

# Alexandra Park News

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Wow! What a week.**

Over the last few years, through our position as an EEF Research School, we have been supporting our own school and others across Stockport to develop oracy teaching and learning.

Yesterday we welcomed close to 100 teachers and headteachers into Alexandra Park to observe lessons. We are, of course, very proud of the level of teaching here and hope we can continue to support other schools in their work.

But more than anything, on days like this, it is always the children who shine the brightest! As always, their manners were fantastic. Their learning behaviours were repeatedly praised, as was their depth of understanding and—most importantly—their ability to articulate it.

### **Assemblies**

Next week's assembly will focus on *learning from others*. We'll carry this theme through our talk assemblies and class forums, before celebrating children who show strength in this area during Friday's celebration assembly.

We know that the children with the strongest learning behaviours – and those who excel – are not only learning from their teacher, but also from their talk partner and every other child in the class. The more we can encourage all children to do this, the better they will become as learners.

### **Stars of the Week**



You will notice that there are a few more children than usual on our Star of the Week photo. We not only had this week's amazing winners, but also the children who were so fantastic in helping show round all the headteachers and teachers yesterday. Thank you

## EYFS

We've had a fantastic week in Reception, exploring our new environment and learning lots of new skills. The children have settled in beautifully, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm. We've especially enjoyed listening to a variety of stories and rhymes, which have sparked wonderful discussions and inspired our learning. We were also very excited to meet *Jigsaw Jenie*, who will be helping us with our PSHE lessons.

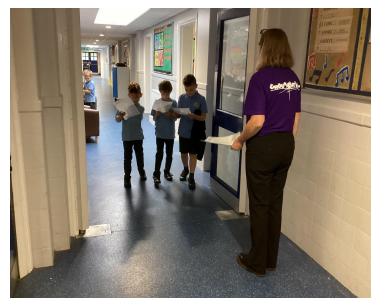


## KS1

Year 2 finished our first writing unit this week, writing character descriptions for the characters in Roald Dahl's *Esio Trot*. Everyone was SO proud of their writing that we created a 'work gallery', and the children loved walking around the classroom reading each other's work and celebrating our achievements!



## KS2



On Thursday, Year 4 enjoyed a workshop all about *Diary of a Disciple: Luke's Story*. We took part in a word search, acted out parts of the story through drama, answered thoughtful questions to help us reflect more deeply, and even had the chance to get creative with some crafting. It was a fun and engaging way to learn more about Luke and bring his story to life!

## First Aid Club

My name is Nita Peach.

I'm a Senior Nurse Practitioner & Chair of Alexandra Park Parents Association (APPA) and I facilitate the First Aid After School Club for year's 2-6.

Teaching children first aid can significantly boost their confidence, develop their ability to handle emergencies, improve their understanding of risk, and equip them with valuable life skills to respond appropriately in case of accidents, potentially saving lives by providing immediate assistance until an adult or professional help arrives; it also promotes sense of responsibility and empower them to help others by :

- calling emergency services
- assessing safety
- communicating with the injured
- treating cuts, bleeding, and burns
- applying bandages

- handling head injuries, allergies, and nosebleeds
- preparing students to respond to medical emergencies, CPR & knowledge of a defibrillator(AED).

At the end of the term each child will receive a Certificate, First Aid badge & a Pocket mask keyring & join the First Aid Champions of Alexandra Park Primary School.



This Sunday, the County Ladies take on Liverpool at Edgeley Park – and we want you there.

To mark the occasion, as a local Stockport school, **all tickets, both adult and junior, are completely FREE** for all who wish to attend.

Just enter **ALEXANDRA** at checkout and bring your family and friends for what promises to be a special day.

The school that **brings the biggest crowd** on the day will also earn an exclusive visit from a County Ladies and Men's First Team player, along with the one and only Vernon Bear – an unforgettable opportunity to celebrate your school's incredible support!

After the Lionesses' incredible summer, we feel it's more important than ever to keep the momentum going and continue growing support for women's football.

Let's pack the stands and give the County Ladies the homecoming they deserve.

Secure your free tickets [here](#) - we'll see you there!

### **Important Dates**

Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Start of Autumn 1 term
Week beginning 13th October	Nursery and Reception Parents Evening - more information to follow
Week beginning 20th October	Nursery Parents Evening - more information to follow
Friday 10th October 2025	Hello Yellow Day - further details to follow  Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24th October 2025	End of Autumn 1 term
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Start of Autumn 2
Wednesday 12th / Thursday 13th November 2025	Parents' evenings
Thursday 13th November 2025	School individual photos

Friday 28th November 2025	KS2 Disco
Thursday 11th December 2025	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
Monday 15th December 2025	Reception/KS1 Pantomime visit
Wednesday 17th December 2025	KS2 Pantomime visit
Friday 19th December 2025	End of Autumn 2

### **Partnerships and Engagement Team Transport for Greater Manchester - Industrial Action**

**Staff at some Bee Network bus operators – First, Metrolink and Stagecoach – have announced strike action from Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 2 October (inclusive).**

**During this period of industrial action passengers can expect the following:**

#### **Impact on Services**

- **Bus services not expected to run:** Around two-thirds of Bee Network buses will not operate, including some school services. Some early morning services on Friday 3 October may also be affected. A full list of impacted services will soon be available on the [dedicated page](#) on the TfGM website and customers can use the search function to quickly check if their bus is affected.
- **Bus services that will run:** Services in Bolton and Wigan, some routes in north Manchester, and the free bus in Manchester city centre should continue to operate. Local Link and Ring and Ride services should also run as normal.
- **Trams and trains:** Metrolink and train services will operate as planned.

#### **Ticket Acceptance**

**Passengers affected by industrial action with valid 7-day, 28-day, term-time or annual bus passes, as well as concessionary passes (including Our Pass), can use them across the three strike days on:**

- **The entire Metrolink network**
- **All Northern train services in affected areas**
- **TransPennine Express services between Greenfield and Manchester Piccadilly and from Castleton to Manchester Piccadilly**

**Please note: Ticket acceptance will not apply on trains serving areas where bus services are still running (e.g., Bolton and Wigan) and only applies to stations within Greater Manchester.**

#### **Travel Advice**

- **We are encouraging passengers to check before they travel and allow extra time for essential journeys.**

- Services will be busier than normal; passengers should travel outside peak times (7–9am and 4–6pm) where possible.
- Local roads traffic and demand for hire bikes are likely to increase.

#### **Further Information**

A dedicated webpage has been set up at [www.beenetwork.com/bus-industrial-action](http://www.beenetwork.com/bus-industrial-action), which will soon include:

- A full list of affected services
- Ticket acceptance details
- Other travel advice

Passengers can also call the Bee Network Contact Centre on 0161 244 1000 (extended opening hours during strike days).