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ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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We hope all our children, families and staff have enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable autumn half-term break. We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school for another exciting half term filled with learning, new opportunities and fun!

As we move further into the autumn term, we look forward to seeing our children continue to develop their skills, build confidence and achieve their very best in all areas of school life. With the weather becoming colder, please remember to send children to school with warm coats and suitable clothing for outdoor play.

We look forward to a happy, productive and successful half term together.



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.

Breakfast Club Opens at 8.10am 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

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.

Spelling Tests	Homework	PE Day
Year 3 Monday	In by Friday	Thursday
Year 4 Monday	In by Friday	Wednesday
Year 5 Monday	In by Thursday	Tuesday
Year 6 Friday	In by Tuesday	Friday

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

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our **Learn About Life sessions** at Alexandra Junior School.

It was lovely to welcome you into school and give you an insight into your child's learning, daily routines and experiences in their classrooms.

These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to see learning in action, celebrate the children's progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you for taking the time to join us and for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you into school again soon!

Week Ending 17/09/26	Week Ending 24/09/26	Week Ending 30/09/26	Week Ending 08/10/26
Ayan	Parineethi	Jacob	George
Asinat	Eshaal	Aadam	Arham
Qudicia	Samuel	Hamna	Aahil
Haniyah	Hamza	Eisa	Muhammad Ali
Saynaa	Oliver	Millie-May	Akif
Angelo	Carnell	Zidan	Mareks
Yasa	Cornelius	Balaaj	Abbas
Georgina	Thariny	Dean	Robert

Layla, Maira, Arunas and Hamza

Well Done!

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 £3.30 and £16.50 for the cost of school lunches for one week.

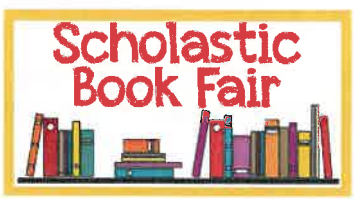
Reading Rabbits

We are delighted to be welcoming two new furry new friends at Alexandra Junior School shortly.

Please do not forget to return your child's permission form for your child to spend time with our new residents if they wish to. There will be no expectation for children to handle or interact with the rabbits if they do not wish to and any child who feels unsure will be fully supported. Our Reading Rabbits will be a lovely addition to school life and form part of our commitment to creating a positive, calm and nurturing learning environment for all of our children.

A Special Visit from a Poet at Alexandra Junior School

We were delighted to welcome a visiting poet Alan Barrett to Alexandra Junior School last week to celebrate World Poetry Day. Through engaging activities developing their imagination and building confidence, all classes enjoyed nonsense poetry, rhyming poems and enjoyed writing their own poems discovering new words. We hope to spark a love of poetry and encourage our children to express themselves through words.



Scholastic Book Fayre

Thank you for supporting our school Scholastic Book Fayre. Together we raised an amazing £720.95. Your support helps to promote a love of reading and encourages our children to discover new books, explore exciting stories and develop a lifelong passion for reading.

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.



Future School Visits

Year 4 Visit to Chester Zoo on 09/11/2026

Please can we request that all trip money is paid on your child's Parentpay account if you have not done so already.

Year 6 Revision After School Club

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running a **Maths SATs Revision Club every Tuesday and Thursday after school** until 3.55pm. This will support our Year 6 pupils in preparing for their upcoming SATs assessments in May 2027 The club will also help pupils identify areas for improvement and strengthen their understanding in preparation for their assessments.

We would encourage children to attend these sessions, as they will provide valuable additional support alongside their learning in school.



Monday	Singing	Year 3	**3.25pm-4.05pm**
Tuesday	Lego	Year 4	**3.20pm-4.05pm**
Thursday	Football	Year 3 & 4	**3.15pm-4.05pm**
Thursday	Dodgeball	Year 5	**3.20pm-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.

Year 5 Harvest Assembly

Our Year 5 children celebrated the season of harvest presenting a wonderful Harvest Assembly, sharing the importance of gratitude, kindness and helping others within our community.

The children worked hard to learn their songs and poems, sharing their learning and reflecting on the importance of harvest, giving thanks for the food we eat, and remembering those in our community who may need a little extra support. We were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork in making the assembly such a special occasion.

Well done to all Year 5 pupils and a big thank you to the staff who helped prepare and organise this lovely celebration!

Thank you for helping us celebrate the true spirit of harvest by sending in your generous food donations that will be distributed to our local foodbank.

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th November



Appointments will be shortly available to book.



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.

SCHOOL DAIRY DATES

Half Term	Monday, 26th October to Monday, 2nd November 2026
School opens for pupils	Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
Non school uniform day	Friday, 20th November 2026
Parents' Consultation Afternoon	Wednesday, 25th November 2026
Non school uniform day	Friday, 27th November 2026
Non school uniform day	Friday, 4th December 2026
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday, 9th December 2026
Christmas Fayre	Thursday, 10th December 2026
Christmas Holidays	Monday, 21st December 2065 -Monday, 4th January 2027
School opens for pupils	Tuesday, 5th January 2027
Half Term	Monday, 15th February 2027 - Friday, 19h February 2027
School opens for pupils	Monday, 22nd February 2027

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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