

Welcome back to all our children and their families to a very warm Alt Academy! Welcome to all our new families who are starting with us this week too. The children have had a great week settling into their new classes and getting to terms with new classrooms and routines. We are proud of every single child for a fantastic first week. We are certain we are going to have a great year of learning this year.



Welcome letter

We hope you received the welcome letter that was sent yesterday. Please take the time to read the information that was included in here. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.



EYFS

Amber and Ruby

This week, we have been reading 'Super Duper You!' We have looked at our faces in the mirror and created amazing collage portraits that are all so different.



KS1

Opal

This week we have been talking about what makes us the same and different. We have had some lovely discussions. Ask your child to tell you all about it at home.



Jade

This week we have enjoyed getting to learn all about each other. We have loved creating our class portraits in the style of Picasso.



Pearl

We have been talking all about our families, all our unique differences and how this make us all special.



Lower KS 2

Topaz

As part of our Location, Location, Location topic, Topaz class had a visit from Private Hampson. He explained what the British Army does, taught us to march and we did a push up challenge too. Ask us to show you our new marching moves at home!



Citrine

The children in Citrine class have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They have shown great courage, behaved respectfully and given the maximum effort every day.

Emerald

In RE this week, we have been thinking about the things we are most grateful for. We worked as a class to put our ideas together to create a prayer.



Upper KS2

Amethyst

In Amethyst have had a fantastic start to the school year. We have discussed and set high expectations for the year and have spent some time getting to know our new classmates. Have a look at some of the amazing artwork we have completed.



Tanzanite

We have worked together as a class to discuss and set our expectations for the rest of the year regarding our work and behaviour.

We have also explored the first few chapters of our new class novel and have written some descriptive sentences about this.

Sapphire

We have been working collaboratively to explore scenarios and how these link to the behaviour charter we have in school. The children were extremely mature and there were some great ideas shared.



Star of the Week

Well done to this weeks stars of the week.

Amber	Rebecca	For being kind and helping our new friends in Amber class.
Ruby	Rodiyah	For being an amazing role model to Ruby Class and following all instructions.
Opal	Abu	For a super positive start to year 2.
Jade	Imarah	Being a role model and always ready to learn.
Pearl	Carson	For being super brave with such a huge transition this week.
Topaz	Zohaib	For a fantastic attitude all week and setting an exemplary example to Topaz class.
Citrine	Mia-Rose	Fantastic start to Year 4. First class writing, setting the standard high for herself and those around her. Beautifully presented work of an excellent standard.
Emerald	Kaylen	For having a fantastic start to year 3 and showing so much enthusiasm for our new topic.
Amethyst	Corey-Lee	Corey has made a fantastic start to Year 6. His hand is always up to answer questions. Keep it up!
Tanzanite	Hannah	For making a fantastic first impression as she has shown an amazing attitude to all of her learning.
Sapphire	Inaya and Inayah	Amazing pieces of artwork for our display, using ipads and acetate.

Principal Award—Romaissa - being really kind to others and helping younger children in the dining hall

Amelia and Cayden using beautiful manners, being super helpful and kind to others



Important Information

We have some children in school who will become extremely poorly if they contract chicken pox or measles. To help us to support these children appropriately, please advise the school office if your child has chicken pox or measles over the school year.



Health & Safety Reminder

Please be reminded that children are not to play on the climbing frames or with the play equipment either before or after school. Bikes and scooters are to be pushed once on school grounds and either stored in the bike shed or taken home with parents.



Family Support

Coffee morning with Mrs Rafiq will start from Tuesday 12th September. Coffee morning will run from 9am – 10am in the KS2 hall. Mrs Rafiq has arranged some great visitors to support coffee mornings this year; please do come along!



Reading books at home

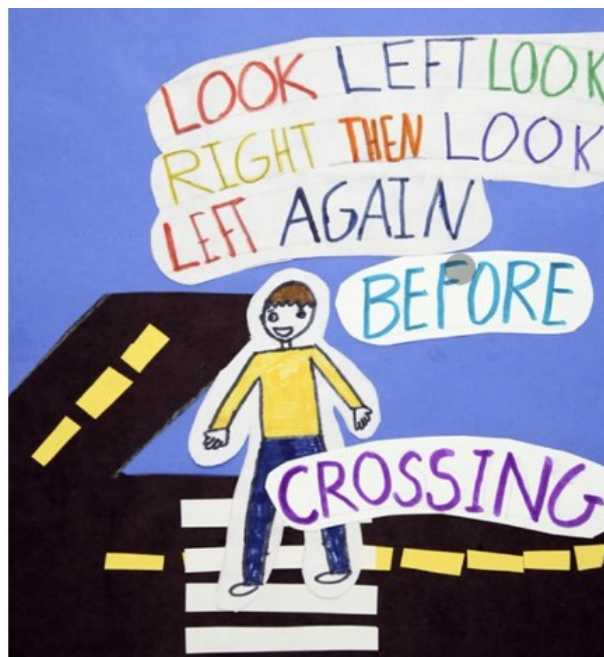
Please can we request that all families have a search at home for any reading books which need to be returned from last year. We are missing a number of books and would like to replenish these so we have enough to share around this year. If you do find any, please pop these into your child's reading bag.

Please can we request that all children bring a reading book bag to school every day to ensure they have everything they need and so that no equipment gets damaged. Thank you for your support with this.



Crossing Patrol

We are currently experiencing intermittent levels of school crossing patrol outside Alt Academy. This means, that there will be some sessions where there is not a crossing patrol on site. In assembly on Monday, we are going to recap the 'look left, look right' approach so that children know to watch the road very carefully. Whilst staff on duty can support a child crossing the road if they appear to be in danger, this support is not consistently available and is not to be relied upon. Please support your children to be safe on the crossing. If your child walks to and from school alone, please discuss road safety with them.



