

Old Town School News

19TH JUNE 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Wadsworth trip

School news

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Award winners

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Wadsworth visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

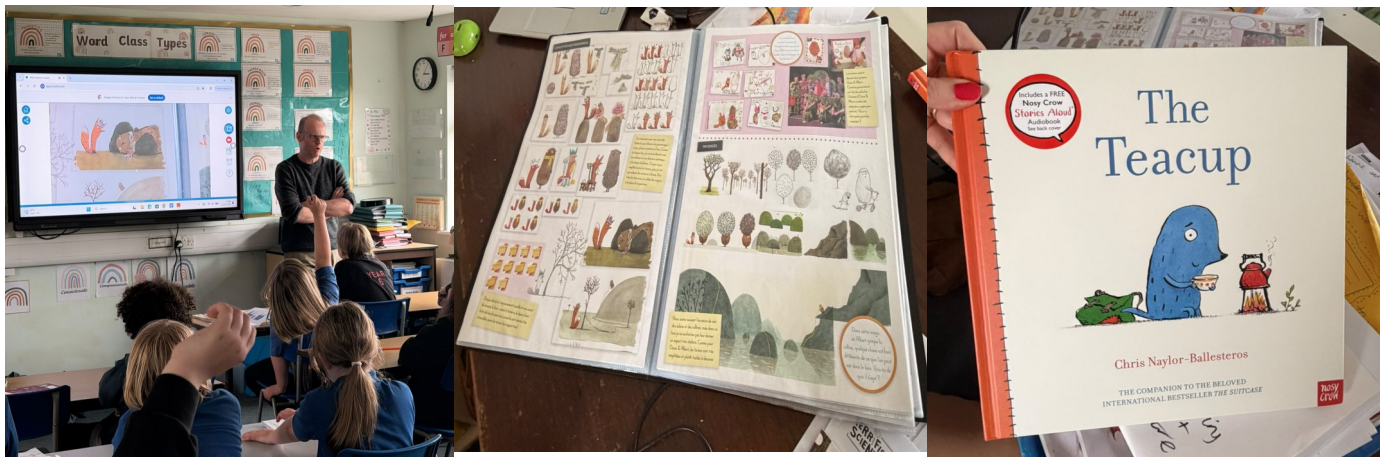


Wadsworth Class enjoyed a super day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park the other week. The weather was kind to us and pupils enjoyed a workshop as well as time to look round the other animals. A big thank you to all our volunteer helpers too!



Author visit

Chiserley Class were delighted to have a visit from the author Chris Naylor-Ballesteros this week. Pupils were able to ask questions and hear about Chris's work.



The love of reading!

Our children took advantage of the recent lovely weather and took some books outside to enjoy together. Some of our older children enjoyed listening to our younger children read.



HX7 Cross Country

Well done to our cross country runners who achieved some great results this week in the final event of the season. It was great to see so many of our Year 2 pupils join in this fun event too. We look forward to seeing you run in KS2.



Music Grant

Old Town School are proud to be a Lead School for Music. As a Lead School we receive a grant of £2000 for musical instruments. We have purchased a class set of ocarinas and Wadsworth class have wasted no time in starting to learn how to play them.



Wadsworth DT

In DT this week, Wadsworth Class have been investigating what shapes make a strong structure. This week they were testing the strength of different materials before making a 'chair for a bear'



Birthday wishes for the month of June go to:

Alice, Finley and Wolf

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 12.06.26

Wainsgate

Finbar

Zac

Wadsworth

Whole Class

Pupil vote – Nella

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Alwyn

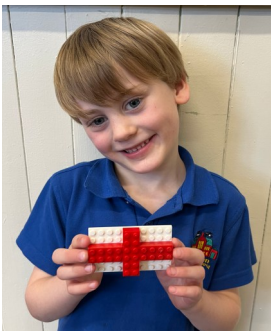
Sophie

Ginny

Pupil vote – Anna H-R

Out of School Achievements

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



Errol had been very creative with his Lego, making the flags of the countries that are playing in the World Cup. Ginny has been busy practising her sewing skills and has created a potatopig and Tilly shared some lovely photos of her gardening achievements at home. Tilly has planted courgettes and strawberries.



Break the Rules Day and FOOTS Ice Cream Van Visit – Friday 26th June

We will be holding a Break the Rules Day and the FOOTS Ice Cream Van will be visiting next Friday 26th June. All money raised will go to FOOTS, which in turn supports school.

For a £2 'fine', children are allowed to take part in "Break the Rules Day!"

Pupils can choose to break any or all of the following rules for one day. The fabulous FOOTS ice cream van will also be at school on Friday!

Rules that can be broken:

- Wear nail varnish
- wear temporary tattoos
- wear non-uniform
- colour spray your hair
- eat your pudding before your main course
- wear odd socks
- wear odd shoes
- wear face paint
- call teachers by their first name
- bring juice in their water bottle.

KS2 Sleepover – 10th July

If your child would like to take part in either of these events, 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 13th July 1.30pm/Reserve Wednesday 15th July 1.30pm

Our annual sports day will on Monday 13th 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 15th 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.



School Notices

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

- **'May' Celebrations—this coming Wednesday 24th June**

You are warmly invited to our 'May' celebrations next 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 This Week w/e 12.06.26**

All

Pride Event Choir visit letter (choir children only)

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Year 6 Leavers' Treat letter

- **Paper Letters This Week w/e 19.06.26**

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Yr5/6 Football Tournament letter (to those interested)

Year 6 Halifax Courier Leavers Supplement letter

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 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

SUMMER at Wainsgate

A big & bright
midsummer
celebration for
all ages.

21.06.26 11AM - 7PM

Food + Drink, Dancing, Drawing & Singing,
Willow Weaving Workshop, Plant Sale &
Guided Walk; Children's Voices Soundscape,
Alternative Sunday Sermon & Sunday
Session; Dj, Cocktails & midsummer
hangouts into the evening.



For more info:
wainsgate.co.uk
/summer

WAINSGATE

Wainsgate
Hebden Bridge
HX7 8SU



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



Important Dates

- Sunday 21st June –Summer at Wainsgate Summer Celebration 11am-7pm
- Wednesday 24th June—May Celebrations in school 2.30pm
- Friday 26th June—Break the Rules Day and FOOTS ice cream van visit
- Wednesday 8th July - Chiserley/Crimsworth Year End Performance 2pm and 6.30pm
- Thursday 9th July am—Year 6 First Aid Training
- Thursday 9th July pm—Year 6 Leavers' Treat
- Friday 10th July—KS2 Sleepover
- 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 16th 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