

Old Town School News

6TH MARCH 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

KAPLA building workshop

Award winners

World Book Day

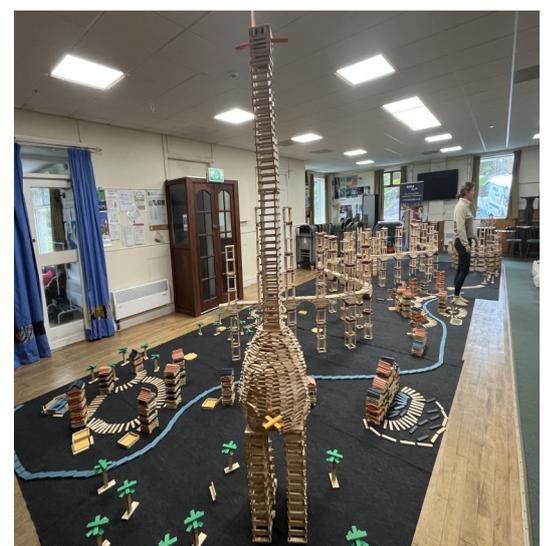
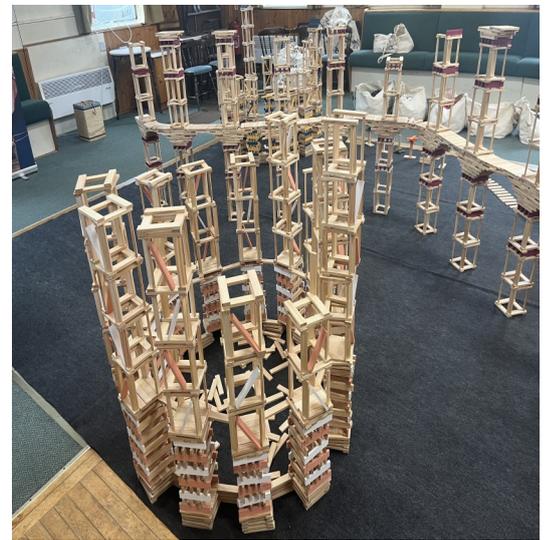
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FOOTS

Diary Dates

KAPLA Building workshop

A huge thank you to our fantastic FOOTs group who organised amazing KAPLA building workshops for the whole school today. KAPLA workshops offer interactive, hands-on building sessions. The sessions focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), creativity and teamwork using small pine planks. All classes had a session at the community centre to produce a whole school structure which I'm sure you will agree looks fantastic! At the end of the day, some children returned to demolish the structure and pick up all the planks!!! Some pupils loved the building part, some loved the demolishing part but one thing in common—everyone had a super day! Thank you FOOTs!





Award Winners

Congratulations to pupils receiving awards last week.

We are very proud to celebrate this week's award winners who have been working hard, been kind and helped others. Well done!

World Book Day Celebrations

What a great day we all had on Thursday celebrating World Book Day! World Book Day was created by UNESCO in 1995 to promote reading. The day is all about championing the enjoyment of reading and sharing our favourite books. Some of us came to school in cosy pyjamas and some of us came in amazing costumes! During the day, pupils took part in World Book Day activities including a BBC World Book Day live lesson. We had fun sharing our favourite books too.



FOOTS Page

- Our amazing FOOTS group met this week and there are many exciting things planned for us to look forward to.
- The group are vital to school as they help us by raising extra funds through a wide range of activities and initiatives.
- An example of FOOTS helping to enrich our school curriculum was the amazing KAPLA workshop today.
- Other events planned include:
- 20th March—Open Mic Night! Doors open at 6pm. Pupils have been busy practising their singing, jokes, dances and much more! We are looking forward to a great evening of entertainment. FOOTS will also be running a bar and tuck shop at the event.
- Save the date—FOOTS will be hosting a EYFS & KS1 Pyjama Party on the 19th June at school
- Save the date—The KS2 sleepover will be held on Friday 10th July
- Save the date—The Summer end of term disco will be held on Thursday 16th July at the community centre.
- The next FOOTS meeting is on Thursday 16th April 8pm at Vocation in Hebden Bridge. All welcome!

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**

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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 23rd February & 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March.

Monday Yr1-6 Gardening Club will run on 23rd February & 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March.

Thursday Yr1-6 Art Club will run on 26th February & 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March.

Friday Yr4-6 Drama Club will run on 27th February and 6th, 13th, 20th March. Please note there is **NOT** a session on 27th 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/>



Wednesday 11th March 4-7pm Parent's Evening

Friday 20th March – FOOTS Open Mic Night 6.30pm in school (Doors open 6pm)

Monday 23rd March – Totally Quackers Entries in

Wednesday 25th March – Wadsworth Performance

Friday 27th March – Easter Assembly 2pm at Community Centre

Friday 27th March 3.30pm—Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April—Return to school after Easter holidays

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday—School Closed—Coiners Run and FOOTS catering

Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May—KS2 SATS week

Friday 22nd May 3.30pm Close for May half term

Tuesday 2nd June—School reopens after May half term

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