

Old Town School News

15TH MAY 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Headteacher's postcards

Happy Birthday

Award winners

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New behaviour initiatives in school



Over the past couple of weeks, I have been delighted to start sending out some of our new postcards!

Staff have been discussing behaviour initiatives recently. We want to ensure that we are consistent in encouraging good

manners, good listening and respectful conversation with our children

We also wanted to ensure that we are consistently recognising positive behaviour, hard work, kindness and good manners. Reflecting on our school values of 'Confidence, Compassionate, Responsible and Resilient', we want to praise pupils where they are fulfilling these values.

We have also created a display board in the hall so that children can see the weekly winning house through the team merits they collect during the week. Eagles have stormed ahead this half term! House party rewards will now be half termly so that the children remain motivated and keen to earn those team merits!

Rewards can include ideas like a visit to the park, a drink/snack with party games or some extra playtime!

Well done to children who have already received a postcard! We hope it was a nice surprise for parents/carers too!



Birthday wishes for the month of May go to:

Ingrid, Luca, Tilly B, Finbar, Hazel, Bea T, Tilly M, Rory, Zac, Arcadio, William, Eira

We hope you have a lovely day!

Old Town Awards

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!

Awards w/e 08.05.26

Wainsgate

Ada
Arwyn

Wadsworth

Elwin and Theo B
Pupil vote – Lucia

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Luca
Pupil vote – Eryn

Awards w/e 15.05.26

Wainsgate

Jessica
Oaken

Wadsworth

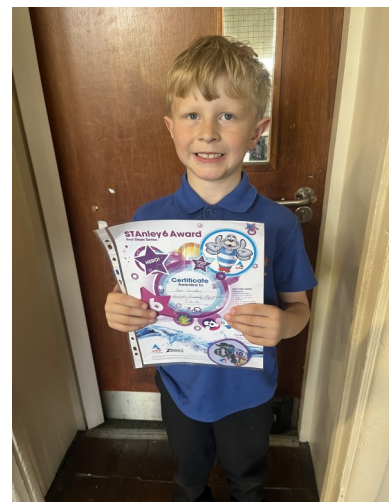
Pupil vote – Theo.
Felicity

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Pupil vote – Oliver
Alwyn

Out of School Achievements

Thank you to pupils that shared their achievements from outside of school with us this week.



Ginny shared with us that she had achieved her Wellbeing badge at Guides. She had to complete 4 hours of training to earn the badge. Sam W shared his trophy for 'Save of the Day' from Hebden Bridge Saints Football Club. Ezra shared his latest swimming certificate. Ezra has recently achieved Level 6 in his swimming! Ada also shared that she had achieved her 'Storyteller' badge at Rainbows. What talented children we have at Old Town! Well done!

School Notices

- **Well done Year 6**

Well done to our Year 6 cohort who completed their KS2 SATS tests last week. They had all prepared well and definitely demonstrated our school value of 'Resilience' during the week. I am sure their hard work and efforts will have paid off. Well done to them all—we are very proud of them.

- **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. If you need a password reminder, please contact the office. Thank you.

- **'May' Celebrations – Change of Date**

Due to staff ratios and logistics of rehearsing, we have decided to postpone the 'May' Celebration until **Wednesday 24th June 2.30pm**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused with the change of date but we must ensure the safety of pupils. We do hope that you are still able to join us for our 'May' celebrations on Wednesday 24th June at 2.30pm in the playground – weather permitting. This year our May King and Queen will be Ted and Amelie from Year 1 and their attendants will be Beau and Oaken from Reception. After the crowning, there will be various Maypole dances, and Crimsworth will be dancing with Longswords. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Paper Letters Week w/e 08.05.26**

Wainsgate

Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit

Wadsworth

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Yr3 Football Festival

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Royal Armouries Visit

Yr5 Calder High Transition Morning

Yr6 Calder High Transition Day

Yr4 Football Festival

- **Paper Letters Week w/e 15.05.26**

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Phil Earle Author Visit

School Notices

- **Art Exhibition at Community Centre – 5th June**

We will be holding a whole school art exhibition at the Community Centre from 2.50pm on Friday 5th June. This is an opportunity for the children to show you the art they have been doing in school during the year. Once you have been to view the exhibition, you can take your child from the community centre (please speak to a staff member to let them know you are leaving). Any children left when the exhibition ends, will be walked back on to school for collection at 3.30pm.

