

Old Town School News

17TH JULY 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Our Annual Award winners

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 6 leavers' assembly on the final afternoon. What a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year!
Congratulations to all our award winners:

Creative Writing – Word Rocket Winners. - These awards are sponsored by author and Old Town Parent Nicky Harlow in memory of her daughter Ursula who attended Old Town School.

YR - *Arcadio*

Y1 *Tilly*

Y2 *Dylan*

Y3 *Henry*

Y4 *Chet*

Y5 *Layla*

Y6 *Sophie*

Beasley O'Brien Trophy for community engagement - *Alice and Ginny*

Team Points Trophy – *Eagles*

Corcos Cup – Top Sports Team Player— *Oliver*

Elite Sports Performance – *Alwyn*

Cross County Endeavour Award - *Freya*

The J Drury Shield for the sustainability & improvement of the natural environment (Gardening Club) - *Bea D*

Glassbrook trophy for care and kindness— *Anna HR and Tilly B*

The Max Greenwood Trophy for demonstrating determination and resilience – *Jared*

The Whyton Trophy for musical excellence - *Anna GR and Emile*

The Codd family Shield for all-round endeavour - *Ishbel*

Hilchrist Trophy for top academic attainment—*Oliver*

Goodbye To Our Leavers This Year



We would like to say goodbye and good luck for the future to all our leavers this year. We will miss you all. As I said during the leavers' assembly, the cohort have had a school journey like no other year group. Six months after starting primary school, the pandemic began and as we all know day to day life changed a lot! This group of young people showed resilience, determination and how well they could adapt. They have overcome so many new challenges to be the confident, capable and kind young people that they are today. We have shared many successes with them along the way and we know that they will continue to go on to great new adventures. We wish them all the very best from Old Town!

Our Year 6 leavers this year are:

*Ishbel Beesley
Tilly Butts
Jared Clarke
Ginny de Lison
Alice De Nagy
Emile Duke-Corry
Alwyn Gardner
Anna Gardner-Round
Sophie Halliwell
Anna Hankin-Rendle
Oliver Spencer*



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!

Out of School Achievements

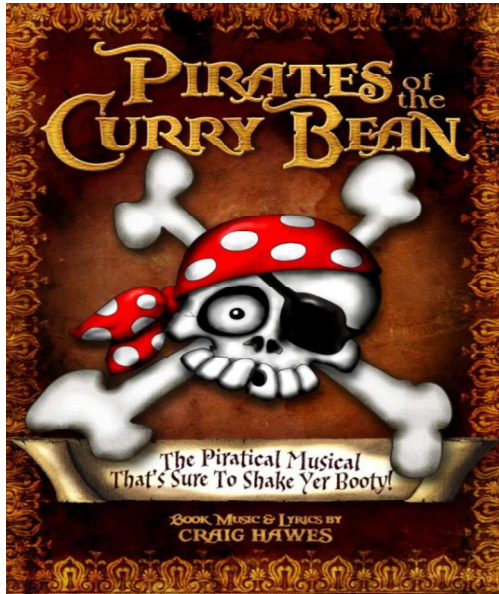


Well done to Felicity who brought in a trophy to show that she had conquered Blackpool Tower. Felicity had visited the Tower and said that she isn't scared of heights! Which is a good job going up to the top!



Congratulations to Ingrid and her friends that ran in the Colour Run for Overgate Hospice. An extra pat on the back for managing to do this on the morning after the Key Stage 2 'sleep' over!

A great run for a great cause—well done to everyone who took part.



What a production!

Well done to Chiserley class and all the staff involved in the end of term production.

The performing, props, costumes, everything was just amazing! We certainly have some talented young performers at Old Town School.

Thank you to the families that came to watch the performances, we hope you enjoyed it too!

Sports Day



A big thank you to everyone for supporting our Sports Day at the Cricket Club.

We all had a great afternoon and the weather stayed just right for us all!

Thank you for the positive feedback that we have received about our new structure for Sports Day with more races for pupils and the activity stations.

Thank you to FOOTS for providing refreshments too. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon.



Thank you to FOOTS for a brilliant 'sleep' over!

It was a very warm evening so a good old water fight as one of the activities was just the ticket, followed by a late evening visit to the park.

A little sleep was had before an early start on the Saturday morning. Everyone was kept well fed with pasta, snacks and treats.

Thank you to the FOOTS team for organising and to Mrs Turpin for joining us at short notice!

Year 6 Leaver's treat



Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon of ten pin bowling and slush puppies as their leavers treat during the last week. A fun afternoon of laughs and making memories!

