



Friday 13th October 2023

There is a clear highlight of the week for me this week: There is no sight better in a school than seeing a reception child dressed as a rabbit cycling across the playground first thing in the morning. This child was then followed by ladybirds, donkeys, rabbits and farmers! Thanks to all the parents for helping make the farmyard day so successful. We are working on putting more Aspire events on during the run up to Christmas and will communicate these as soon as we can.

Learning Behaviour Champions - Congratulations

This week, we have been delighted to announce our Learning Behaviour Champions - who were nominated by both the class teachers and their peers. The children chosen have demonstrated outstanding learning behaviours and a willingness to support others. They have been excellent role models across school so far and consistently demonstrated our school values: Care, Aspire, Achieve. The Learning Behaviour Champions will meet regularly with members of our senior leadership team to plan how they can help support our school. They will lead class meetings and report back the voice of other children around school to help shape our development.



Reception

We had a great Farmyard Day in Reception this week. The children looked amazing in their farmyard costumes and it was lovely to see so many families join us for our celebration day! The children enjoyed many activities throughout the day such as going on an autumn hunt, building and making a farmyard, arts and crafts activities and taking part in our sponsored farmyard dance. Thank you to all our families for providing amazing costumes and sending in voluntary sponsor money. The money raised will go towards enhancing our curriculum provision.

Reception also enjoyed an autumn walk to the park to look for signs of autumn. The children were able to use their senses to describe what they could see and hear whilst at the park. They were very sensible during their first local visit, well done Reception!



Year 2

In art this week, we have been continuing our work on exploring and drawing, using different materials to create artwork inspired by things we have found in nature. We absolutely loved working with watercolours, first experimenting with mixing colours and creating our own colour wheel, before using this skill to create wax-resist paintings of different autumnal leaves.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed learning about reversible and irreversible reactions in science. They had lots of fun mixing bicarbonate of soda with vinegar in order to create an irreversible reaction and inflate a balloon. They are using excellent scientific vocabulary within lessons and showing great amounts of collaboration to support each other's learning. Well done, Year 5.



Sport events



What a week for sporting events! Firstly, the Year 3s headed to Manchester United's old training ground, The Cliff. Here, they played an exciting tournament against many different schools. Then, our boys football team played their first match and demonstrated what it means to be a team! They showed excellent determination and collaboration by cheering each other on along the way. Well done to all of those involved in these games.

Community news

Message from a past pupil:

Dear Mr Brooke,

My wife and I were having lunch at the Wycliffe Restaurant on Sunday, when I suddenly thought that I should have a look at Alexandra Park Primary School, which I had not set eyes on since 1955, when I left after taking my 11+. It may interest you to know that four of us won scholarships to Stockport Grammar School, then a Direct Grant School in my year; Roy Westerman (with whom I have lost touch) went on to win a place at Queen's College Oxford, David May, to Hertford College Oxford (again lost touch), Keith Walton (sadly deceased about 7 years ago) to London, where he studied law, and me, who won a place at Wadham College Oxford; I went on to win a Winston Churchill Fellowship to study banking in the USA, and received an OBE in 1996.

The school hasn't changed much, apart from the razor wire, and I was delighted to see still has an outstanding category from OFSTED; that excellence certainly hasn't changed!

I don't know if you have a newsletter, but I thought that you might find this interesting.

School Uniform

On the days where children are wearing PE kits to school, all jumpers worn still need to be school uniform. These can be plain navy blue or have the school logo.

Lost Property

Unfortunately lost property has built up this half term, especially in the juniors. We check it every day and if you put your child's name in the item we can return it to them. Weather permitting we will put all the lost property out next Friday. Over the weekend, please could you add names to all labels in all items of clothing.

Community News



**October
Half term
Swimming
Courses**

£39.60
23rd – 27th October
(5 day course)

For ages 2 - 12 years

Available at Avondale,
Cheadle, Grand Central,
Romiley

Scan the QR code for
more information and
to secure your child's
place.

Important Dates

Event	Details
Last day of Autumn 1 term	Friday 20th October
First day of Autumn 2 term	Tuesday 31st October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 22nd November - 6pm finish
Parents Evening	Thursday 23rd November - 7.45 finish