



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some special time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see how enthusiastically the children have settled back into school.

## Healthy Snacks at Break Times

Please remember that we do not allow any juice to be in your child's water bottle or any fizzy drinks to be brought into school for breaktimes. The school offers toast and fresh fruit on a daily basis for your child to eat, this supports our Healthy Eating School Policy, which does not include chocolate or crisps.

## School Librarians

We are pleased to appoint Umama, Martina, Zaina, Fajr, Maryam, Haniya, Eshaal, Diana, Mustafa, Rayyan, Fatima, Thariny, Ayat N, Amaira H, Abiha, Syanaa, Umaymah, Muzammil, Abeera, Zoya, Zimal and Naira. Year 3 applications for Librarians will be issued shortly.

Year 5 and Year 6 librarians will supervise the reading for pleasure reading scheme. Year 4 librarians will be in charge of our indoor reading for pleasure champions and Year 3 librarians will be in charge of reading for pleasure outside. All librarians can be recognised by their badges worn at breaktimes and lunchtimes. The children will have the opportunity to borrow a book from our well stocked library to read. The children will run the library once a week.

## 3CF Visit to Newcastle Under Lyme Synagogue

3CF enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Reform Synagogue in Newcastle Under Lyme as part of their RE studies on Judaism, where they were able to learn more about the Jewish faith including the Star of David. They enjoyed learning about the history of the faith, the types of prayer hat that they wear, looking at the Torah scrolls and how they are read and exploring their special building. The children listened with enthusiasm and asked lots of questions.

## 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.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

<b>Monday</b>	Football	Year 3	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dodgeball	Year 4	<b>3.15pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Science	Year 3/4	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Football	Year 5	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Colouring	Year 3/4/5/6	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	TT Rockstars	Year 3/4	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Dodgeball-FULL	Year 5	<b>3.20pm-4.05pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Basketball	Year 6	<b>3.15pm-4.05pm</b>

Please contact the school office if your child wishes to join an after school club as we still have spaces available.

## Year 6 SATs Revision Clubs

Just to remind all parents and carers that Year 6 SATs afterschool revision classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3.55pm have started again. The sessions will run until May 2026. Please can we request your support to make sure that your child stays for each revision session.

## Safeguarding and Support

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Miss Rowe and Mrs Lambert who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

## Safety Reminder -Crossing Meir Road

Please can you remind your children if they need to cross Meir Road at the beginning and end of the school day to use the Pedestrian crossing for their safety.



## - Well done to Misheck and Himavat

Week Ending 16/01/26	Week Ending 23/01/26
Muhammad Ali Bashir	Haniyah
Zainab	Salahudeen
Akif	Umaymah
Bisma	Mareks
Dean	
Aliyan	Theodora
Madestas	Eshaal
Raheel	Arijana

**School Buddies**



We are pleased to announce Mohammed Eisa, Hassan, Bisma A, Jermay, Awwal, Memoona , Lijana and Sineen who will play a very important role in making sure our playground is a happy and safe place for everyone. Playground buddies can be identified by their badge and will help out playing games at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Our buddies will help people find a friend to play with, maybe helping them find a class friend who they can join in with. They will look out for children who may need help or who seem lonely, with the aim to make breaktimes enjoyable.

### Medical Appointments During The School Day

We understand that Hospital appointments and doctors appointments will often fall during the school day and children will need to be absent or be collected. Please can you provide us with a copy of all appointment letters when this occurs to support your child's absence and enable us to mark their absence on the register correctly. Where possible, we would be grateful if you could make routine dental appointments outside of school hours as this has an impact on their learning.

If you have arranged for another person to pick your child at the end of the school day, please can you notify the school office as soon as possible for safeguarding reasons.



### Future Visits

5KW Visit to Gladstone Pottery Museum on 13/02/2026

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### SCHOOL DAIRY DATES

Number Day  
Last Day of Term  
Half Term  
School opens for pupils  
World Book Day  
Scholastic Book Fayre in School  
Last Day of term  
Easter Holidays  
School opens for pupils  
May Day – School Closed  
Last Day of Term

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday, 23rd February 2026  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 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.**

**Here is a snap shot of what's been taking place at Alexandra Junior School this half term on our school facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandra-Junior-School/52948337177151>**

