Alexandra Park Junior School

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THE Pinnacle LEARNING TRUST



Principal's Newsletter 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Hero Competition Success!

We are delighted to announce that three of our children have been selected as runners-up in the Healthy Hero competition! Congratulations to Anam Zahra (Class 2) for 'Ms Marvel', Fatima Irfan (Class 11) for 'Panacea' and Zainab Mansoor (Class 8) for 'The Undercover Hero'. Our three talented children were invited to the Mayor's Parlour on Tuesday to receive their prizes and certificates. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and enthusiasm in promoting healthy lifestyles. What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity to represent our school!



Christmas Dinner with Your Children – Important Changes

Following feedback from our families, we are changing the way parents and carers book a place at our popular Christmas Dinner event this year. All bookings will be made via email only, and we will not be accepting bookings at the school office or through Class Dojo. Invitations will be sent out shortly, so please ensure that the school has your correct email address. Places will be limited to one parent per family and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please look out for further information and booking instructions. We look forward to sharing this special festive occasion with our families!



Being Considerate of Our Local Residents

We would like to politely remind all our families to be mindful and respectful of our local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please ensure that driveways are kept clear at all times, allowing residents to safely access and leave their properties. We are proud of the positive relationships we have established within our local community and would like to continue to maintain these. Thank you for your continued support, cooperation and consideration for our neighbours.

Parent and Carer Consultation – Proposed Changes to the School Day 2027/28



We are consulting with our families on proposed changes to the school day to accommodate a two-week October half-term from September 2027. Your views are important to us, and we encourage all families to complete the short questionnaire by **12 noon on Thursday 10th**

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December. Please see the attached letter for further information and the consultation link. Thank you for your continued support.

Come and Make with Me!

A huge thank you to all our families who joined us yesterday for our 'Come and Make with Me' sessions. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into our classrooms to participate in Design and Technology lessons, working alongside their children in hands-on, creative activities. It was lovely to see everyone learning together, sharing ideas and developing new skills. We really value these opportunities to bring our families into school and share our children's learning experiences. 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	Zainab Mallick Class 4	12 parent reads
Second Place	Alyssa Islam Class 7	11 parent reads
Third Place	Farhaan Mohammad Class 7	12 parent reads

Spelling Shed Winners



Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Muhammad Mustafa	Class 9,5C Miss Bradley & Mrs White	33,696,072	709,568,591
2.		Ayeza Umair	Class 9,5C Miss Bradley & Mrs White	24,510,531	99,606,082
3.		Ayesha Mallick Naureen	Class 8,Miss Powers Spelling Group 4,Miss Alis group Year 5 Class 8 ,5B - Miss Ali	23,418,132	591,650,722

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TT Rockstars – CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 4
The most active Class	Class 7
The most improved speed	Mustafa Muhammad Class 9
The most active player	Muhammad Ayan Class 2