- **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/>

School Notices

Summer 2 After School Club Dates

The dates below are the dates for the various after school activity clubs for Summer Term 2 2026. We do not come back until Tuesday 2nd June so Sports and Gardening are not on that week.

Please Note - We also do not have any clubs on the final week due to other commitments in school.

Monday Yr2-6 **Sports Club** will run on Monday 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th June and 6th July. 5 weeks

Monday Yr1-6 **Gardening Club** will run on Monday 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th June and 6th July. 5 weeks

Thursday Yr1-6 **Art Club** will run on Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th June, also 2nd and 9th July. 6 weeks

Friday Yr4-6 **Drama Club** will run on Friday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June, also 3rd and 10th July. 6 weeks

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 in to the office to let Mrs Turpin know and the payment will be removed.

If your child would like to join a club, please reply to this email and Mrs Turpin will add the payment to School Money.

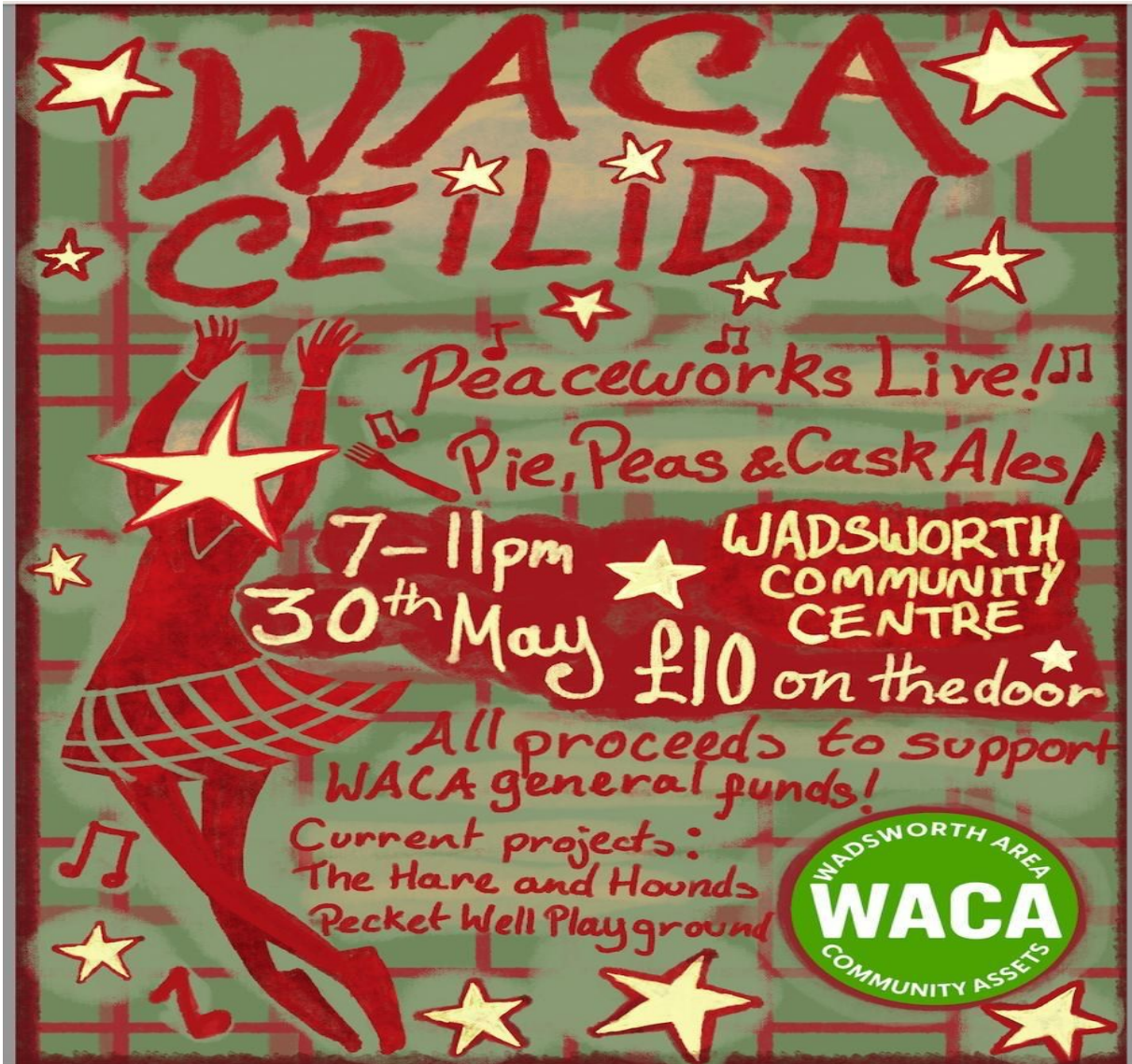
- [Please can we politely remind families that we are a nut-free school as we have pupils with nut allergies in school. Thank you.](#)
- We kindly remind our whole school community to park considerately when parking around school. Please avoid parking on or near junctions, as this can block visibility 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.