RAAC

You may have seen on the news that some schools have been asked to close due to concerns about RAAC concrete. We have undertaken visual inspections and there is no sign of RAAC in our building. Please rest assured that we are monitoring this situation closely and undertaking monitoring and inspection in line with DFE requirements. Should you wish to find out further information, a letter with further information can be found on the Harmony Trust website.



This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance year to date – 92%

Weekly winners – Well done to: -

EYFS and KS1 – Jade 96%

KS2 – Amethyst 96%

Our target is 96%





WELCOME **BACK TO SCHOOL**

***EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?***

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Oldham, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



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£53.50 per term

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When is it?

Wednesday evenings

Junior Choir	4.15pm-5.15pm	<i>for children in Y3-Y5</i>
Intermediate Choir	5.45pm-6.45pm	<i>for children in Y6-Y9</i>
Youth Choir	6.15pm-7.45pm	<i>for children in Y10-Y13</i>

Find out more: musicservice@oldham.gov.uk

Register for your **FREE** trial

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Oldham Council Music Service

Secondary School Open Days/Evenings.

Applications are online and the deadline is 31st October 2023 - [Parent Portal: Home](#)

School	Date	Times
Crompton House School	Thursday, 21 September 2023	By appointment only 5.15, 6.15 and 7pm
Hollinwood Academy Secondary	Tuesday, 3 October 2023	Morning: 9 -10am, 10.15 - 11.15am, 11.30am -12.30pm
	Wednesday, 11 October 2023	Evening: 3-4pm, 4.15-5.15pm, 5.30-6.30pm
Newman College	Wednesday, 20 September 2023	4.30 -7pm
North Chadderton School	Wednesday, 11 October 2023	6 - 8pm
Oasis Academy Leesbrook	Thursday, 21 September 2023	To be confirmed
Oasis Academy Oldham	Wednesday, 27 September 2023	3 - 6.15pm
Royton and Crompton School	Tuesday, 19 September 2023	To be confirmed
Saddleworth School	Wednesday, 27 September 2023	Morning 9.30 -11am
		Evening 6 - 8pm
The Blue Coat School	Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 September 2023	Friday 29 Sept (By Appointment Only) Saturday 30 Sept Between 9.30am - 12 noon.
The Brian Clarke Academy	Thursday, 28 September 2023	4.30 - 7.30pm
The Co-op Academy Failsworth	Thursday, 21 September 2023	4.30 - 7.30 pm
The Hathershaw College	Thursday, 28 September 2023	5.30 - 7.30pm
The Oldham Academy North	Tuesday 26 September 2023	4 - 7pm
The Radclyffe School	Wednesday, 27 September 2023	To be confirmed
Waterhead Academy	Thursday, 28 September 2023	4.30 - 7pm



Peer support for parents

Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are trained and given expert support from the local Home-Start in their community.

To find out more about volunteering for Home-Start visit www.home-starthost.org.uk

We help families from all backgrounds through their most challenging times

To find out more about Home-Start visit www.home-starthost.org.uk or 0161 344 0669



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Charity no. 1135838

Ryecroft Hall, Manchester Road, Audenshaw, MANCHESTER, M34 5ZJ



Because childhood can't wait

The earliest years make the biggest impact: Home-Start make sure those years count so that no child's future is limited.

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Working alongside families

Being a parent isn't always easy. It can often feel lonely, overwhelming, and bring unforeseen challenges.

We understand that raising young children is tough. Every parent wants to give their children the best start in life, and sometimes circumstances can make this feel really difficult. Getting the right support in the early years is crucial.

Home-Start works with families experiencing challenges including:

- Mental or physical health challenges
- Postnatal depression
- Bereavement
- Financial worries
- Children with additional needs
- Loneliness or isolation



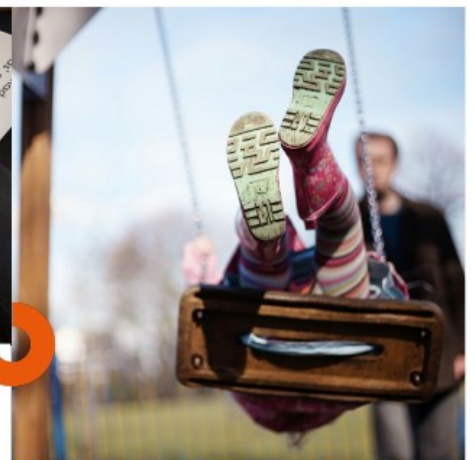
We work with families to help them recognise and build on their strengths, offering the support they need to help parents and their children thrive.

We understand that every family is different, and we listen to parents to understand what support is right for their family.

Our Support

We work across Tameside, Oldham, Stockport & Bolton, offering a range of support according to the needs of families, including:

- Home-Visiting Support
- Peer Group Support
- 'Play, Learn, Grow' Early Learning Support (Tameside & Oldham)
- Infant Feeding Support (Tameside & Oldham)
- Dad Matters - support for new and expectant dads
- Cascade Family Essentials (providing babies & children's clothing and essentials)



"With the support of a Home-Start volunteer, I learned how to interact and play with my son, put boundaries in place, and create a safe and secure home. After Home-Start helped to change my life, I decided I wanted to become a volunteer for the charity".

— Louise

Contact us today to find out more about how Home-Start works with families

www.home-starthost.org.uk
0161 344 0669

Leaflets are available at the school office.

Oldham Football Development



At Waterhead Academy (Sports Hall)
529 Huddersfield Rd, Oldham, OL4 3NY

Starting on Wednesday 27th September 2023

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 and Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join our new **12-week football course**, every Wednesday at Waterhead Academy, starting **27th September**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held inside the fantastic sports hall, so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Matt

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534**



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.