



OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: Friday 17th October 2025

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| Monday 20 th October 2025 | Drama club after school – Final session – Parent showcase. <i>Final day for the PTFA Halloween Disco ticket sales in the back playground after school</i> |
| Tuesday 21 st October 2025 | Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit Year 2 visit to United Reformed Church for Harvest Showcase Football Club after school – bookings (now available up to Christmas) made via Arbor. <i>Children to be dismissed from the hall.</i> |
| Wednesday 22 nd October 2025 | Reception and Year 2 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit Archery Club after school – final session. <i>Children to be dismissed from the hall.</i> |
| Thursday 23 rd October 2025 | Nursery and Year 2 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit Halloween Disco |
| Friday 24 th October 2025 | Reception and Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit Year 2 visit to Oakdale Junior School – Please attend in P.E kits. Last day of half term. School finishes at 1515 for all. |

| Spellings for week commencing 20.10.25 | |
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| Year 1 | duck, bird, sheep, black |
| Year 2 | Group A: true, glue, stew, flew, cute, cube, beautiful, would Group B: train, point, owl, tight, sure, beard, they, go |

Headlines

- Monday 20th October is the last day to buy tickets for this year's Halloween Disco Party - no ticket, no entry! Tickets will be on sale after school in the back playground until 3.30pm, and online through pta-events.co.uk/oldtownptfa until 5pm on Monday - £4 each
- This week our attendance from Monday – Friday is 85.7%. The winning class is Angelfish with 94.3% attendance this week. This week we have seen an increase in absence due to sickness.
- Every two years, Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP) runs a parent survey. This is so that every parent has a chance to share their views about their child's school. It provides each

school with really useful information to help them keep improving. It also allows CLP to think about any 'themes' which can be seen across the family of schools. We would be grateful if every parent could complete the online survey for their child's school – just click the link [here](#). The survey is not very long and each question can be answered by a single click (with an option to respond more fully if you wish). Parents can respond anonymously if they would like. We value the openness which comes with named responses as schools can then respond to specific queries. To encourage as many parents as possible to respond, we will put all named responses into a draw and send a £30 Amazon gift voucher to four lucky winners! I do apologise for those families who recently completed this piece of work for our Ofsted Inspection back in March – however as always, your feedback is greatly appreciated.

- This year we will be supporting Poole Foodbank with our Harvest donations, please could children bring in one non-perishable item (that must be in date) anytime from Monday 20th October until Thursday 23rd October.
- Year 1 and 2 Art Club begins again following the half term break. Here, the children will have the opportunity to complete a range of different arts/crafts activities. Limited spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis and bookings are live now on Arbor.
- Please remember that only assistance and approved therapy dogs are allowed inside school grounds -all other dogs must wait outside or if small enough, can be carried.
- Please remember that if your child is absent from school to let us know on a daily basis. There are a variety of ways to let us know if your child is absent: (a) via telephoning the school office, (b) by emailing oldtown.absence@coastalpartnership.co.uk , (c) recording a message on our absence line(which can be accessed by telephoning 01202 673966). Please do keep us up to date on a daily basis. We have recently seen an increase in the need to complete welfare checks/visits due to non-contact.

Key dates *Please check as new dates/events added*

- Monday 20th October 2025 Thursday 23rd October 2025 -Harvest donations
- Tuesday 21st October (am) Year 2 to United Reformed Church for Harvest Showcase
- Tuesday 21st October (pm) Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 23rd October 2025 PTFA Halloween Disco (see details overleaf)
- Friday 24th October Year 2 visit to Oakdale Junior School
- Half Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025.
- Tuesday 4th November BCP Road Crossing Team working with all year groups in school.
- Tuesday 4th November PTFA Fireworks Scavenger Hunt after school
- Oakdale Junior School Open Evening Tuesday 4th November at 1700
- Monday 10th November Angelfish class phonics lesson/parent workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Tuesday 11th November Seahorse class phonics lesson/parent workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Thursday 13th November – PINS Parent Group Coffee and Connect forum 0900-1030
- Tuesday 18th November Year 1 Parents Phonic meeting/workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Parents Evenings: Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November 2025
- Friday 21st November 2025 Non-uniform day
- Christmas Fayre: Saturday 29th November 2025. Time TBC
- Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Year 2 visit to The Spire for Christingle workshop

- Monday 8th December 2025 Reception to visit United Reformed Church for Christmas Experience.
- Reception Nativity: Monday 15th December 2025, 0915am
- Year 1 and 2, 'An Old Town Christmas' at St James' Church: Tuesday 16th December 2025
- Trip to Lighthouse Pantomime: Wednesday 17th December 2025
- Visit from Santa: Thursday 18th December 2025
- End of Term at 1315: Friday 19th December 2025 – Nursery is open as normal.
- Health Week: Week commencing 14th April 2026
- Sports Day: Friday 17th April 2026: Nursery and Reception (am), Year 1 and 2 (pm)
- Old Town Community Picnic: Friday 1st May 2026, 1200-1400

JOIN US FOR
MUSIC, DANCING
AND PARTY
GAMES

OLD TOWN PTFA
PRESENTS

£4
PER
TICKET

Halloween
Disco Party

WITH DJ PHIL
FROM...

GET UP
AND
GROOVE

SPOOKY
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED

RECEPTION: 3.30-4.30PM
YEARS ONE AND TWO: 4.45-5.45PM

THURSDAY
23RD OCTOBER

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/OLDTOWNPTFA

Autumn **COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENT**



FRI 7TH NOV 3.30–4.30
SPARKLERS, TRAILS, CRAFT

**Join us in the URC Skinner Street community
Garden for an afternoon of fun, chat, and
activities!**

Companies House Number:
09628750

Neurodiversity in Schools

Old Town Infants

AUTISM

Down Syndrome

FASD

ADHD

Dyscalculia

Acquired Brain Injury

Dyslexia

Tourettes Syndrome

OCD

Anxiety



Coffee & Connect



Your school is part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). We want to hear from you.



JOIN US ON
THURSDAY
13TH NOVEMBER
9.00 - 10.30AM



PINS Parent Group (BCP)



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