



# Old Town School News

17TH APRIL 2026

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Hebden Rotary Duck Race

Easter competition winners

Happy Birthday

Award winners

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### Hebden Bridge Rotary Duck Race

We hope that all our families had a lovely Easter break. It has been great to see everyone back again this week. Some of you may have visited the Duck Race events in Hebden Bridge over the Easter Weekend. We had some fantastic entries for the artwork competition.



Well done to Ophelia and Sam A who's pieces were chosen to represent Old Town School in the main competition. Ophelia had spent weeks working on her felt piece with her Grandma and Sam had designed a fantastic 3D Mountain Rescue model.



There were many other amazing other entries so a big well done and thank you to all our families who took part!

# EASTER COMPETITION —WINNERS—

We were amazed at the super entries for all of the competitions. Well done everyone! Here is a list of all our winners:

## [Hebden Bridge Rotary Decorated Egg/Poster Competition](#)

3D model - Sam A

Poster – Ophelia

## [Decorated Egg competition](#)

Everyone! They were so good it was too hard to even choose!!!!

## [Easter Egg Rolling class competition](#)

Wainsgate – Errol

Wadsworth – Amelia

Chiserley/Crimsworth – Joe

## [Easter Bonnets class competition](#)

Wainsgate – Irah

Wadsworth – Sienna

Chiserley/Crimsworth – Layla





**Birthday wishes for the month of April go to:**

**Julianne, Willow, Rafael, Sam W, Bea D, Benji and Oaken!**

**We hope you have a lovely day!**

### **Award Winners—17th April**

**Congratulations to pupils receiving awards this week.**

#### **Wainsgate**

**Finley  
Tilly**

#### **Wadsworth**

**Whole Class Class vote – Felicity**

#### **Chiserley/ Crimsworth**

**Nyree  
Alice  
Class vote – Ginny**

**We are very proud to celebrate our award winners who have been working hard, have been kind and helped others. Well done!**



Well done to our Sports Club pupils!

Old Town staff were very proud to receive a message from Kara, our new after school Sports Coach this week. Following her first session with the children, Kara sent a message to say that she had never been to Old Town School before but she wanted to say what lovely children we had! Kara also commented on the children's fantastic manners. All of the children got involved and Kara is looking forward to the upcoming sessions. Well done Sports Club for representing Old Town School so well. We love to celebrate good messages like this! Keep up the good work!

## **FOOTS and Gardening Club getting our playground summer ready!**

Our fantastic FOOTS group and our Gardening Club have been very busy getting our playground and outside areas ready for some summer sunshine!

Miss Louisa and the gardening club had a good spring clean up ready for some new equipment to arrive. Some lovely new planters have already arrived as you may have seen in the playground.

FOOTS have used a grant to buy some a lovely picnic table, which will be placed down in the area near the pagoda. There are also some balance beams arriving for that area too! With the purchase of some new plants to come, our playground will have a lovely injection of colour again soon!

The children are enjoying playing with some new equipment at playtimes too. Look out for photos all of the new items in the next newsletter!

Many thanks to Jess, Mike and Andy (for the DIY part) and Miss Louisa and our gardening club. We can't wait to see it when all the new items are in place!



## Notices

### 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 winter 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/>



**PARTY!**  
*Sat 2 May 3-10pm*

at Wadworth Community Centre, Old Town, HX7 8RY  
**Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's  
100th Birthday**  
*Come dressed as Sir David,  
or as wildlife, or bring an animal (not live!)*  
Paid Bar, bring Food to Share,  
**Voluntary contributions,  
money raised going to local Animal Charities!**  
Contact Helen 07875 683185

## Notices

- **Summer 1 After School Club Dates**

The dates below are the dates for the various after school activity clubs for Summer Term 1 2026.

Monday Yr2-6 **Sports Club** will run on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. 5 weeks = **£20. Reduced to £16 following the cancellation of 23.03.26 club.**

Monday Yr1-6 **Gardening Club** will run on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. 5 weeks = **£20.**

Thursday Yr1-6 **Art Club** will run on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. 6 weeks = **£24.**

Friday Yr4-6 **Drama Club** will run on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 6 weeks = **£24.**

The payment will be added to School Money for the children who are currently attending. If your child doesn't want to continue, please reply to this email or pop into the office to let Mrs Turpin know and the payment will be removed.

- [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.

### FOOTS need you!

If you can offer any help at events please let us know.

- [Monday 4th May '26- FOOTS are catering \(barbecuing in an open field!\) for the Coiners Run!](#)
- [Sunday 4th October '26—FOOTS will be catering for the Castle Carr Fell Race at Wadsworth Community Centre](#)
- [Sunday 8th November '26—FOOTS will be taking part in the Wadsworth Walking Market](#)

### Letters This Week

Crimsworth

SATs information for Children and Parents

### Reminders

#### Dates

Yr6 Transition Event (for those attending Calder High) – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)

# Important Dates



- Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday—School Closed—Coiners Run and FOOTS catering (any help appreciated!)
- Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May—KS2 SATS week
- Friday 22nd May—May Celebrations 2pm in school yard
- Friday 22nd May 3.30pm Close for May half term
- Tuesday 2nd June—School reopens after May half term
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Chiserley/Crimsworth Visit to Royal Armouries
- Monday 8th June - Yr6 Transition Event (for those attending CHS)
- Wednesday 10th June - Yr5 Transition Event (all children)
- Thursday 18th June - Wainsgate Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park (letter to follow)
- Friday 19th June—EYFS & KS1 Pyjama party
- Friday 10th July—KS2 Sleepover
- Thursday 16th July—Summer Disco at Wadsworth community centre
- Friday 17th July—3.30pm School closes for Summer Holidays