



# Old Town School News

3RD JULY 2026

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Wainsgate trip

School news

Happy Birthday

Award winners

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Diary Dates

## Wainsgate trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park



Wainsgate class enjoyed a fabulous trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park last month.

Pupils enjoyed making their own sculptures after looking at some of the amazing pieces in the park

## HX7 Football Festival



Well done to our Year 5/6 Football team who competed in the recent HX7 football festival.

The team came in fifth place overall with some close matches played.

Thank you to parents for supporting and to Michael and Rosie for coaching!

## Wainsgate Sculpture Work



Wainsgate class planned and created some superb 3D sculptures linked to the topic of 'Under The Sea'.

Pupils used non fiction books to draw and plan their sculpture then used a selection of materials to create their design.

## Wadsworth DT project

Wadsworth completed their DT project of 'making a chair for a bear' this week. Pupils tested out their designs.



## STEM activities for Transition Day



Pupils enjoyed Transition Day this week, trying out their new year groups/classes. Wadsworth class completed some STEM activities together. The teamwork needed for the activities helped pupils to practice their communication skills.

Pupils settled well into their new year groups and classes. A successful day!



Birthday wishes for the month of July go to:

Phoebe, Arwyn, Joe, Theodore, Dylan, Errol,  
Freya, Erika and Leo

Birthday wishes for the month of August go to:

Theo, Irah, Bobby, Emilia and Rosa

We hope you have a lovely day!

## Old Town Awards

### Awards w/e 26.06.26

#### **Wainsgate**

Ted

George

#### **Wadsworth**

Sienna

Pupil vote – Henry

#### **Chiserley/Crimsworth**

Oliver

Layla

### Awards w/e 03.07.26

#### **Wainsgate**

Hazel

Oaken

#### **Wadsworth**

New Year 2s

Pupil vote – .Bea D

#### **Chiserley/Crimsworth**

New Year 4s

Pupil Vote - Luca

**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!**

## Out of School Achievements

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



Amelia shared her Blue Pig creation with us. Amelia had visited a pub called The Blue Pig and they were hosting a competition to make a sculpture to fit the name of the venue! Amelia's pig came second in the competition and we thought it looked fantastic—well done Amelia!

We were also very impressed to hear about the successes of some of our pupils at the Cragg Challenge.



Alwyn in Year 6 had a great run and was spotted enjoying a well deserved ice cream afterwards!

Zac was due to enter the 1 mile dash but accidentally found himself on the start line of the 5k race. That didn't put Zac off! Off he zoomed completing the 5K—well done Zac and all Old Town representatives!

## Break the Rules Day and FOOTS Ice Cream Van Visit



The sun shone for the FOOTS ice cream van visit and Break the Rules Day! What a fabulous day we had. An ice cream treat in the warm weather is just what we needed!

Pupils enjoyed wearing non-uniform and breaking the rules just for one day!

Thank you to the FOOTS team for organising!

## KS2 Sleepover – 10<sup>th</sup> July

If your child would like to take part, you must return the form and also pay on School Money once you receive the reminder. FOOTS need to know in advance who is attending for ratios and food ordering. Please do not turn up on the night as your child will not be able to attend if they have not pre-booked. If you need a copy of the letter, please look on the school website or pop into the office for one.



## Sports Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm/Reserve Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm

Our annual sports day will on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Old Town Cricket Club, starting around 1.30pm – everyone welcome - this will be weather permitting.

If the weather is bad, we need to postpone until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, again weather permitting.

We will inform you by text by 11am on the day if we are going ahead. Sports Day has been organised differently this year to try to make sure children in each class get the opportunity to participate equally.

## End of Year Disco

Save the date of 16th July ready for our end of year disco! Children and parents are welcome to come in 'fantasy' fancy dress to make the celebrations even more memorable! A letter regarding the event will follow soon.



## Paper Letters This Week w/e 26.06.26

All

Cancellation of May Celebrations

**Chiserley/Crimsworth**

Yr5/6 Rounders Tournament (now cancelled as not got enough children for a team)

## Paper Letters This Week w/e 03.07.26

End of Year Disco

## School Notices

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:head@oldtown.calderdale.sch.uk). Please do not use this for general enquiries.

- **Leavers' Assembly – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend to say goodbye to our leavers. Children whose parents attend can leave straight after the assembly. Any remaining children will be walked back to school and kept there until collected or until 3.30pm. Reminder – there is no after school club that evening.

- **Year 6 Uniform for Year 5 Families**

Please place your order for Year 6 uniform on the School Money shop. We have some stock in school and will fulfil all orders on a first come first served basis. Any orders we cannot fulfil from stock will be ordered for delivery in September. We have a box of Year 6, black, preloved uniform in various sizes on the link corridor - please pop in and help yourself. If any Year 6 families have any Year 6 clean good condition uniform that their child has outgrown, please bring it in and add it to the box.

