

Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 14/09:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher: Year 2
- 15/09:** Year 4 Forest School
- 18/09:** Year 3 virtual Stone Age workshop
- 22/09:** Year 6 Forest School
- 23/09:** Y6 Height and Weight check
- 25/09:** 9:05am Y6 sharing assembly
Y3 and Y4: swimming lessons begin
11:00am EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic (parents invited)
- 29/09:** Year 5 Forest School
- 1/10:** 9:30am Whole School Harvest Service – Holy Trinity
- 2/10:** 4:00pm PTA AGM meeting – Holy Trinity
- 5/10:** Drama workshops – EYFS – Y3
- 6/10:** Year 2 Forest School
- 8/10:** Steel Pan Workshops
- 13/10:** Year 1 Forest School
- 14/10:** Y3 & Y4 Harvest Service – St Albans Cathedral
- 16/10:** 9:05am Y4 sharing assembly
3:20pm PTA Park Street Pumpkin Patch
- 20/10:** Early Years Forest School
- 23/10:** 9:05am Y1 sharing assembly
- 26/10 - 30/10** Half term

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a positive start to the new school year. The children have settled back into school well and it has been lovely to see so many smiling faces around the building. Classrooms are buzzing with learning, and we are proud of how positively the children have returned, demonstrating our school values and high expectations.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined the Park Street community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout your child's journey at our school.

I would also like to thank the many parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. These sessions are an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and we appreciate your support in helping us give every child the best possible start to the year. The final session for Year 2 families will take place on Monday.

There is already plenty to look forward to this term. Our extra-curricular clubs begin next week, offering children a wide range of opportunities to develop new skills, pursue interests and enjoy experiences beyond the classroom, all at no additional cost. We also continue to offer affordable wraparound care, which provides families with lots of flexibility before and after the school day. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

Music lessons also restart next week, with Glock Rock for Key Stage 1 alongside Keycorders and Ukulele lessons for Key Stage 2. We are proud to offer these opportunities, which help to develop children's confidence, creativity and enjoyment of music.

As we settle into the term, thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year at Park Street.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Monique Gregory
Headteacher

Secondary School Applications

The online application process opened on the 1st September 2026. Application for Year 7 places starting in September 2027 can be submitted from 1st September to 31st October 2026. To apply and for more details on the process, please use this link:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Please ensure your online application is completed **by 31st October 2026**.

The deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October



Free School Meals and Universal Credit

Parents and carers who receive Universal Credit can now apply for Free School Meals for their child. From the 2026/27 school year, the previous income threshold has been removed, meaning all children in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible.

Applying for Free School Meals can provide additional support for your child and may also help the school access extra funding through the Pupil Premium programme. If you think you may be eligible, please apply through Hertfordshire County Council's Free School Meals application service.

Nursery children may be entitled to a free school meal if they attend before and after lunch on the same day at a maintained school, maintained nursery school, academy or free school. You will also need to meet eligibility criteria <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Absence Procedures

Attendance at school is extremely important and there is a proven connection between success at school and high attendance. However, we understand that there will be occasions when children are unwell.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please inform the office as soon as possible (ideally before 9:30am). You can report an absence by calling the office (01727 872158) and pressing option 1, or sending an email to absence@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

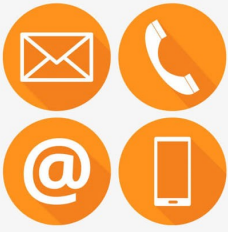


If we do not hear from you, we will:

1. Make a phone call to the main contact numbers to ascertain a reason for absence.
2. If there is no response after multiple tries, you may receive a home visit from a member of staff and/or we may need to consider seeking advice from Children's Social Care.

These procedures are to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

Contact details and medical information



Please remember to notify the school of any changes to your contact details, including home addresses. It is essential that we have at least two up-to-date emergency contacts on file.

Additionally, if there have been any changes to your child's medical needs, please let us know as soon as possible. Keeping accurate and current medical records is vital to ensure we can support your child's health and wellbeing at school. Please email admin@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk or visit the school office.

Nut-Free School Policy

We would like to kindly remind all families that we are a nut-free school due to the number of children who have severe nut allergies and require EpiPens.

To ensure the safety of all students, please do not send any nut products in your child's lunchbox or for snacks, including on school trips. This includes:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella or similar spreads
- Nut-based cereal or snack bars
- Nut milks such as almond milk



We appreciate your continued support in helping us keep our school safe for everyone.

Celebrating birthdays at Park Street

We love celebrating children's birthdays and making the day feel special! To keep things safe and simple for everyone, please follow these guidelines:

Please do not send in cakes or food for sharing during the day, as staff will not be able to cut or distribute food.

If you'd like to provide treats, they should be individually packaged for easy sharing. Please bring them with you at home time so you can hand them out directly to families. This way, families can decide when (or if!) their child enjoys them.

We recognise that some children have food allergies and dietary requirements, and therefore families should always check product information before consumption.

Non-food items such as bubbles, stickers or pencils are a wonderful way to celebrate and are encouraged as an allergy-aware alternative.

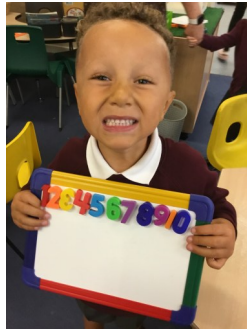
Thank you for helping us keep birthdays joyful, safe and inclusive for all our children.



