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UPCOMING EVENTS

26/10–30/10: HALF TERM

03/11: Y1 trip to Aldenham Country Park

04/11: Winter Warmers returns

08/11: 2:45pm Park Street Memorial Service

11/11 & 12/11: Parents Evening

13/11: 9:05am Y5 sharing assembly
Children in Need Day

16/11: Anti-Bullying Week
Odd Socks Day

18/11: Y5 trip to Cineworld (Watford)

20/11: 9:05am Y3 sharing assembly

22/11: St Albans Christmas Cracker Event (choir to perform)

25/11: Y3/Y4 trip to Cineworld (Watford)
Decoration making afternoon (parents invited in)

26/11: 4:30pm How Wood Lights Switch On (choir to perform)

27/11: 9:05am Y2 sharing assembly

30/11: Occasional Day (school closed)

01/12: Y6 Advent Service: St Albans Cathedral

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support. It has been a busy and rewarding start to the school year, with so much wonderful learning taking place in classrooms, alongside the clubs, trips and wider opportunities that enrich our children's experiences and help them to flourish.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic PTA for organising our very first Pumpkin Patch event last week. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to enjoy the occasion and share in such a lovely community experience. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Amy Tatum for stepping into the role of PTA Chair, alongside Ollie Potter, who has recently taken on the role of Treasurer. What a fantastic start! We look forward to continuing to work closely with the PTA team as they create exciting opportunities for our school community.

After half term, we move into one of the busiest and most enjoyable parts of the school year. Children across the school will be looking forward to a range of exciting trips and enrichment opportunities, including visits linked to their learning, participation in the Into Film Festival and, of course, our whole-school trip to see Snow White at the pantomime!

As the weather turns colder, our much-loved Winter Warmer Wednesdays will return, with hot chocolate and a biscuit at breaktime to bring a little extra warmth to those chilly winter days. We will also be welcoming parents and carers into school for Parents' Evenings, providing a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's achievements and discuss the progress they are making.

I hope you all have a happy and restful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Gregory
Headteacher



Our Curriculum in Action



NURSERY

Our amazing Nursery children have been doing some fantastic maths learning, exploring the concepts of 'more' and 'fewer' with the help of their fluffy friends, Robin and Squirrel! Through playful, hands-on activities, the children have been comparing quantities and developing their early mathematical language. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they build the foundations for future maths learning!

RECEPTION

Our wonderful Reception children have had a fantastic time at Forest School! Inspired by the story of 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert, the children headed off on an autumn leaf hunt, exploring the natural world and collecting leaves of all shapes, sizes and colours. They then used their finds to create their very own leaf characters, letting their imaginations run wild! It was wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity and excitement shine through as they learned, explored and created together.

YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of baking this week as part of their learning linked to Black History Month. The children explored Jamaican culture by making Jamaican banana loaf muffins, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and care throughout the activity. They were incredibly proud of their finished creations!

YEAR 2

The children in Year 2 did an experiment for their Science lesson about the impact of exercise on the body. Here they are standing on one leg and working together to throw & catch different sizes of balls.



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YEAR 3

This half term, Year 3 have been exploring Stone Age art, creating their own prehistoric-inspired masterpieces. The children looked closely at the colours used in ancient cave paintings, thinking about how natural colours such as reds, browns, yellows and blacks might have been made from materials found in the environment. They experimented with their own colour choices and techniques to create artwork inspired by the past. We're so proud of their creativity, thoughtful ideas and fantastic efforts!



YEAR 4

It's been a busy two weeks in Year 4. We continued conducting our science experiments with sound, investigating whether the volume of sound changes with distance. Year 4 are very proud of their final persuasive arguments and have enjoyed delivering their speeches using all their performance skills. We also became mini-geologists, exploring different types of rocks and investigating the rocks we have around the school. Year 4 had lots of fun celebrating Black History Month with Steel Pan workshops and making the Nigerian sweet snack, Chin Chins. Well done, Year 4!



YEAR 5

This week in DT, Year 5 travelled to South Africa through food as we made the delicious traditional dessert, Peppermint Crisp Tart! Learners worked brilliantly to follow a recipe, measure ingredients, crush biscuits and carefully layer their desserts. We developed important food preparation skills while learning about South African culture and cuisine. There was plenty of excitement, hard work and, of course, some very tasty results! We certainly have some budding chefs in Year 5!

YEAR 6

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Year 6 explored the rich culture and delicious traditional treats of Trinidad and Tobago! The children had a fantastic time making sweet potato pone, a popular Caribbean dessert. They thoroughly enjoyed working together, measuring ingredients, mixing and preparing their delicious treats. It was wonderful to see such fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and excitement throughout the activity. A fun and memorable way to celebrate and appreciate Caribbean culture!



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Link for booking tours:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QFe0sbaNX2>



**PARK STREET
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND NURSERY**

Flourish and let your light shine.

EYFS TOURS

For entry
September 2027

We warmly invite you to visit our school
and see our Early Years in action.



**BOOK YOUR
TOUR TODAY**

Complete our
online form to
book your visit.



TOUR DATES



Wednesday 4th November, 9:30am



Tuesday 17th November, 2:00pm



Tuesday 24th November, 9:30am



Wednesday 2nd December, 9:30am

Join us for a festive forest school taster session



Monday 7th December, 2:00pm



Friday 8th January, 9:30am



To book your place, please complete
our online form using the link below:

Park Street Primary School Tours



Excellent EYFS provision

"Leaders have put in place a highly
effective early years provision that
gives children a secure start to
school life."



Expert leadership

"Teaching in the early years
is excellent."



Confident and independent learners

"Children develop the academic
and personal skills needed to
transition to Year 1 successfully."

WHY PARK STREET IS SPECIAL



Nurturing community
A caring, inclusive school
where every child is known
and valued.



High expectations
We set ambitious goals
for every child and
celebrate success.



Strong partnerships
We work closely with
families to support
every step of the journey.



**Broad and balanced
curriculum**
Rich experiences that
inspire a love of learning.



Confident futures
Children leave our Early
Years ready, confident
and excited for Year 1.



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A festive poster for 'Winter Warmer Wednesdays'. It features a light grey background with chocolate splashes at the top. The text 'Keep warm with...' is in a cursive font, followed by 'WINTER WARMER' in large, bold, brown capital letters, and 'Wednesdays' in a large, elegant cursive script. Below this, it says 'Just £7 for the whole half term!' in bold, followed by 'Running each week from Wednesday 4th November - Wednesday 16th December.' and 'Payment made via Arbor.' in a smaller font. The illustration includes a teal mug with a white snowflake design, filled with hot chocolate, marshmallows, and a red and white striped candy cane. To the left of the mug is a chocolate bar with a splash of liquid. At the bottom is a large pile of chocolate bars. A small shield logo with 'PTS' is in the bottom right corner of the illustration area.

Keep warm with...

WINTER WARMER Wednesdays

Just £7 for the whole half term!
Running each week from Wednesday 4th
November - Wednesday 16th December.
Payment made via Arbor.

*includes a cup of hot
chocolate and a biscuit
each week and a
Christmas treat
on 17/12!



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Update from Park Street PTA

Registered charity number 1152320



PARK STREET SCHOOL PTA
Together helping our school to flourish

PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

We raised a fantastic
£653!!

Thank you!

Huge thanks to:

- *Burston Garden Centre*
- *Lily Alley Florist*
- *All parents who helped*
- *School staff*

COMING SOON:

Christmas Fayre

Friday 11 December

If you want to be part of the team working on this exciting event, join our volunteer WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code:



RAISING MONEY FOR:



Help us to continue raising important funds for the school so that we can help to purchase exciting new equipment such as this swing for the playground.

We'd also love to help the school purchase new tablets to support children's learning.

BONUS £50 FROM EASY FUNDRAISING THIS MONTH



- ✓ Open your phone's camera
- ✓ Scan the QR code
- ✓ Get the app

Sign up to support 'Park Street School Association St. Albans' via the app before the end of October and we get **£50 for every 10 people who sign up!** It is completely free and simply gives a donation to the school when you do your normal shopping - great timing for Christmas and Black Friday!

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