- **Yr5 Secondary School Application Information**

We have recently sent home on paper and also emailed the secondary school application information with Year 5. This is about the process of applying for a secondary school place for your child. The window for applying is between 23/06/26 and 31/10/26. Please make sure you apply before the deadline or your child may be allocated a school that you do not wish them to attend.

- **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.

## School 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 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/>



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.

## School Notices

- **Summer 2 After School Club Final Dates**

Monday Yr2-6 **Sports Club** will run on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Monday Yr1-6 **Gardening Club** will run on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Thursday Yr1-6 **Art Club** will run on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Friday Yr4-6 **Drama Club** will run on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Please Note – This will be the last session as we do not have any clubs on the final week due to other commitments in school.

- 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.*
- [2026-2027 Term Dates](#)

### **OLD TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **HOLIDAY DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

##### **Autumn Term – 2026**

|           |                  |                                     |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           | School Re-opens: | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September |
| Half Term | School Closes:   | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   |
|           | School Re-opens: | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November     |
| Christmas | School Closes:   | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    |

##### **Spring Term – 2027**

|           |                  |                                      |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|           | School Re-opens: | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 |
| Half Term | School Closes:   | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February     |
|           | School Re-opens: | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February     |
| Easter    | School Closes:   | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March      |

##### **Summer Term – 2027**

|           |                  |                               |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|           | School Re-opens: | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April |
| May Day   | School Closed:   | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    |
| Half Term | School Closes:   | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May   |
|           | School Re-opens: | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| Midsummer | School Closes:   | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July |

##### **Staff Training Days** (included in the holiday dates above)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

## Community Notices

THE  
READING  
AGENCY

# READ to the BEAT

Summer  
Reading  
Challenge

## Visit Calderdale Libraries to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge!

**Read 6 library books to earn a  
medal, certificate and prize.**

**YOU CAN CHOOSE ANY BOOKS  
YOU WANT!**

**There will also be lots of fun  
story and craft events across  
library branches all summer!**



**Challenge starts on  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Register for free in  
any Calderdale  
Library**

Calderdale  
Council



**Find out more about our  
upcoming events at  
[calderdale.spydus.co.uk](http://calderdale.spydus.co.uk)**



West Yorkshire  
Fire & Rescue Service

Dear Teachers, Parents/Carers and Pupils,

Mytholmroyd Fire Station is holding an Open Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and we need your help!

We would like to invite you to create an informative Safety Poster to help to spread the word about Wildfire and Water Safety.

All posters will be displayed at the Open Day and prizes will be awarded for the best posters, chosen by the crew. Please create the posters on an A4 size paper and the winners will be made into larger posters for display at the fire station and on our social media. Please make sure your name, age and a contact number are written clearly on the back of the poster, so we know who to contact if you win!

Information and current campaigns to help create the posters can be found at:

<https://www.westyorksfire.gov.uk/safety/wildfire>

<https://www.westyorksfire.gov.uk/water>

Please return all posters to:  
Mytholmroyd Fire Station,  
Burnley Road,  
Mytholmroyd,  
HX7 5DL

Or email them to:  
[matthew.bairstow@westyorksfire.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.bairstow@westyorksfire.gov.uk)

Please send all posters by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

We look forward to seeing your masterpieces!

Kind Regards,  
Mytholmroyd Fire Station



## Community Notices



## SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAYS at Wadsworth Community Centre

- Circus Activity Day - Friday 31st July
- Beach Party Day—Friday 14th August
- The Great Outdoors Day - Friday 28th August
- All sessions—9.30am-12.30pm
- £5 per child/£10 per family
- Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Outdoor Activities
- Open to all ages
- See Louisa to book a place and for further information.

# Important Dates



- Wednesday 8th July - Chiserley/Crimsworth Year End Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm (please note new time for afternoon performance)
- Thursday 9th July am—Year 6 First Aid Training
- Thursday 9th July pm—Year 6 Leavers' Treat
- Friday 10th July—KS2 Sleepover 6.30pm-8am Saturday
- Monday 13th July—Sports Day at Old Town Cricket Club 1.30pm (weather permitting) at Old Town Cricket Club 1.30pm (weather permitting)
- Wednesday 15th July—reserve date for Sports Day
- Wednesday 15th July—Drama Club Show for parents 4pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July—Award-winning children's author, Phil Earle visiting Yr4-6
- Thursday 16th July—Summer Disco at Wadsworth community centre
- Friday 17th July—Leavers' Assembly 2pm at Wadsworth Community Centre
- Friday 17th July—3.30pm School closes for Summer Holidays
- Saturday 25th July—Choir to Pride Event in Hebden Bridge
- Saturday 8th August—WYFRS Mytholmroyd Fire Station Open Day
- Wednesday 2nd September—School reopens for Autumn Term 1
- Tuesday 8th September 7pm—FOOTS AGM at school
- Friday 3rd October 3.30-4.30pm—Teddy Bear's Picnic for Reception pupils