

Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

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
Parent Prayer Group—8:55am in the library

13/5: Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral

14/5: Forest School: Y1

15/5: Y3 & Y4 swimming
Y6 picnic
PTA uniform and doughnut sale

18/5: WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
SCARF Workshops

20/5: No Pens Day

21/5: Forest School: Reception

22/5: 9:05am Y2 Sharing Assembly

25/5-29/5: HALF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSED

1/6: Peter Pan Workshops—Nursery, Rec & KS1

4/6: Forest School: Y6

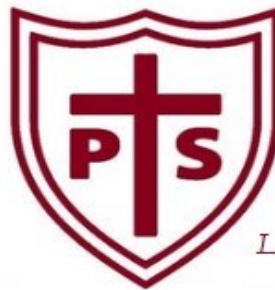
8/6-12/6: Phonics Screen Check Week

11/6: EYFS trip: Bekonscot Model Village

12/6: Y6 sleepover

26/6: Sports Day

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Thursday 30th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at school, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place across all year groups.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their delicious chocolate-making workshop, which linked perfectly with their learning about the Mayans. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have officially graduated as Mini Police 'officers' after completing an exciting seven-week programme. They proudly presented what they have learnt this week, and we are incredibly proud of their commitment throughout.



Looking ahead, class photographs will be taking place next Wednesday, followed by a special parliamentary talk on Thursday, which we are very much looking forward to.

As we head into the bank holiday, I would like to wish all our children and families a lovely long (and sunny!) weekend. A reminder that school is closed tomorrow for our INSET day, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th May.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Monique Gregory
Headteacher

Term-Time Holidays

We would like to remind parents and carers that, in line with national guidance, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school every day. If you believe there are exceptional circumstances, please discuss these with the school before making any arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly and make the most of their learning.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Our Curriculum in Action

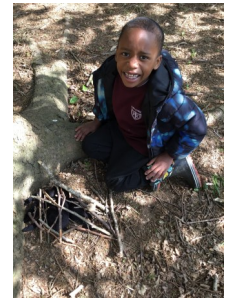
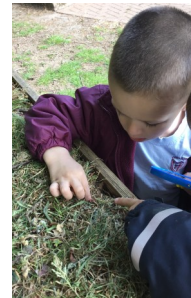
Nursery

In Acorns this week, we have continued our learning about the garden and the bugs that can be found. We have enjoyed our story book called 'The Bug Catcher'. On Wednesday, we had fun creating either a caterpillar, butterfly or dragonfly from fruit. We talked about the importance of having clean hands before handling the fruit. Once made, we thoroughly enjoyed our delicious snacks before going outside where lots of us joined into 'Wheelie Wednesday'.



Reception

We are going on a bug hunt! During the launch of our new theme, 'What's outside?', our super Saplings had a wonderful time going on a brilliant bug hunt at forest school, exploring the outdoors with curiosity and care. The children searched under logs, among leaves and on trees, discovering ladybirds, busy bees, ants and delicate spiders in their webs. They showed such kindness to the tiny creatures, observing them closely before returning them safely to their homes. A lovely adventure that sparked wonder, teamwork and a growing love of the natural world.



Year 1

Willows Class have had a fun time learning all about plants. They labelled diagrams of parts of a plant by using a living plant to help them draw an accurate picture of the plant. They then planted a sunflower seed following a sequence pattern.



They also made some 3D cars for our 'Summer Sports Celebration' display.

Willow class spent some time learning about, 'The British Grand Prix' and how important the values of TRUTH and The Rule of Law are for a safe, competitive race.



Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils have been busy exploring the wonders of nature by creating their very own microhabitats. Using their growing understanding of what living things need to survive, the children carefully designed



habitats that included a source of water, food, and shelter. From leafy hideaways to mini bug hotels, their creativity and teamwork were on full display. This hands on project not only sparked curiosity about the natural world but also helped the children appreciate how to care for and protect different living organisms.



Year 3

Year 3 were incredibly proud of themselves this week after earning a visit from Terrific Terry, our attendance spotter! Terry was delighted to see that Year 3 achieved an amazing 100% attendance for the week. To celebrate, we took Terrific Terry along to our PE lesson, where we explored the key skills needed to play tennis. The children had a fantastic time developing their coordination, control, and teamwork.



Year 4

Year 4 had a superb Forest School session, where they focused on our class scientist, Rachel Carson. The children looked for the smallest aspects of nature they could find and then drew what they saw and how it made them feel. After that, they got to enjoy the woods!



Year 5

We have been learning about the Maya civilisation in Year 5 and this week we were very lucky to have a chocolate workshop! We learnt about the origin of the cacao bean and why it was so important to the ancient Mayans. The children discovered how cacao was used to make chocolate and even used as a form of money.

Year 5 then had the chance to make their own delicious chocolate bars, choosing their favourite toppings. It was a fun, hands-on experience that helped bring our history learning to life!



Year 6

This term, our Year 6 pupils have taken part in the Mini Police programme, working closely with local police officers to learn more about staying safe and making positive choices in our community. This week, as part of this programme, Year 6 led a whole-school assembly, where they proudly shared what they had learned with the rest of the school. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop confidence, teamwork and leadership skills.



News from the PTA

WWW.YOURPSSA.ORG



Friday, 15th May: Second-Hand Uniform & Doughnut sale

Back by popular demand, we have a second-hand uniform and Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, taking place on Friday 15th May from 3.15pm.

You can pre-order a box of 12 doughnuts (original glazed) for just £10 by booking online at www.yourpssa.org. Single doughnuts will be available to purchase on the day for £1 each (no need to pre-order).



Friday, 10th July: Save the Date for a fun summer event!



Details to come, but please put this date in your diary for an afternoon of **unmissable summer festivities** for children, friends and families. It is sure to be colourful, crazy and loads of fun!

You can probably plan on this taking place between 3 - 5pm. More to follow.

We are looking for new PTA committee members

Due to some of our committee leaving at the end of the Summer Term (with their children going to secondary school), we are looking for:

- A new PTA chair
- A new treasurer
- A new events lead

There are plenty of ways to help which don't require much time so do ask!



Have a look at the noticeboard in the playground to see who is currently involved. We'll be at the uniform sale on 15th May, or you can find us in the playground.

 You can also join our volunteers WhatsApp Group



PARK
STREET
SCHOOL
PRAYER
GROUP

"Don't worry about anything;
instead, pray about everything."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

There is a group who meet to chat and pray monthly in the library for 30 minutes after drop-off (8.55am).

- ▶ If you'd like to join us you're very welcome (no requirement to pray out loud)
- ▶ You can just turn up on the day (entry from school playground)

We meet on the second Monday of each month:

Next few dates:

Mon 11 May
Mon 8 June
Mon 13 July





PSRA **60th** To celebrate 60 years of Park Street Residents Association

Anniversary Village Fete

May 4th Bank Holiday Monday

12:00 - 4:00pm - Park Street Rec, Park Street Lane

- Stalls & Games
- Delicious Food
- Licensed Bar
- Kid's Carousel
- Giant Inflatable
- Dog Show

FREE ENTRY - CHARGES APPLY TO RIDES

Still Room for Stallholders - Contact Below

email: chairman@psra.org.uk facebook.com/Park.StreetRA



Join Russell Kane at The Watford Colosseum

Tuesday, May 5th at 6pm

Entry to the event is just **£15** and includes a **FREE** copy of *When Brian Met Terry*, a 45-minute book event, and the opportunity to meet the author himself to have your free book signed.

To book tickets call 020 8950 0177 (option 2), purchase at our Hertfordshire centre or visit our website



www.nawt.org.uk

Scan to buy tickets




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MAY HALF TERM CREATIVE WORKSHOP

MONDAY 25TH OF MAY

SESSIONS FROM 10AM-3:15PM

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28th May

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£6 per child

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To book a place visit our website burston.co.uk/events