

Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 20/4:** Reception height & weight check
- 22/4:** Wheelie Wednesdays begins
Mini Police: Y5 & Y6
- 23/4:** 9:05am Y1 Parent Workshop: phonics
Forest School: Y4
- 24/4:** Y3 & Y4 swimming
- 29/4:** 9:05 Mini Police celebration: Y5 & Y6
(parents/carers welcome to attend)
Y5 Mayan chocolate workshop
- 1/5: INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4/5: BANK HOLIDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 6/5:** Class photos
- 7/5:** Parliamentary talk
Forest School: Y2
- 8/5:** Y3 & Y4 swimming
- 11/5:** KS2 SATS WEEK
- 14/5:** Forest School: Y1
- 15/5:** Y3 & Y4 swimming
Y6 picnic
- 18/5: WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**
SCARF Workshops
- 20/5:** No Pens Day
- 22/5:** 9:05am Y2 Sharing Assembly
- 25/5-29/5: HALF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 1/6:** Peter Pan Workshops—Nursery, Rec & KS1
- 26/6:** Sports Day

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the first half of the summer term and to see how positively the children have settled back into their routines. Classes have been enjoying their topic launch days, which have been a great way to spark curiosity and excitement for their new topics. Curriculum newsletters, outlining what children will be learning this term, have now been shared with families and can also be found on the school website.

Next week our extra-curricular clubs restart, and we are pleased to be offering a wide range of free clubs for pupils to take part in. These opportunities such as chess and athletics, give children a chance to explore new interests and develop their talents beyond the classroom. Following the inspiring visit from a local retired Sky Sports journalist at our Careers Day, we are also excited to be launching our new *Word on Park Street* newspaper club, where pupils can develop their writing, reporting and teamwork skills!

This term is packed with exciting enrichment activities, including fun trips and memorable learning experiences planned across the school. Year 5 are particularly looking forward to a special chocolate making workshop linked to their new topic, *Marvellous Mayans*, bringing history to life in a hands on and delicious way!

Our upper Key Stage 2 pupils continue to take part in mini police sessions, learning more about safety, responsibility and the role of the police in our community. We look forward to inviting parents and carers to a celebration assembly on Wednesday 29th April, where pupils will proudly showcase their wonderful learning.

We are excited for all that this term has to offer and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Monique Gregory

Headteacher

Our Curriculum in Action

Nursery

This week we have all been enjoying the start of our new topic 'Glorious gardens'. As part of our RHE learning we have been thinking about how we can take care of our environment. On Thursday morning we discovered a big mess in our garden! We all worked together to pick up the toys that we found and tidied them away, showing each other one of our school values 'Love'.



Reception

We are so excited! We have five tiny caterpillars to care for and observe! We will be watching them closely each day, noticing how they move, eat and grow, and learning all about their amazing life cycle.

We know that it is very important that we look after them gently and carefully, making sure they are safe and happy in their home. I wonder what will happen as the days go by... will they change in surprising ways? We cannot wait to see!



Year 1

We have had a brilliant start to our new History topic, *Trailblazers and Stargazers*! Children began the unit by exploring what it means to be an explorer, using a range of equipment to spark their imaginations. They discussed where explorers might travel and the tools they would need for their adventures, leading to rich conversations and enthusiastic engagement from the outset.



Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant launch day to help kick-start our excitement for our new geography topic 'Weird and Wonderful Weather'. We started off with creating our own rain cloud, which we made using shaving foam, food colouring and pipettes. We also created our very own weather paintings.

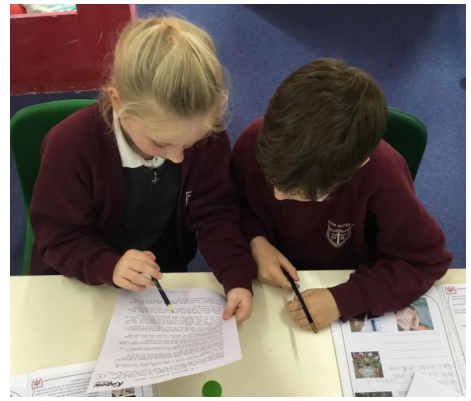


They painted a variety of different paintings from thunderclouds to snow and even tornadoes!



