

ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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A very warm welcome back to Alexandra Junior School. We hope your child has returned feeling refreshed and ready for the academic year 2025–2026. It has been wonderful to see pupils reconnecting with friends, settling into their new classes, and embracing the start of term with enthusiasm. We also welcome Miss Gaunt as a Year 6 teacher. As always, we have a very busy school year ahead, with all sorts of exciting plans for our children and we are very excited to get started!

Reminder!

End of the school day

We understand that emergencies arise. We also understand that traffic can be challenging or hectic, but expect all children to be collected on time. If a parent or authorized adult will be late, it is their responsibility to notify the school before 1.00 pm to make it possible to communicate with the class teacher before the end of the school day.

Can we ask that parents or carers only come to the school office to collect their children if this has been pre-arranged.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform to school every day including black school shoes. Jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which must be removed by parents or carers on the days of PE and swimming lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children. If your child attends an after school sports club, please can they bring their PE kit in a spare bag to school with them.

Breakfast Club Opens at 8.15am at Alexandra Junior School

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
YEAR 3	8:50am	3:20pm
YEAR 4	8:40am	3:10pm
YEAR 5	8:50am	3:20pm
YEAR 6	8:40am	3:10pm

Year 6 Visit To Stoke Ski Centre

On 23rd and 30th September 2025, Year 6 visited Stoke Ski Centre to enjoy a ski lesson and tubing activities. Some children were hitting the slopes for the first time and were unnerved. They all overcame their fears of trying out something new which helped them grow in confidence, develop problem solving skills and have lots of fun whilst learning!

Spelling Tests

Year 3 Monday
Year 4 Monday
Year 5 Monday
Year 6 Friday

Homework

In by Monday
In by Thursday
In by Wednesday
In by Tuesday

PE Day

3CM Wednesday 3CF Thursday
Monday
Friday
6AG Thursday 6SW Wednesday


Homework – Please check your child's home school diary for their list of spellings.

Medical Appointments

Please avoid making routine medical appointments during the school day for your child (doctors, dentists and opticians.)

All appointments where possible should be made after school.

Thank you to everyone who came to 'Meet the teacher sessions in the school hall in September. This was a chance to find out about expectations in the class, the learning children will be doing, timetables and homework.

Week Ending 12/09/25	Week Ending 19/09/25	Week Ending 26/09/25	Week Ending 03/10/25
			
Hamza	Adrika	Amaan	
Abeeha	Farzana	Aahil	Samuel
Oliver	Matthew	Mohammed Ans	Saynaa
Angelo	Burhan	Zayaam	Dua
Awais	Husayn	Arunas	Awwal
Mehnoor	Hafsa	Dawson	Yawar
Sharon	William	Aiza	Umama
Musab	Yasser	Raheel	Ints



Manaf, Jude,
Umama,
Viktor and
Iris

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have begun and will take place every Wednesday for all Year 5 pupils. Please do not forget to send in their swimming kits and towels. All children will be expected to take part as this is a life saving skill and part of the national curriculum for PE.

Data Collection Sheet • If you have not already returned your child's Data Collection Forms, please could we request that they are completed and returned back to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If your forms are still in your child's bag or sitting at home, we would very much appreciate it completing and returning back to the school. Thank you

Reading with your child

Please can you read regularly with your child (at least **3 times** each week) and sign their reading diary. Please can we suggest that this routine is kept up as well as practising times tables on TT Rockstars.

School Lunches

Please pay all school lunches in advance of the following week on your child's Parentpay account. At this time too many children are swapping between a school lunch and a packed lunch brought from home. Can we ask that a choice is made between a packed lunch and a school dinner for the whole of the week. Please see our new lunch menus on the school website. It is our school policy that dinner money has to be paid up front on your Parentpay account. The cost of a daily lunch is £3.35 and £16.75 for the cost of school lunches for one week.

Harvest Festival Food Donations

Our local Foodbank would be pleased to receive any donations of non- perishable foods, long-life items such as tins or any of the following items:- Biscuits, Pasta Sauce, Curry Sauce, Long Life Milk, Long life Fruit Juice Coffee (small jar) 500g Sugar, Custard, Cereal, Instant Mashed Potato, Shampoo or Toilet Rolls. Please send in items from by Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 if you wish to.

Free Breakfast Club

Breakfast club opens every day at 8.10am

All children are welcome to have free breakfast as we offer indoor games and they are able to play on the playground supervised.



Car Parking

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please **DO NOT** park on any part of the painted yellow lines or zigzag crossings. These lines are there to protect your child's safety. Can we also request that the Staff Car Park entrance is not used for reversing or making any u -turns in the road. Please use the roundabout at the end of Meir Road if you wish to turn around. We have also had a number of complaints from local residents that cars are obstructing their drive ways! Our concern is the safety and wellbeing of our children around the school site.



PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS A SEAT BELT IN THE CAR AT ALL TIMES.



Monday	Multi Sports	Year 3	3.25pm-4.05pm
Tuesday	Urdu Club	Year 3/4/5/6	3.20pm-4.05pm
Tuesday	Basketball	Year 3	3.20pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Basketball	Year 4	3.15pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	T T Rock Stars	Year 3/4/5/6	3.20pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Colouring	Year 3/4/5/6	3.20pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Comic Club	Year 3/4/5/6	3.20pm-4.05pm
Thursday	Lego	Year 3/4/5/6	3.20pm-4.05pm
Thursday	Dodgeball	Year 5	3.25pm-4.05pm
Friday	Port Vale Football	Year 6	3.15pm-4.05pm

If your child no longer wishes to attend their chosen after school club, please can you contact the school office to allow this place to be allocated to another child. If your child wishes to join any club, please contact the school office. All after school clubs finish at 4.05pm.

Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fayre

Together we raised £560.80. Thank you to everybody!



SCHOOL DAIRY DATES

Half Term
School opens for pupils
Children In Need Day
Parents' Consultation Afternoon
Christmas Holidays
School opens for pupils
Half Term
School opens for pupils

Monday, 27th October to Monday, 3rd November 2025
Tuesday, 4th November 2025
Friday, 14th November 2025
Wednesday, 19th November 2025
Monday, 22nd December 2025 - Friday, 2nd January 2026
Monday, 5th January 2026
Monday, 16th February 2026 - Friday, 20th February 2026
Monday, 23rd February 2026

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE, PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS CLOSE ALL SCHOOL GATES BEHIND THEM WHEN LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES.

Please see lots of marvellous pictures on all school events on our school facebook site.

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