

Principal's Newsletter 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spelling Bee

A huge well done to Arman Ali and Zunairah Tanveer for their incredible efforts in the Regional Spelling Bee final that took place on Wednesday. Everyone at Alex Park is so proud of you and the way in which you represented our school. We are very pleased to say that we came **SECOND** out of all the schools in Oldham – a fantastic achievement!



Outstanding Achievement

We would like to share with our school community that Husayn Siddique (Class 10) came third in the **BRITISH OPEN WRESTLING** competition which is the largest event in the UK. What an absolutely amazing achievement and we wish to say massive **WELL DONE** indeed!

OPAL (The UK's leading, award-winning organisation providing school improvement through play)

We would like to share our community achievement this week. We have become one of the best schools in the country for gaining a **GOLD** award that proves we have succeeded in transforming playtimes for our children. They have the space to create, explore, dream and grow together and we wish to thank all those involved (including our families) in the commitment you have given to this transformation for our children. We will continue to develop to make the provision even more enjoyable.

School Meals/Packed Lunches - Information

Our experienced catering team here at school provide an enjoyable, tasty, well-balanced, nutritious lunch each day for all children on school meals. Due to increases in the price of food, we regret to inform you that from September 2025 the cost of a school meal will change to £2.70 each day or £13.50 per week.

School meals should be paid weekly on ParentPay. If your experiencing difficulties in accessing ParentPay, please contact the School Office who will be happy to support you in using this service.

Please note that if your child wants to change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, **the office will need to be informed** with at least **48 hours notice**.

The office staff and catering team thank you for your continued support.

Let's get reading - BOOM Reader



"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl




Well done to all the children and families who have logged onto Boom reader. We are pleased to announce the most home reading logs recorded on Boom reader this week.

Position	Name	Reads at home
First Place	Farhaan Mohammad Class 1	51 parent reads
Second Place	Alyssa Islam Class 1 Zara Yasin Class 10	9 parent reads
Third Place	Abdullah Muhammad Class 2	8 parent reads

Spelling Shed Winners



Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score
1.		Aliyah Iqbal	Class 8 24/25,5b - Miss Mahmood	36,281,648
2.		Aleena Ahmed	Class 8 24/25,5b - Miss Mahmood	26,562,720
3.		Muhammad Ayaz HUSSAIN	Class 4 24/25, Mrs Mellor - phonics Y4	1,254,578



TT Rockstars – CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 6
The most active Class	Class 4
The most improved speed	Torab Ahmed Class 5
The most active player	Salah-Udin-Mohammad Class 6

Word Aware

This week's word is 'departed.'

Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about.



Attendance

Well done to the below classes for achieving 95% or above last week.

1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12.

Class 2 who received their waffle treat as they had the highest attendance in school – WELL DONE!



Update on Oldham Coliseum reopening

The historic home of Oldham Coliseum Theatre will now reopen in 2026, it has been announced.

The decision was made after initial construction work revealed that more time would be needed to ensure that the building is properly ready to welcome back audiences.

Working closely with contractors Tilbury Douglas, plans are progressing to ensure the new Coliseum is everything it should be and more for audiences when it reopens next year.

Oldham actor Julie Hesmondhalgh, a leading member of the Friends of Oldham Coliseum, said:

"The Friends of the Coliseum are relieved and happy that plans to mount the Coli panto this year have been put on hold.

Better to return with a beautiful, bold and glittering bang than do something half-baked in a building that isn't yet ready."

She added: *"We are grateful as ever to Oldham Council for listening to the experts in the field."*



Drowning prevention week 14-21 June 2025

Drowning prevention week is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK.

The week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors. 49% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August.

We also see a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher. When UK average maximum temperatures reach or exceed 25°C:

- There is a fivefold increase in accidental drowning risk, when compared to days with an average temperature of 10 Degrees Celsius.
- Over half of those who drowned were swimming, reflecting more people actively entering the water.
- Teenagers aged 13-17 years and young adults are proportionately more likely to lose their lives.

Vital water safety skills can help keep children safe. Get children and young people talking about summer water safety.

Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.



Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT