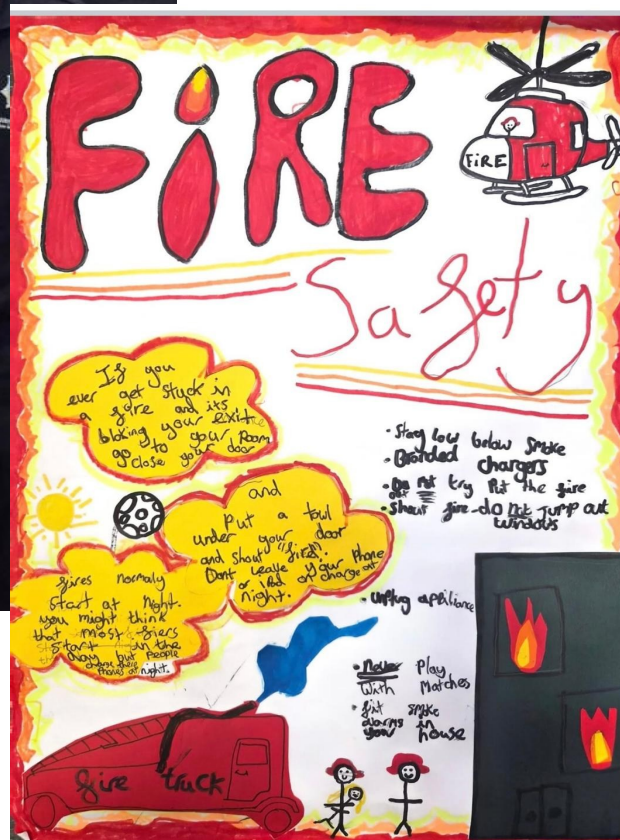
IMPORTANT CONSENT—if you do not wish your child to be included in the class group photograph for any reason—please inform Mrs Turpin by Tuesday 29th September

- **Secondary School Applications Closing Date**

Please be reminded that the closing date for secondary school applications for current Year 6 children is **31st October**. Please make sure you apply before the deadline, or your application will be classed as late and your child may be allocated a school that you do not wish them to attend.

Congratulations to Nyree on winning the Safer Communities Trophy

In the run up to their Open Day, Mytholmroyd Fire Station ran a community fire safety poster competition. We were delighted to hear that Nyree won the competition! Representatives from Mytholmroyd Fire station came to present Nyree with her trophy. They posted on their social media account how amazing her poster was and how it included all of the important information. Well done Nyree!



The winning poster with fantastic advice!



Summer Reading Challenge

A big well done to all of our pupils who completed the Summer Reading Challenge with Calderdale Libraries over the summer holidays.

The challenge was to read at least 6 books over the holidays. We've heard about lots of lovely stories that the children have read at home and whilst away on holiday. Here are Herbie, Ted, Otto, Henry and Till sharing their certificates and medals.



Birthday wishes for the month of September go to:

Chet, Ted, Nyree, Bea H, Archie, Tristan

Birthday wishes for the month of October go to:

Elwin, Toby, Alec, Clara, Herbie

We hope you have a lovely day!

Old Town Awards

Awards w/e 18.09.26

Wainsgate

Delilah

George S

Wadsworth

Leah

Pupil vote— Amelie

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Pupil vote—Albert

Awards w/e 25.09.26

No awards due to Harvest Festival

Congratulations to pupils receiving awards over the past two weeks. We are very proud to celebrate our award winners who have been working hard, have been kind and helped others. Well done!

• Email Contact With School Staff

Please can we request that if you wish to contact any school staff by email, please use this email: admin@oldtown.calderdale.sch.uk with a title of 'FAO XXXXX (staff members name)'. This is so we can keep track of your email and ensure it gets to the correct person as quickly as possible. Teachers do not routinely access their emails but Mrs Turpin has the admin email open all the time. If the communication is of a confidential nature and/or only senior leadership can deal with it, please send to head@oldtown.calderdale.sch.uk. Please do not use this for general enquiries.

