

# Park Street Press



## Dates for your diary

**20/10/23:** INSET day (school closed)

**HALF TERM 23/10/23– 27/10/23**

**30/10/23:** 8:55am-9:25am Parent Prayer Group (in the library– more information is in this newsletter)

**01/11/23:** Winter Warmer Wednesdays begin!

**02/11/23:** 9:30am EYFS Tour

**03/11/23:** PSSA School disco

**10/11/23:** 9:05am Y2 Sharing Assembly

**13/11/22:** 2:45pm Remembrance Service— Park Street Village

**17/11/23:** Children in Need: Be SPOTacular Day

**22/11/23:** 1:45pm EYFS Tour

**24/11/23:** 9:05am Y4 Sharing Assembly

**27/11/23:** Perform Drama Workshops—YR-Y3

**28/11/23:** EYFS trip: St Albans Cathedral

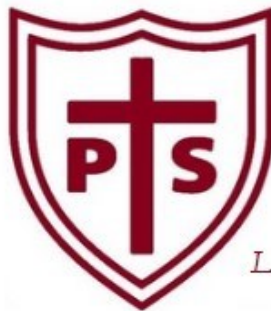
**29/11/23:** Advent Carol Service— The Abbey (Y5/6)

**30/11/23:** Y4 trip: Roman Day- St Albans Cathedral  
Christmas lights switch on: How Wood shops

**01/12/23:** Occasional Day: (School closed)

**06/12/23:** 9:30am EYFS Tour  
1:30pm Beauty & the Beast Theatre trip: Y1– Y6

Love  
Joy  
Courage  
Truth



## Flourish

LET YOUR  
LIGHT SHINE!

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are at the end of the first half term of this academic year and, as always, lots of wonderful learning has taken place. Pine class have really enjoyed their 'Sensational South America' topic this half term. They made empanadas in DT last week (they looked delicious!) and this week completed their non-chronological reports on the Amazon rainforest! Many year groups have also enjoyed their Forest School sessions; building dens, cooking in the mud kitchen and swinging on the rope swing!



Last year, one of our targets was to continue to ensure the school's reading culture enables pupils to become confident, keen and capable readers. We are proud to share that 79% of children in Reception achieved age related expectations in word reading, 90% passed the phonics screening check in Year 1 and 86% of KS2 children achieved age related expectations—well above national expectations. We are pleased that we are able to provide children with numerous opportunities to thrive both academically and personally at Park Street and look forward to continuing to do so.

This week, parent teacher consultations have been held. We hope that the discussions about your children's learning and progress during the consultations were useful. Please remember that if you have any queries, you can always contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Vickers in the office today. We are very grateful for all of her hard work and wish her all the very best in her new role (much closer to home!) She will certainly be missed.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30th October!

Monique Gregory  
Headteacher

## Highlights of the Week

### EYFS

What an amazing autumnal week it has been in the EYFS. We have been busy collecting conkers and different leaves and talking about the colours of Autumn. We have used the leaves to create some brilliant pieces of artwork. We have been closely observing our lovely tree in the EYFS garden and have noticed that the leaves are falling down. We wonder what it might look like when we come back after the half term break?



### Year 1

During our RE lessons, we have been learning about Harvest. As part of Black History Month, we read the story 'Handa's Surprise' and looked at different fruits that are grown and harvested in Africa. We then used our painting skills to work together and create this lovely display.



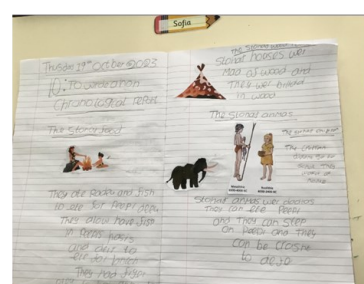
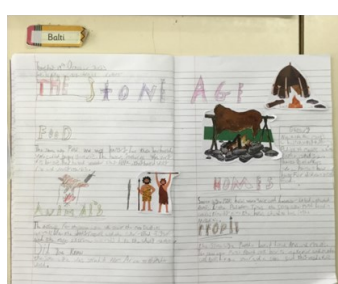
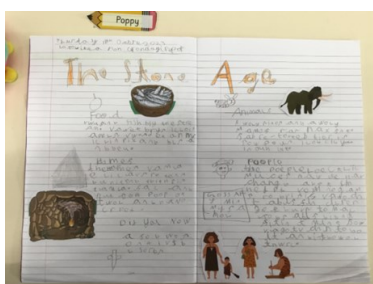
### Year 2

To celebrate Black History Month, Y2 looked at some inspiring women who have broken a barrier in sports, politics, entertainment or in music. They then designed a medal or a rosette to show how they inspire us and how they have broken a barrier. Here is a selection of some of their work.



### Year 3

Year 3 have written their own wonderful non-chronological reports on the Stone Age. They have recalled so much information from this half term's topic and have presented it in an organised, interesting way. Year 3 should all be very proud of themselves for an amazing first half term of learning!



