Alexandra Park News

Friday 13th November 2026

Headteacher message

A huge thank you to everyone who made Parents' Evening such a success!
The communication and collaboration between school, parents and families is vital to our children's success. When we work together, it makes a massive difference!
Thank you to all the staff who stayed late, and to all the parents who took the time to come along. An additional thank you to everyone who donated and took a book – I think this helped make the evening even more purposeful.
Your support and involvement are truly appreciated!



Star of the Week



Assembly

Next week's assembly will focus on owning our mistakes. We don't expect children to be perfect; what matters is that they learn from their choices and take responsibility for their actions. This week, three children showed us exactly what this looks like by recognising a poor choice, apologising and helping to clean up the mess they had made. A really positive example of taking responsibility, which we will be reflecting on together next week!

Key dates

Inclusion coffee morning - 17.11.26

Y1-Y6 parents' evening - 11th/12th Nov

Reception phonics workshop - 18th Nov at 9am

Reception book share & coffee morning - Friday 20th November (9am-10am)

Care and Share event (KS2 hall) - Fri 27th Nov

SEND parents' evening - week starting 30th Nov

Panto trip (Rec/KS1) - 10.12.26
Panto trip (KS2) - 14.12.26

Nativity: Reception (7th/8th Dec)
Year 1 (15th/16th Dec)
Year 2 (14th/15th Dec)

Care, Aspire, Achieve

Care and Share Event

Care and Share Event - Friday 27th November at 9am.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to join us for our Care and Share Event on Friday 27th November at 9am in the Key Stage Two hall.
We know that this time of year can be particularly expensive for families, and we want to do what we can to offer a little extra support to our school community. This is a chance to donate your child's pre-loved toys, clothes, shoes, bikes, scooters, uniform and more. You don't need to have donated – everybody is welcome to come along. Please can we ask that all items are clean, safe and in good condition – thank you. Donations are welcome and will be collected in school starting the week 23rd November. We look forward to seeing you there!



Care, Aspire, Achieve

School highlights



EYFS Celebrations

In Nursery we have been learning about Autumn and the various celebrations that have occured recently including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We have had great fun collecting leaves and hiding our woodland animals to play hide and seek.

Key Stage One Celebrations

Year 1 have been working collaboratively to create their own class poem, exploring what the word belonging means to them. They shared their ideas and used their senses of touch, taste and smell to bring their descriptions to life. The children then enjoyed performing their poems to each other.





Key Stage Two Celebrations

Recently, Year 6 visited Edgeley park to attend a Remembrance Day event. They spoke to veterans' family members and heard stories from WW2, whilst also having the chance to explore different artefacts from the war. They also met with a lady who is responsible for all of the poppies in the UK; I think they were astounded to hear just how much money is raised from the sales of them.

School highlights





Year 6 - Publishing Finale

On Friday, Year 6 and author Reese Jaxon presented their book project to parents. The project will culminate in the publication of a strictly limited edition book, I WONDER AT EDGELEY PARK. The children have worked incredibly hard on the illustrations featured throughout, and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and efforts. Thank you to all parents for supporting this project and helping raise money (£250) for the County Community Trust.



Book Swap

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who donated books and supported our whole-school Book Swap during Parents' Evening. It was a fantastic success, and it was wonderful to see so many children excitedly choosing a new book to take home and enjoy. Your generosity helped us share the joy of reading across our school community.





Wellbeing and Pupil Voice

Listening to our children

One of the things we want our children to understand is that their voice matters. Just as importantly, we want them to see that when they tell us something that could make school better, we listen. Children have told us that the long KS2 afternoon can sometimes affect their wellbeing and concentration. We therefore trialled a short Wellbeing Break in Years 4&5, giving children ten minutes to move, talk, draw, reflect or simply reset.

The response from children and staff was really positive, particularly in helping children return to their learning ready to focus.

We are now introducing the **Wellbeing Break** across KS2. It is a simple change, but one that reflects something very important to us: listening to our children and continually looking for ways to improve their experience at Alexandra Park**.**

Pupil Leadership - Councils



Today was also an opportunity for our councils to meet and discuss agreed actions and further school development areas. The children showed lots of enthusiasm and provided thoughtful ideas on the impact so far and what we can do to further improve. Well done, everyone. Your ideas will be discussed at our parliament meeting next week and to everyone in assembly.





Did you know percentages are reversible...If you were asked to find 8% of 25, it feels awkward and potentially challenging but 25% of 8 (a quarter of 8) is much more approachable. A neat little trick.

Maths Joke:
Why did the obtuse angle go to the beach?
Because it was over 90 degrees.

Maths Riddle:
What can you put between a 7 and an 8 to make the result bigger than 7, but smaller than 8?

Answer to previous weeks:
The number 6.

Inclusion Update

Inclusion Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that we are holding our Inclusion Coffee Morning next week on **Tuesday 17th November after morning drop-off** in the KS1 hall. This will be an informal opportunity to, learn about local support services, and support for children in school. We are also pleased to welcome a member of the Speech and Language Therapy Team, who will give a short presentation on practical ways parents and carers can support their child's speech, language and communication skills at home. There will be plenty of time to enjoy a tea or coffee, have a biscuit, and chat informally. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and talk with Charlotte Millward our SENCO, as well as our SEND Governor, Christelle Elimort-Kearney, who will also be joining us. Whether you have questions, would like to find out more about the support available, or would simply like to meet other parents and carers in a relaxed setting, we would love to see you there.

Online Safety

Please find more information below about a campaign from the Information Commission's Office (ICO) called **Switched on to privacy**. It's free to access and is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 4–11 and gives families three simple steps (Chat, Choose and Check) for talking about online privacy at home.

The ICO's research found that three-quarters of parents don't think their children can make safe choices about what personal information they share online, yet one in five have never talked to them about it. The campaign has practical tips, short videos and conversation starters that are easy to use.

http://ico.org.uk/SwitchedOn



Parent Voice

One of our targets is to create more opportunities for parents to feel part of our school community. As part of this, we'll be holding a **'Care and Share'** event on Friday November 27th at 9am in the KS2 hall. Please see the poster in this newsletter.

Useful websites and Support Services

Trusted organisations parents can access for advice (please click the link)

- NSPCC
- Childnet — Online safety for young people
- CEOP Education
- Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters
- YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | Young Minds
- Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize
- Oxford Owl for School and Home
- Every Mind Matters - NHS
- Coram Family Lives - Parenting and Family Support
- One Stockport Family Hubs app - Stockport Council
- SEND Local Offer - Stockport Council

Swim! – Swimming Lessons for Children Aged 3–11

Currently operating swimming lessons from Cheadle Hulme School, SWIM are keen to spread the word to more local families who may be interested in getting their children involved.