Year 3

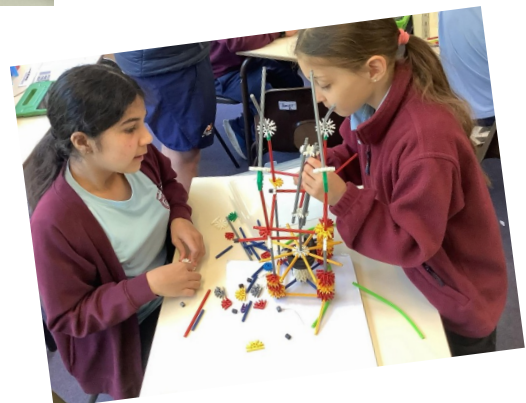
We have had a fantastic start to RE this half term, exploring our key question: Why is water symbolic? The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they investigated the role of water in creation stories from Islam, Hinduism, Christianity and Judaism. They spotted where water appears in each tradition and began to talk about what it might represent, sharing ideas about how it can symbolise things like life, washing away the old, and starting fresh.



Year 4, 5 & 6 K'nex Challenge!

Years 4, 5 and 6 had an exciting start to the summer term by taking part in K'NEX STEM challenge workshops. Working collaboratively, pupils were set an engineering task to design and build structures using only the equipment provided, including a space-themed challenge to create a shuttle with a detachable capsule.

Throughout the workshops, children demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. They tested ideas, adapted designs and showed great resilience as they refined their final models. Alongside the practical challenge, pupils also learned more about engineering and the wide range of pathways into STEM careers. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, focus and pride in their finished designs!



Music update from Mrs Searle

What a fantastic year of music-making it has been so far at Park Street School! Pupils have thrived in individual, small group, and whole-class lessons, showing great enthusiasm and commitment while exploring a wide range of styles, from Beethoven to Elton John.



It has been wonderful to see confidence and ability grow, and we look forward to celebrating and sharing their progress in the Summer Term concerts and sharing assemblies.

Congratulations to four pupils on their piano exam success: Elsie (Initial Grade), Mia and Peter (Grade 1), and Rafe (Grade 3). I am delighted that all were awarded a Merit—an excellent achievement!

For information about individual piano or small group keyboard lessons, please visit:

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/> (select “School” and then “Park Street”).

Pupil Parliament News

Pupil Parliament, our school council, are busy planning an exciting “No Screens Day” coming up later this term! It will be a fun-filled day packed with active, hands-on learning, including sports, creative crafts, music, and engaging enquiry-based activities to spark curiosity and imagination. They are incredibly excited to share more details with you soon and can’t wait to make this a fantastic and memorable experience for everyone involved!



From Holy Trinity Church

To help Holy Trinity Frogmore plan for a future guest service, they have produced a Community Survey to share with friends and neighbours.

Please fill in this survey and share it with others in Frogmore and Park Street if you would like to help.

This will enable Holy Trinity to choose the theme for a forthcoming guest service, and it will let them know what members of our community think of the church, thus enabling them to better serve the community.

<https://forms.gle/MaT7NCnv5SScyfes5>

Wheelie Wednesdays returns!



**CELEBRATING NATIONAL WALKING
MONTH AT PARK STREET WITH....**

WHEELIE WEDNESDAYS!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES,
BRING YOUR BIKE/SCOOTER AND HELMET TO SCHOOL:
22ND, 29TH APRIL & 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH MAY**



**TRY YOUR BEST TO WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL,
TELL YOUR TEACHER IF YOU HAVE, TO BE
AWARDED DOJO POINTS!**

**BRING IN A BIKE/SCOOTER AND HELMET AS A SPECIAL BREAK
TIME TREAT!**

***WE HAVE A LIMITED SELECTION KINDLY DONATED BY WATERDALE RECYCLING
CENTRE TO LEND TO CHILDREN WHO DO NOT OWN BIKES OR SCOOTERS**