Paper Letters This Week w/e 18th & 25th September

Crimsworth

Annie Performance Letter Yr6

Unihoc Letter Yr6

Calder High School Open Evening flyer

Wainsgate

Purple Mash Information All

Star Moments letter Rec

Phase 2 Grapheme Information Rec

TT Rockstars Yr1

School Notices

- **NEW!—Nasal Flu Vaccination Day – Friday 2nd October**

You should have received communication directly from the NHS regarding the Nasal Flu Vaccination that will be taking place next Friday. They have received 67 responses (from 85 children) so can I remind you to reply to their communication to either consent or remove consent. If they do not receive a response, they will not give the vaccination. Thank you.

- **NEW!—Phonics Session for Reception Parents – Wednesday 7th October**

Further to the email sent earlier this week - As you are aware from the information given at the welcome meeting earlier this year, reading is a huge part of the children's learning within school. We talked about how your child will learn to read through our daily phonics lessons. We would like to invite you into school to learn more about what phonics actually is and how your child will be learning over the year. We will be offering a phonics session on Wednesday 7th October at 3.30pm. The session is expected to last around 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend, we can arrange a copy of the presentation to be copied and sent home with your child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Godsman or Mrs Hall.

- **NEW!—Milk Payments for Rec to Yr2**

If you have not confirmed whether your child would like milk or not this year, please do this ASAP so that the payment can be removed if you do not want them to have it. Thank you

- **NEW!—New Route Through School to Wainsgate Class**

Please can parents be aware that there is a class working (Year 6) in what was the old library area. If you come in via the office and need to get to Wainsgate class, please go through the hall and down the steps at the other end. Thank you.

- **NEW ! -Free School Meals Linked to Universal Credit**

If you have been awarded Free School Meals because you claim Universal Credit, please can you let us know so we can add you to our records. We will need to see sight of the letter they have sent you so we can prove we have evidence. Thank you.

- **Playgroup in School Hall on Friday Mornings**

Please let any families you now with pre-school children know that we have a playgroup in the school hall every Friday morning 9-11am - everyone welcome! There is a small £2 fee and this includes a morning of fun and play with a drink and a snack.

- **Lunchboxes and Snacks**

Please be reminded not to send chocolate bars in packed lunches or for snack. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have fruit and veg provided by school so do not need to bring a snack. For Years 3 – 6 you can send a snack for playtime. We encourage fruit, veg sticks, raisins, etc. please remember not to send anything with nuts as we have children with nut allergies in school. Thank you in advance.

- **Change of Contact Details**

Please can we remind parents/carers to keep us updated with any changes to contact numbers, addresses, medical information, etc so we can update of records.

School Notices

- **School Payments – No Longer Able to Take Cash**

We are no longer able to take cash payments in school for dinners, clubs, etc. We can take card payments (physical card only) in the office or payments through School Money. If you need your password resending, please contact the office.

- **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 or if your child is leaving us this year. If you need a password reminder, please contact the office. Thank you.

- **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. If in any doubt, look at 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.

- **Reminder Regarding Water Bottles and Coats**

Please can we ask all parents to help their child to remember their coat every day. We try to play out whenever possible. 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/>

Friends of Old Town School (FOOTS) update

FOOTS are busy preparing for some exciting events this term.

Dates for the diary:

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



Teddy Bears Picnic **Friday 2nd October at 3.30pm** in the playground for reception children. Look out for invites in book bags this week. A great opportunity to spend time getting to know each other and your PTA - Friends of Old Town School (FOOTS). Siblings welcome and bring your teddies! We would like to invite Year 6 buddies to come along as well.

FOOTS need your help serving soup and cakes to Calder Valley Fell Runners on **Sunday 4th October**. Please sign up here: [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets](#) - [CVFR Castle Carr and C'alf Races signup sheet](#)



Halloween disco — Thurs 22nd October 6pm at Wadsworth Community Centre. More information coming soon.