Our Curriculum in Action

EYFS

What a wonderful start! Our youngest children have made a wonderful start to their time in EYFS this week. It has been lovely to see them beginning to settle into their new routines, explore their surroundings and build trusting relationships with their teachers and new friends. We have been incredibly proud of the way they have approached each new experience, and it has been heart-warming to see smiles grow, confidence develop and little friendships begin to blossom. With plenty of gentle encouragement, reassurance and opportunities to play and explore, the children are already becoming familiar with their new environment and feeling increasingly happy and secure. We look forward to watching them continue to grow, learn and flourish together over the coming weeks.



Year 1

We have had a fantastic start to our new school year. We have settled back into school really well, learning new routines and lessons. We have enjoyed getting started on our text, 'Jasper's Beanstalk', as well as grouping and counting objects in Maths, painting a self-portrait, learning about different body parts in Science and having our topic launch day this week to start our 'Back in my day' history topic. In PE we have been learning how to control a ball with our feet and play team games. A fun filled few days back!



Year 2

For the launch of our first topic, London, Y2 watched William Whiskerson takes us on a virtual tour of London. After describing the landmarks we saw, the children drew the sky line of London. Can you identify the landmarks?



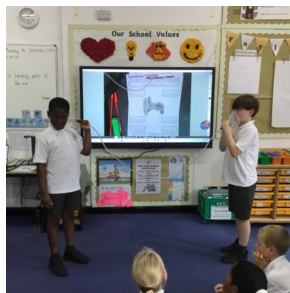
Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to their musical journey, enjoying their first recorder lesson! The children were thrilled to receive their very own recorders and have already been busy learning how to hold them correctly and play their first notes. There was lots of excitement, laughter and enthusiasm as everyone had a go. Mrs Searle, Mrs Noble and I can't wait to hear how their musical skills develop over the coming weeks!



Year 4

What a great end to our first week, making volcanoes and stress balls. We also learnt about our amazing brains. Parents, ask your children about 'The Hand Model of the Brain'. We also had fun this week exploring our new science topic SOUND. Ask your child what three things need to happen for a sound to be made and heard.



Year 5

We had a brilliant day exploring our new topic, "Why Do Oceans Matter?" The children researched the oceans and created their own fact files using the Chromebooks. We finished the day by making dioramas of different habitats, allowing the children to get creative while learning why these habitats are so important. A fantastic day of learning and an awesome start to Year 5.

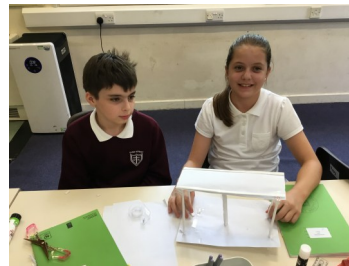
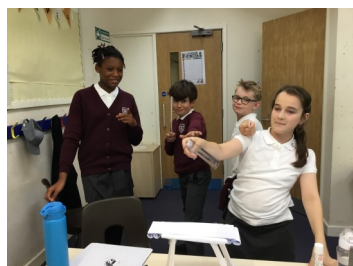


Year 6

This week, the children have been enjoying some fun and practical learning activities! In Science, they used liquorice sweets to sort and classify objects, helping them understand how scientists classify animals into different groups based on their characteristics.



During our PSHE learning, the children worked collaboratively in small groups to design and build paper bridges. Their challenge was to create a safe route for a toy car to travel across, encouraging them to communicate, share ideas, solve problems and work together as a team. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating creativity, cooperation and perseverance throughout the activities!



Welcome to Park Street PTA

Every parent and carer is already a PTA member.



WHAT WE DO

- ☀️ Raise funds for the school
- ☀️ Bring children and families together for fun events
- ☀️ Help provide new resources to help each class to flourish



A FEW WAYS TO JOIN IN

- 1 Save the date and come along to upcoming events, including our exciting new event for Autumn 2026 - the Park Street Pumpkin Patch!
- 2 Come along to our annual general meeting (AGM) on Friday 2nd October. All are very welcome, come and just listen or take part if you'd like to.
- 3 Think about volunteering at events throughout the year, there are many ways to get involved, most of which don't take much time at all!



**COMING
SOON**



PTA AGM: Friday 2nd October, arrive from 3.30pm for a 4pm start at Holy Trinity Frogmore

- ☀️ All parents & carers welcome – children invited to join Hot Shots club*
- ☀️ Bring ideas and thoughts, or just come along to find out all about it
- ☀️ We will be electing a new PTA committee – come along, have your say
- ☀️ We're still looking for a new secretary – could that be you?

Hot Shots is a free after school club for school years 1 - 6, from 3.30 - 4.45pm

* Younger children are also welcome - we will have colouring sheets and a selection of toys for them to play with.

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Registered charity number 1152320

From Holy Trinity Church



Join us at Holy Trinity for our

All-Age Harvest Service

10:45 on 27 September 2026

Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

 HOLY TRINITY FROGMORE





For Harvest we are collecting items for the
St Albans & District Food Bank
run by the Trussell Trust

Please donate from the following list:

Baked Beans	Tinned Custard	Longlife Juice
Dried Pasta 500g/1kg	Tinned Fish	Noodles
Tea bags 40 or 80 packs	Tinned Tomatoes	Jam/Spreads
Coffee 90g	Cereals	Nappies (Size 4 upwards)
Tinned Vegetables	Longlife milk	Toilet rolls
Tinned Fruit	Cooking sauces	Laundry Tablets
Tinned Soup	Tinned Rice Pudding	Shower Gel
Tinned Meat	Desserts	Shampoo/Conditioner
Tinned Macaroni Cheese	Deodorant	Washing up liquid

To give a monetary donation, please scan this QR code
or visit the website.



www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk