



Principal's Newsletter 4th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Alexandra Park Junior School. We hope that our families have enjoyed a happy and restful summer and that the children are now ready for another exciting year of learning, friendships and new experiences.

A particularly warm welcome to our new Year 3 children and their families. We are delighted to have you as part of the APJS family and look forward to getting to know you.

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Our school vision remains at the heart of everything we do. This year, we will continue to focus on helping every child thrive – developing their confidence, independence, knowledge and skills while making sure that every child feels safe, valued and included.

A great start to the year

Thank you to our children, parents and staff for helping us to make such a positive start to the new school year. We have spent time reminding children about our school expectations, including our school values, behaviour expectations, speaking and listening and, most importantly, how we can all help to make APJS a safe and happy place to be.

We are looking forward to seeing the children grow in confidence and make the most of all the opportunities that school life brings.

Keeping our children safe

The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our highest priority.

If you have any concerns about your child, or if there is something you feel we need to know, please speak to us. Your child's class teacher, the office team or a member of the pastoral team will always be happy to listen and help.

We also regularly talk to children about trusted adults and making safe choices. If your child is worried about something, please encourage them to talk to an adult they trust.

Switched on to privacy: helping children stay safe online

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched Switched on to Privacy, a campaign to help parents and carers of children aged 4–11 understand and discuss online privacy.

Just as we teach children about road safety and stranger danger, understanding how personal information is collected, shared and used online is an important life skill. Small, regular conversations can help children make safer choices as they grow up.

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Did you know?

17% of 3–5-year-olds own a smartphone, rising to 79% by age 12.

75% of parents are concerned about their child's ability to make safe online privacy choices.

21% of parents have never spoken to their child about online privacy.

The ICO has developed practical resources to help parents and carers support children to understand and protect their personal information from an early age.

Useful resource (Click on link):

Switched on to Privacy checklist

https://ctrk.klclick1.com/U01M13NM2KZFKPGQMDW58XT4D3M_10

What's happening in our community?

Nostalgic Oldham is back!

Get ready to step back in time as Nostalgic Oldham returns to the town centre on Saturday 19th September 2026.

It's a day all about celebrating the Oldham we know and love, bringing back memories from years gone by while giving a new generation the chance to experience them too.

Expect classic cars, vintage entertainment, traditional games, live performances, family activities and plenty of familiar sights and sounds from the past as the town centre comes alive. Whether you remember Oldham from decades ago or you're bringing the children along to show them a bit of our past, there'll be something for the whole family to enjoy.

Saturday 19 September 2026

11am – 4pm

Oldham Town Centre

FREE OF CHARGE

Come along, bring the family and enjoy a proper trip down memory lane!

A few reminders

Please remember to let the school office know if your contact details, address or medical information have changed.

If your child has a medical condition, please make sure that we have the most up-to-date information and any medication required.

We would also like to remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds, with the exception of guide dogs.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school safe and welcoming for everyone.

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And finally...

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. There is lots to be excited about at APJS, and we want this to be a year in which every child feels that they belong, knows that they matter and is supported to achieve their very best.

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

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