- [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](#)

Community Notices



A ceilidh is taking place on Saturday 30th May, at Wadsworth community centre please. £10, pay on the door, 7pm to 11pm. It is raising funds for "Wadsworth Area Community Assets (WACA) - whose current projects are the Pecket Well playground and saving the Hare and Hounds.



Annalise, a former Old Town pupil, will be starting a monthly girls group at Dodnaze Community Centre from Thursday 28th May 6-8pm.

The group will be for 9-13 year old girls and is a free session with limited places available.

Annalise has a background in drama facilitation, having trained as an actor. She now runs classes in Manchester.

The sessions will be creative sessions exploring growing up, the transitional phase from primary to high school, self esteem, social media and friendships. If you would like to secure a place before 28th May, please call Annalise on 07535530066.

Community Notices



**PLACES LIMITED -BOOKING
ESSENTIAL by TEXT: 07980 536440**

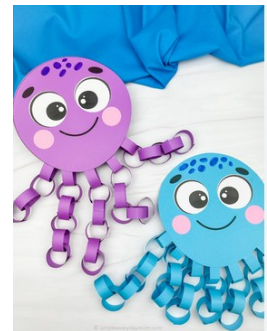
or EMAIL: accounts@wadsworth-communityassociation.org.uk

HALF TERM CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 26th May –

10:00am to 11:15 for under 6 years

Story & Craft Workshop centred around SOMETHING BLUE



11:30 to 12:45 for 6 – 10 years

K'nex Building Challenge



£2.00 each, including coffee/juice/snack

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Places Limited – SO PLEASE BOOK

Important Dates



- Tuesday 19th May - 4pm—Year 3/4 Football at Calder High
- Friday 22nd May—**POSTPONED TO 24/06/26** May Celebrations in school yard
- Friday 22nd May 3.30pm Close for May half term
- Tuesday 26th May—Craft and Coffee morning at Wadsworth Community Centre
- Tuesday 2nd June—School reopens after May half term
- Thursday 4th June - Chiserley/Crimsworth Visit to Royal Armouries
- Friday 5th June—2.50pm Art Exhibition at Community Centre
- Monday 8th June - Yr6 Transition Event (for those attending CHS)
- Wednesday 10th June- Wadsworth Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Wednesday 10th June - Yr5 Transition Event (all children)
- Wednesday 10th June - New September Starters Parents' Meeting 7pm
- Thursday 18th June - Wainsgate Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Friday 19th June—EYFS & KS1 Pyjama party
- Wednesday 24th June—May Celebrations in school 2.30pm (Please note new date)
- Wednesday 8th July - Chiserley/Crimsworth Year End Performance 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 10th July—KS2 Sleepover
- Thursday 16th July—Award-winning children's author, Phil Earle visiting Yr4-6
- Thursday 16th July—Summer Disco at Wadsworth community centre
- Friday 17th July—3.30pm School closes for Summer Holidays