TT Rockstar Champions – Year 4

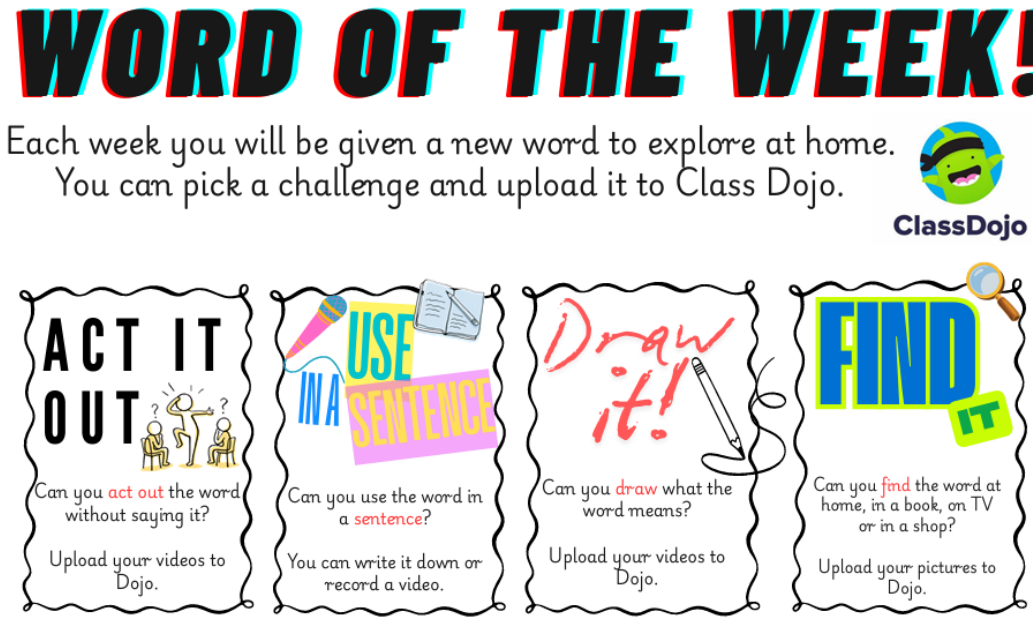
Class 4	Zainab Mallick
Class 5	Subhani Ibrahim
Class 6	Aairah Rehman

Word Aware

This week's word is 'tug.'

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





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Attendance

At Alexandra Park we work extremely hard to ensure children are learning to their best ability and are happy within our school. An essential part of this is every child's punctuality and attendance. Every child and parent/carer have a part to play, as well as every member of staff, in making sure that we have excellent standards for attendance and punctuality.

We have high expectations for all of our pupils and that starts with attendance.

OUR TARGET IS 100% ATTENDANCE



Attendance should be at least 97%. 97% is the same as 6 days off school during the whole school year.

Well done to the classes below that achieved 95% and above last week.
A HUGE WELL DONE to the children and their families.

Classes – 2, 5, 8, 10 and 12.

Classes 12 had the highest attendance in school with 99.6%- Amazing!

Helping to keep families warm this winter

Our first Winter Warmer of the year with Our Community Wardrobe - Oldham - CIC was a success at Best Start Family Hub — Spring Meadows. Thanks to kind donations, 60 families took home warm clothes and blankets for free for children aged 12 and under. And we're holding four more Winter Warmer drop-ins in Oldham Best Start Family Hubs in November:

Please remember to bring your own bags to carry your items.

Families can help local families needing a helping hand during the colder months by donating new and good quality preloved clothing to Our Community Wardrobe Oldham.

Point of Contact: ocwoldham@outlook.com or call 07759 139 930

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We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

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Principal
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of The Pinnacle Learning Trust's proposal to introduce a two-week October half-term in the academic year 2027/28, we are consulting with our school community on proposed changes to our school day.

To accommodate the additional week of October half-term, our preferred proposal is as follows:

Day	Current school hours	Proposed school hours
Monday–Thursday	8.40am–3.10pm	8.40am–3.30pm
Friday	8.40am–3.10pm	8.40am–2.40pm

There will be no changes to our existing morning arrival arrangements.

The reasons for the proposed changes are to:

- Support staff and pupil wellbeing by providing a longer period of rest and recovery during the autumn term.
- Reduce tiredness and illness, potentially supporting improved school attendance.
- Provide greater flexibility for families wishing to take a holiday during the October break, with the potential to benefit from lower holiday costs.
- Support the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff.
- Protect curriculum time and the range of learning opportunities we provide for our children.
- Take into consideration the wider needs of our school community, including families with children attending our feeder infant school.

We would like to hear your views.

As parents and carers, your views are important to us. We would therefore encourage you to complete the short, anonymous questionnaire using the link below.

Consultation questionnaire: https://forms.gle/8Z18rPCKkZwXJou58

Closing date: *This consultation will close on 10.12.26 at 12 noon.*

At this stage, no final decisions have been made. All feedback received will be considered as part of the consultation process and will help inform the final arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to share your views.

Yours sincerely,



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