We also want to promote the others ways that you can raise money for FOOTS. This week - **Easy Fundraising**. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [FOOTS - Friends of Old Town School - Hebden Bridge Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#) FOOTS made **£650** last year alone from this so it really does help us. There is an app you can download, and donation reminders you can set up on your phone or laptop so you never have to miss a donation.

QR code for Easyfundraising:



School Notices

- Please can we politely remind families that we are a nut-free school as we have pupils with nut allergies in school. Thank you.
- We kindly remind our whole school community to park considerately when parking around school. Please avoid parking on or near junctions, as this can block visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, making the area less safe for everyone– *especially our pupils walking into school. Choosing safe and appropriate parking spaces, even if it means walking a short distance helps to keep our school community safe and accessible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.*
- Judo course available:

**5 week After School Judo
at Oldtown School**

**After School starts
Wednesday 4th November**



**Cost £25 for 5 weeks
Limited places**

Judo Excellence

 **BRITISH JUDO**
Elite Provider

**Text Tony to book
07932 081 793**

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The Calder Learning Trust

Calder High School

Welcomes prospective students and parents



The Calder Learning Trust would like to welcome you to its **Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 1st October 2026**. The school will be open from 4:30pm-7pm. There will be three short presentations from the Headteacher at 4:45, 5:30 and 6:15pm. Because of the expected high numbers, we ask you to mix and match your viewing of the rest of the school with one of these.

Student guides will be available throughout the evening to give you a tour of the school or alternatively you are welcome to make your own way around the numerous faculty display areas.

Representation from Calderdale Council will also be available to clarify or discuss any questions around admissions, while members of the School Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

To minimise congestion around the site and surrounding roads, we request that all visitors come in through the three entrances at the front of school. Please note that, with regret, there will be no parking available on site.

We look forward to meeting you and hope that you find the occasion both informative and enjoyable.



Mr A. Taylor
Head of Calder High School

**Brier Hey Lane
Mytholmroyd
Hebden Bridge
HX7 5QN
Tel: 01422 883213**

MENOPAUSE

information evening



An informal and supportive session
for women to learn, ask questions and
feel more informed about menopause.



You're not alone – let's talk about it.



**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30TH**



15:30



**IN THE
SCHOOL HALL**



Childcare available through
the after school club
if you need it. 



With

Dr Lauren Robson

(mum of Eira and Bobby)



EVERY WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT.

Let's navigate it together.



Want to play Music?



9 week Brass course

Starts

4pm, Thursday 1st October

Hope Chapel,
Hebden Bridge

£30

Ages 7 - 11

scan QR code or email
hebdenbrass@hotmail.com



www.hebdenbridgejuniorband.co.uk

Community Notices



HELEN WILMAN
— SCHOOL OF DANCE —

-NEW- 
JAZZ

Students Welcome! 

→ AGES 8-18 ←

*Energetic. Stylish. Expressive.
Be yourself. Dance your way.*

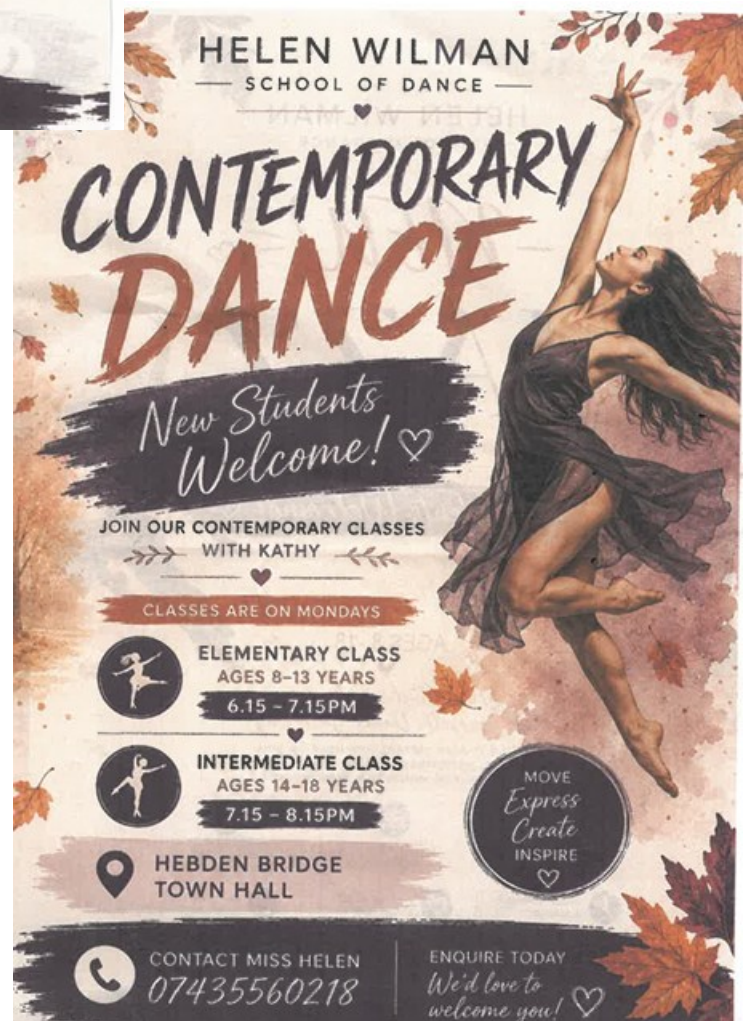
Join our Jazz classes and develop your technique, performance skills and confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 5-6PM	 AGES AGES 8-18	 WATERSIDE GYM VALLEY ROAD HEBDEN BRIDGE
 BUILD TECHNIQUE & STRENGTH	 EXPRESS YOURSELF & HAVE FUN	 MAKE FRIENDS. GAIN CONFIDENCE

Move • Learn • Grow • Shine

 CONTACT HELEN
07435560218

FOR MORE INFORMATION 



HELEN WILMAN
— SCHOOL OF DANCE —

**CONTEMPORARY
DANCE**

*New Students
Welcome!* 

JOIN OUR CONTEMPORARY CLASSES
WITH KATHY

CLASSES ARE ON MONDAYS

	ELEMENTARY CLASS AGES 8-13 YEARS 6.15 - 7.15PM
	INTERMEDIATE CLASS AGES 14-18 YEARS 7.15 - 8.15PM

 **HEBDEN BRIDGE
TOWN HALL**

 CONTACT MISS HELEN
07435560218

ENQUIRE TODAY
*We'd love to
welcome you!* 



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Huddersfield
NHS Charity



NHS

Calderdale and Huddersfield
NHS Foundation Trust

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

IN AID OF THE RAY OF SUNSHINE CAMPAIGN

Tickets include a hot dog, cordial, and a small packet of
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£6.99 per child | Adults go FREE

Family discounts available

OCTOBER

FRIDAY

23

6-9PM

BAINES HALL, ELLAND CRICKET
CLUB, HX5 0QY

For more information contact:
CHFTFundraising@cht.nhs.uk



BOOK NOW



Community Notices

DEVELOPMENT CENTRE COACHING

**Holiday Club
DODGEBALL**

We've booked a Dodgeball Holiday Club at Hebden Royd Primary School. The sessions will run on Tuesday 27th October 2026 and Wednesday 28th October 2026, 8:45am - 3:15pm. These sessions will be running for children in year 4,5,6 and year 7.

The same coach from our Summer Holiday Club will be running the camp, myself, Darren Crawford.

Our Price is just £25 per day or £40 if you book for both sessions.