Fabulous FOOTS

FOOTS, you are simply fabulous! Not only do you raise much needed money for the school but you also make sure that the children have great fun along the way.

So much hard work takes place behind the scenes with meetings, shopping, organising and preparing rotas. Some events such as catering for fell races are not necessarily connected to school but the FOOTS volunteer as they know the important fundraising and community involvement that comes with such an event. In school is just as busy—from an ice cream van visit, a PJ party and a sleepover to a wonderful disco! Thank you so much for all you do for the children and school. We love you!

Phil Earle visits Old Town School



Chiserley class were delighted to welcome bestselling children's author Phil Earle into their class.

Phil has recently published his latest book 'Finn's epic fails'. Phil shared his process of writing and editing before signing some copies of the books for pupils.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you to our army of volunteers who work so hard in school. We really couldn't manage without you!

Another Thank You!

Please can the staff say a huge thank you for all of the wonderful gifts from families. It is very much appreciated and gratefully received.

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 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. Please do not use this for general enquiries.

- **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.

- **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.

School Notices

- **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/>

- [2026-2027 Term Dates](#)

OLD TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

Autumn Term – 2026

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

Spring Term – 2027

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

Summer Term – 2027

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

Staff Training Days

(included in the holiday dates above)

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

BEATS, BEADS AND BANGLES –

SOUNDS AND COLOURS OF AFRICA

CHARITY CRAFT MARKET & FUN DAY

JOIN US AT **Wadsworth Community Centre**
SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 10:00AM TILL 4:00PM

FOR :

CRAFT STALLS, AFRICAN DRUMMERS,
BEAD WORKSHOP, REFRESHMENTS,

In aid of:



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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

9.30 am - 12.30pm

£5 per Child/£10 per Family

Arts & Crafts, Food Themes & Outdoor Activities

Limited Places - Booking Advisable

Open to all Ages

Contact: **LOUISA** 07985490419 for
further information or to book a place.

Alternatively email

accounts@wadsworthcommunityassociation.org.uk



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 4th July
Register for free in
any Calderdale
Library**

Calderdale
Council



**Find out more about our
upcoming events at
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 8th 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

Please send all posters by **Friday 31st July 2026**.

We look forward to seeing your masterpieces!

Kind Regards,
Mytholmroyd Fire Station





Design a road safety poster and win shopping vouchers

Calderdale Council would like young people to help raise awareness of road safety. Your challenge is to create a poster that promotes road safety to your community using one of the themes below.

- **Buckle Up!** – Seat belts keep everyone safer. Little ones need the right car seat too.
- **Stop, Look, Listen, THINK** – Use the Green Cross Code every time you cross.
- **No Distractions** – Phones away, headphones off, eyes up. Messages can wait until you're safely across.
- **Use Safer Crossings** – Zebra crossings, traffic lights, islands – they're there to help you.
- **Watch Out for Parked Cars** – Look carefully when crossing between parked cars.
- **Be Bright, Be Seen** – Wear bright or reflective clothes, especially when it's dark.
- **Know the Risks** – People aged 12–15 are more likely to be in collisions – think safety.

One winning design will be chosen from each theme. The designs will be used in promoting road safety by Calderdale Council and partners. The winners will be announced at our community road safety Vision Zero event at People's Park in Halifax on Thursday 13 August and presented with their prizes.

- The competition is open to young people aged 15 and under who live or go to school in the Calderdale area.
- The poster should be A4, can be hand-drawn or done using a computer but it should be your own work. You should not use AI to create the poster or include any elements which would breach copyright.
- Please state on the back of the poster the category you are entering, your first name, age and contact details for your parents/guardian or organisation.
- Entries must be submitted by 17:00 on 9 August 2024 to visionzeroposter@calderdale.gov.uk or can be posted/delivered to Halifax Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ.

For full terms and conditions and information on GDPR, please visit the event link below.

Find out more about the Vision Zero event at www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/vz-event or scan the QR code.





- Saturday 8th August—WYFRS Mytholmroyd Fire Station Open Day
- Tuesday 1st September—School closed for Training 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

*Thank you to all our families for their continued support this academic year .
Thank you also to our amazing staff who work so hard day in day out to ensure
that all our pupils are happy, safe and achieving their absolute best in school.*

*Thank you to our Governing Body for their support, thoughtful challenge and
commitment to our school community.*

*I wish you all a wonderful, restful break and I look forward to welcoming everyone
back in the new academic year.*

Best Wishes

Miss Mansfield