



# Old Town School News

20TH MARCH 2026

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## Cross Country Congratulations



Congratulations to Alwyn who came 51st out of 151 runners at the recent West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at Temple Newsam.

It is no mean feat to actually qualify as an individual for the county finals and Alwyn has actually qualified every year for the past 4 years!

Alwyn's time for the West Yorkshire race was 5 minutes and 1 second, meaning that he was the highest positioned boy out of all the Year 6 boys qualifiers from the HX7 Sports partnership this year! What a brilliant performance demonstrating steadfast determination and commitment throughout his four years as a junior runner representing Old Town School and Calderdale. We know Alwyn runs with Calder Valley Fell Runners too so we hope to continue hearing of Alwyn's achievements in the future. Well done Alwyn—we are very proud of you!

## 3rd place for our Year 6 quiz team—Hebden Rotary Quiz

Congratulations to our Year 6 quiz team who came 3rd in the recent Hebden Rotary Quiz.

Seven local schools entered the quiz and teams had to answer 10 rounds of questions on different topics such as maths, sport, music and general knowledge. Congratulations to Scout Road School who were overall winners of the event and our fabulous four for their 3rd place position!





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

**Scarlett, Anna, Gryffin, Ezra, Nella and Monty**

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

### **Award Winners—13th March and 20th March**

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

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

#### **Awards last week w/e 13.03.26**

##### **Wainsgate**

Beau

Rafael

##### **Wadsworth**

Benji

Theodore

##### **Chiserley/Crimsworth**

Bea H

Gryffin

Alwyn

Ishbel

#### **Awards this week w/e 20.03.26**

##### **Wainsgate**

Arcadio

Monty

##### **Wadsworth**

Scarlett

Amelia

##### **Chiserley/Crimsworth**

Luca

Joe

Albert

Jared

### **Thank you to FOOTS for an amazing Open Mic Night!**

Wow what a night and what talents our pupils have!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the night so successful. A huge well done to all our pupils that performed. There was such a mixture of acts—singing, dancing, playing music, miming, football skills, magic, jokes, gymnastics—it was all fantastic!

It is wonderful to see the confidence that our pupils have, being able to perform like that in front of a full audience. Thank you to our audience for being so supportive and helping the FOOTS group to fundraise for our school. Thank you to Rosie for being a brilliant compere and keeping the acts flowing! We are very grateful to our amazing FOOTS group for all the organising and volunteering on the night! Watch out for more photos in the next newsletter!

## Creative Chiserley

Chiserley class have certainly been using their creative flair recently. Pupils are part way through some fashion designs as part of their Art and Design unit this term with Mrs Smith. All classes in the spring term work through a unit under the theme of 'surface and colour'. Pupils in Chiserley class created their own textiles using painted papers which they layered with other media. This is now being used to create their designs through collage.



The class also worked with Ms Kate to create some amazing Mother's Day cards. Pupils chose from 3 briefs—to create a dried flower arrangement, to create a dried flower arrangement or to create a personal design. We hope all our families enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day too!



In science this term, Wainsgate have been learning all about different plants. They learnt about the different parts of a plant and planted beans in glass jars so they could observe the changes that took place. Year 1 children did observational sketches of garden plants and wild plants in the yard. The children also planted seeds and bulbs to brighten up our outdoor area.



## [What's on next week?](#)

### Decorated Egg/Poster Competition This Year

This year, we are again supporting the Hebden Bridge Rotary Club by entering the "Totally Quackers" decorated egg/poster competition. As per the letter, all entries should be brought to school next Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, and the winning entries will be collected 2 days later by a representative from the Rotary Club. These will be on display in a shops in Hebden Bridge. If you need a reminder of what you can enter, a copy of the letter can be found on the school website <https://www.oldtown.calderdale.sch.uk/parents/whole-school-letters>



### Easter Egg Rolling Next Week

We will ask children to bring in hard boiled eggs for the egg rolling competition on the last week of term. Please send your child with their hard-boiled egg on the day specified below:

Wadsworth – Monday

Chiserley/Crimsworth – Tuesday

Wainsgate – Thursday

### Assembly – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Our Easter assembly will be held next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Community Centre. We will hand out prizes for the competitions this week. Following the assembly parents can take their children home straight from the community centre. Any remaining children will be walked back to school for collection from there.

### Easter Bonnets – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding an Easter bonnet parade in Easter Assembly. Please bring bonnets in on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Prizes will be given for the best Easter Bonnet in each class.

## Notices

### After School Activity Clubs This 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.

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.

### 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/>

## Notices

- Good luck and thank you to Jade (Freya's mum) who will be walking the Yorkshire Peaks Challenge in one day next weekend with two of her friends. They have kindly decided to raise money for Old Town School. There will be a collection bucket in the school office from next week if you would like to make a donation. The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge is a 24-mile (38.6km) circular route with 1,585m of ascent, taking in the three highest peaks in the Yorkshire Dales: Pen-y-ghent, Whernside, and Ingleborough. Good Luck Jade!
- Please note that there will be no breakfast club on Friday 27th March.
- 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. By 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

No Sports Club in Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

No Breakfast Club on Friday 27th March

No Drama Club next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

# SPRING AT WAINSGATE

Sat March 28  
12pm - 5pm

A day of spring celebrations  
indoors and out — food,  
workshops, walking, making,  
music, movement, drawing,  
planting, family disco and  
more.

Wainsgate Chapel  
Hebden Bridge HX7 8SF



For more info visit  
[wainsgate.co.uk/spring/](http://wainsgate.co.uk/spring/)

## Midgley Pace Egg Good Friday 2026

Show Times and Locations  
3rd of April 2026

08:45 - Banksfield, Mytholmroyd  
09:40 - Todmorden Market  
10:30 - St Michaels, Mytholmroyd  
11:10 - The Marina, Hebden Bridge  
11:40 - St Georges Square, Hebden Bridge  
12:10 - Wadsworth Community Centre  
13:30 - Luddenden Village  
14:00 - Midgley central bus stop  
15:00 - Weaver's Square, Heptonstall



Support the Pace  
Egg on Facebook!



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Totally Quackers Entries in

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Wadsworth egg rolling

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March/Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Chiserley/Crimsworth egg rolling

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Wadsworth Performance

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March — Wainsgate egg rolling

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm — Break up for Easter Holidays

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March—Spring at Wadsworth event at Community Centre

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April—Return to school after Easter holidays

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday—School Closed—Coiners Run and FOOTS catering (any help appreciated!)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May—Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May—KS2 SATS week

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.30pm Close for May half term

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June—School reopens after May half term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June—Yr6 Transition Event (for those attending CHS)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June—Yr5 Transition Event (all children)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June—EYFS & KS1 Pyjama party

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July—KS2 Sleepover

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July—Summer Disco at Wadsworth community centre

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July—3.30pm School closes for Summer Holidays