If you would like to make a booking please don't hesitate to email me at darrendcsports@gmail.com

	Date	Venue	Time	Cost
1	27/09/2026	Hebden Royd Primary School	8:45 - 3:15	£25
2	28/09/2026	Hebden Royd Primary School	8:45 - 3:15	£25
				£40



ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Play Dodgeball games such as Secret Agent, V.I.P and much more
- Exercise
- Have Fun and learn new skills

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The same coach from our Summer Holiday Club will be running the camp, myself, Darren Crawford.

Our Price is just £25 per day or £40 if you book for both sessions.

If you would like to make a booking please don't hesitate to email me at darrendcsports@gmail.com

	Date	Venue	Time	Cost
1	29/09/2026	Hebden Royd Primary School KS1	8:45 - 3:15	£25
2	30/09/2026	Hebden Royd Primary School KS1	8:45 - 3:15	£25
				£40



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October Family Fun Day

At Wadsworth Community Centre

Autumn Crafts & Ghoulish Games

MONDAY 26th October

9.30pm - 12.30pm
£5 per Child

Open to all Ages

Contact: **LOUISA - 07985490419**
For further information or to book a place.

Alternatively email accounts@wadsworthcommunityassociation.org.uk

Limited places - Booking Advisable

Community Notices



Over the past year, the Friends of Pecket Well Playground have been working hard to save this lovely space for our community



Thanks to the support of our local community, Wadsworth Area Community Assets (WACA) and Wadsworth Parish Council, we have already achieved a great deal, including:

- ✓ Raising £1,000 through the fantastic pub quiz and raffle held at our local pub, The Robin Hood Inn
- ✓ Securing a grant from  in collaboration with WACA which, together with a generous private donation and funds raised from the pub quiz, enabled us to install four brand-new swings
- ✓ Organising two successful Community Clean-Up events to help maintain the playground and its access path



While we're proud of what we've achieved so far, there is still much more to do. Without further funding and community support, the future of the playground is uncertain, and it risks falling into further disrepair.

We're now looking ahead to Phase Two of the project, and your ideas are vital in shaping its future. Whether you use the playground regularly or simply value it as an important community space, we'd love to hear your views.



Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. Your feedback will help us to develop our plans, strengthen future funding applications, and ensure the playground reflects the needs and wishes of our community

If you'd like to find out more:

- ✓ search for us on Facebook
- ✓ or get in touch by emailing us at FoPecketWellPlayground@gmail.com

Thank you for your support





- Wednesday 30th September—Photograph Day (Please arrive for 8.30am for pre-school siblings photos)
- Wednesday 30th September—Menopause talk with Dr Lauren Robson in school hall 3.30pm
- Friday 2nd October 3.30-4.30pm—Teddy Bear's Picnic for Reception pupils
- Friday 2nd October—Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination Day (Consent has been sorted direct to parents from NHS)
- Sunday 4th October—FOOTS catering at community centre for Castle Carr Fell Race Event
- Tuesday 6th October—Year 5/6 Unihoc Festival 4pm at Calder High (if enough pupils interested)
- Wednesday 7th October—Reception Parents Phonics Meeting 3.30pm
- Monday 12th October –Year 6 to Calder High to watch Annie performance
- Tuesday 13th October 8pm—FOOTS meeting at Vocation, Hebden Bridge
- Thursday 22nd October—Halloween Disco 6pm at Community Centre (**please note change of date**)
- Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm School closes for October half term
- Friday 23rd October—Inset Day—school closed to pupils
- 31st October—Closing date for secondary school applications
- Monday 2nd November—School reopens
- Wednesday 4th November—Year 1-6 Judo Excellence 5 week course commences (dependent on number of children interested)
- Wednesday 18th November—Parents' Evening
- Thursday 26th November—Year 4-6 Yorkshire Water visit (details to follow nearer the time)
- Friday 11th December 2pm—Reception and KS1 Nativity at school
- Friday 18th December—Christmas Carol Service –Wainsgate Chapel 2pm
- Friday 18th December—school closes for Christmas holidays 3.30pm
- Tuesday 5th January 2027—School reopens