



Newsletter: Thursday 18th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term and the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the term. It has been a busy and rewarding few months, filled with learning, achievements, and moments that have brought us together as a school community.

Our children have worked so hard and shown great enthusiasm in their studies and activities, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished. From classroom successes to performances, sports events, and festive celebrations, they have truly embodied the spirit of our school.

I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff for their dedication and care, and to you, our parents and carers, for the encouragement you provide every day. Together, we have created an environment where our pupils can thrive and feel supported.

As we look forward to the new year, we remain excited about the opportunities ahead and committed to continuing our work in helping every child reach their potential.

I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year. May this holiday be a time of rest, celebration, and special moments with loved ones.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Forster



School Productions

Opal Class



Opal Class have performed a selection of Christmas songs, some with actions, some with instruments to children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The children have all worked hard to learn the words to 9 different songs. They performed on the stage in KS2 Hall and were amazing. They completed their performance with their own version of "Let It Go", which the other children, and staff, kindly helped with. The children will be performing for the families on the Thursday 18th December just before we break up for Christmas.

Moonstone and Sunstone Classes

Our Reception children gave a wonderful performance of *The Sleepy Shepherd*, beautifully retelling the Christmas story and truly capturing the spirit of the season. Through confident speaking, expressive acting, and lovely singing, the children brought the story of the first Christmas to life. We would like to thank all the parents and carers who came along to support the children and celebrate their achievements. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs, and they looked amazing in their costumes. Their enthusiasm and teamwork shone throughout the performance, and the staff are extremely proud of all the effort they put in and how confidently they performed.



Key Stage 2 Dance

This term, our Key Stage 2 Dance Club children were proud to perform for parents, showcasing the fantastic dancing skills they have been learning with Miss Olivia. Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm really shone through, and it was wonderful to see how much progress they have made. Well done to all the dancers for a brilliant performance, and thank you to the parents and carers for your support.

Coral and Sapphire Class

Year 3 delighted parents with their performance of *Pompeii the Musical*, bringing history to life. The children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing their hard work and creativity. Well done to all our Year 3 pupils for an impressive and entertaining performance, and thank you to the parents and carers





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Applications for Reception places

The deadline is fast approaching for parents/carers to submit applications for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 to apply for their Reception place.

To apply you simply need to complete the application form on the Oldham Council website. It is quick and easy and ensures school offers can be made efficiently via e-mail.

Applications can ONLY be made online.

When you apply you will:

- Get an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received
- Be sent a confirmation email when you press the submit button
- Get another email when the Council has picked up your application
- Receive the outcome of your application by email, or by logging into your account.



If you are unable to access the internet from home, computers are available at a number of local libraries:

Failsworth Library, on Oldham Road is open:
Mon to Thurs 9am - 7pm
Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9:30am - 1pm

**The online system will close
at 5pm on 15th January 2026.**



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Sporting Achievements

7th November 2025 - Cross Country Race 3

Gold in Year 1/2 Girls Race - Willow

Gold in Year 1/2 Boys Race - Ralphy B

Silver in Year 1/2 Girls Race - Olalonpe

Silver in Year 1/2 Boys Race - Calvin

Silver in Year 5/6 Girls Race - Lucy R

Bronze in Year 1/2 Boys Race - Esa



13th November 2025 - Excel Sports Hall Athletics

Team Silver - Lucy R, Lucie B, Mya H, Osasu E, Winter G, Sienna F, Ruby A, Livia B, Noah H, Oscar M.S, Carter N, Corey M, Zac J, Franklin, Jude G & Logan M.S

Active Lessons

Our Sports Leaders from Year 5 and 6 have had a great impact on active break and dinner times already. They have been setting a great example and delivering a variety of sporting activities in the KS2 playground such as dodgeball, football, cricket etc. Whilst doing this, they help to motivate children to be active and join in



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Making it REAL—Raising Early Achievement in Literacy

We are taking part in the Making it REAL in Oldham Project. Making it REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) is an award-winning programme that works with families to support children's early literacy and development.

Making it REAL draws evidence from the original REAL project delivered by Professors Cathy Nutbrown and Peter Hannon at the University of Sheffield. REAL uses a framework called 'ORIM' (Opportunities, Recognition, Interaction and Model), which is based on the idea that there are four main ways in which parents can help their children's literacy development.

We launched the project in school with a Nursery Rhyme themed session at the start of World Nursery Rhyme Week. Parents and Grandparents came into Nursery and took part in creative activities relating to familiar Nursery Rhymes.

Some children and their parents have been invited to take part in a more specific part of the project which involves home visits, trips to the Library, a shopping expedition and stories around a campfire.

The children have all really enjoyed the home visits – reading The Gingerbread Man and making playdough. Thank you to the parents who have taken part with so much enthusiasm.

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School Updates!

We would like to let our school community know that our Site Manager, Mr Toomer, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Toomer has been a valued member of our team, and we are grateful for his hard work, dedication, and the care he has shown for our school.



Mr Toomer is looking forward to spending some more time with his family and while we will miss him greatly, we wish him all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Green, who is returning from her maternity leave to resume her role as Amber Class teacher, after the Christmas break.



At the same time, we say a warm thank-you and goodbye to Mrs Parry, who has taught Amber Class since February. We are very grateful for her hard work and the wonderful support she has given the children during her time with us.

Christmas Holidays

The last day of term is Thursday 18th December at the usual time.

School reopens on Tuesday 6th January at the usual time.

