



Principal's Newsletter 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 6 Residential – Memories to Last a Lifetime

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children during their residential this week. They have thrown themselves into every experience, from the climbing wall, nightline and zip wire to the sensory trail and Aero ball, showing courage, enthusiasm and a real sense of adventure! What has impressed us most, however, is the way they have supported and encouraged one another. They have been brave, resilient and independent, worked brilliantly as a team and celebrated each other's achievements along the way. For some children, this has meant overcoming fears or trying something completely new, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves. These experiences are about so much more than the activities themselves; they help our children grow in confidence, develop independence, strengthen friendships and create special memories that will stay with them for many years to come. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful staff (Mrs Griffin, Miss Ali, Miss Nolan and Mr Pleasant) who have given their time, care and encouragement to make this experience possible, and to our families for supporting their children to take part in such a fantastic opportunity. Well done, Year 6 – you have been amazing!



Celebrating Our Silver Oracy Award

We are incredibly proud to share some fantastic news with our families – Alexandra Park Junior School has been awarded the Silver Oracy Award, following our work with our external adviser, One Decision. We are especially delighted to be the first school to achieve the Silver Award, making this a very special milestone for our whole school community. This recognition celebrates our commitment to developing oracy – the ability to speak, listen, communicate and express ideas confidently and effectively. These are essential skills not only for success in the classroom, but for children's future education, relationships and employment. Across school, we have worked hard to create opportunities for children to discuss, debate, explain their thinking, listen to others and develop the confidence to find and use their voice. We are extremely proud of our children and staff for embracing this important area of learning and particularly grateful to the staff who have led and championed oracy across our school. Another fantastic achievement for APJS and, most importantly, one that will make a lasting difference to our children and their future success! Also, a huge thank you to Miss Ali for her leadership in this.

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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	Abdullah Mohammad Class 6	15 parent reads
Second Place	Alyssa Islam Class 7 Farhan Mohammad Class 7	11 parent reads
Third Place	Esha Jabeen Class 8	9 parent reads

Spelling Shed Winners



1 st Place	M.Mustafa Class 9
2 nd Place	M.Ahmed Class 11
3 rd Place	I.Amin Class 7



TT Rockstars – CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 12
The most active Class	Class 4
The most improved speed	Deen Raof Class 1
The most active player	Yanis Stephen Class 6

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Word Aware

This week's word is 'cunning.'

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

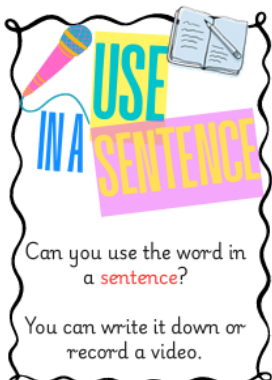


WORD OF THE WEEK!

Each week you will be given a new word to explore at home.
You can pick a challenge and upload it to Class Dojo.



ClassDojo



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.

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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 - **All Classes WOW!**

Class 11 had the highest attendance in school with 100%- Amazing!

Supporting Your Child's Attendance

Good attendance is essential in helping children to learn, be happy and achieve their best. We understand that children do become unwell, and it can sometimes be difficult for parents and carers to decide whether their child is well enough to attend school. The NHS and Department for Education provide helpful guidance to support families in making these decisions. This includes a short animation about school absence due to illness (see link below) and an NHS guide explaining when children should stay at home and when they can attend school (see attached) We encourage parents and carers to use these resources when unsure. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and make the most of everything school has to offer.

[Illness absence and staying healthy - YouTube](#)

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

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Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'