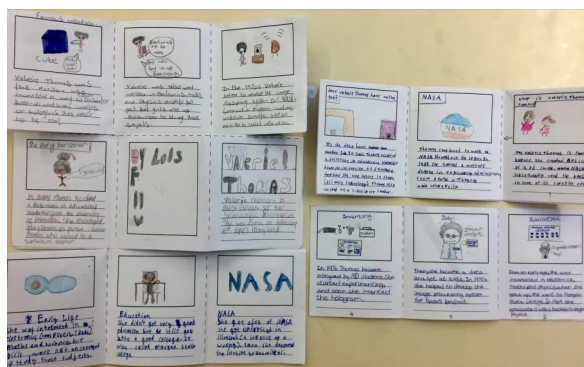
## Year 4

This week's highlight was our volcano experiment. Throughout the term we have been learning about volcanoes and the class have been working hard making their very own volcanoes in DT. This ended with the awesome experiment of creating volcanic eruptions! What an amazing way to end what has been a great half term. Well done Year 4!



## Year 5/6

Year 5/6 have had an amazing week, finishing their non-chronological reports and enjoying learning about Valerie Thomas as our inspirational figure.



## Reading Champions this half term

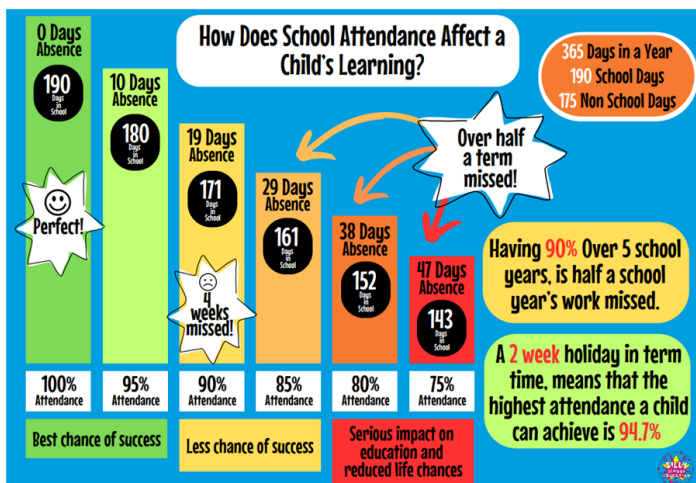
We love reading at Park Street. Well done to all our reading champions this half term! *Ellie, Ivy, Jack, Sophie, Teddy, Mia M, Balti, Frank, Sean, Vanessa, Mason & Olivia!*



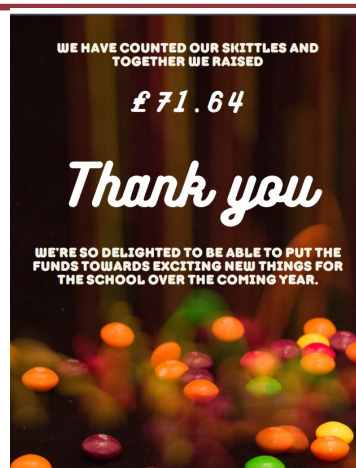
## Secondary School Applications

The online application process opened on the 1st September 2023. Application for Year 7 places starting in September 2024 can be submitted from the 1st September to 31st October 2023. 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 2023.**



## PSSA news





*Keep warm with...*  
**WINTER WARMER**  
*Wednesdays*

**Just £4** for the whole half term!  
 Running each week from Wednesday 1st November – Wednesday 20th December.  
 Payment made via Arbor.

\*includes a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit each week and a Christmas treat on 20/12!




**HOLY TRINITY FROGMORE**  
*Sharing the good news*

**COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US**

**Park Street Baptist Church**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
 Sunday 28 November at 4.00pm  
 A family friendly service to celebrate the start of Christmas where children get their own Christingles and use them to light up the church

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
 Sunday 17 December at 4.00pm  
 Our classic service with traditional carols and choir followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**NATIVITY SERVICE**  
 Sunday 24 December at 4.00pm  
 For all ages, costumes encouraged

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**  
 Sunday 24 December at 11.00pm  
 Traditional carols followed by communion

**ALL-AGE CELEBRATION**  
 Monday 25 December at 10.30am  
 Take some time out on Christmas morning to celebrate Jesus' birth. Children are invited to bring a favourite present to show

**CAROL SERVICE**  
 Thursday 7 December at 12.00 noon  
 An event at Holy Trinity for local businesses followed by refreshments

**"NO ROOM AT THE INN" FAMILY EVENT AT THE OVERDRAUGHT PUB**  
 Saturday 9 December at 4.15pm

**BEER & CAROLS AT THE FALCON PUB**  
 Thursday 21 December at 8.30pm

**ALL-AGE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
 Sunday 3 December at 10.30am  
 With Christmas items suitable for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest

**CAROLS & CANDLES**  
 Sunday 17 December at 7pm  
 An informal mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas items followed by hot punch and mince pies

**ALL-AGE CELEBRATION**  
 Monday 25 December at 10.30am  
 Join us as we thank God for His indescribable gift. Children are invited to bring a favourite present

For more info: [www.holytrinityfrogmore.org](http://www.holytrinityfrogmore.org)

For more info: [www.psbcc.org.uk](http://www.psbcc.org.uk)

**Holiday Club**

Club Kidz will be running their Holiday Club at Park Street School this half term. To book a space, please contact Annette:

[annette@clubkidz.co.uk](mailto:annette@clubkidz.co.uk)



The PSSA Presents

**SPARKIE Party**

Music from DJ Morgan  
 Dress Code: Sparkles

03 November 2023 | 3:15-4:45pm  
 School Hall  
 refreshments | glow paint | dancing

£2 book tickets at  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pssa/>

**PARK STREET C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY**

**RECEPTION OPEN TOURS**

We always welcome parents who would like to have a look at our wonderful school before applying for a place here. We hold Open Mornings for Reception and Nursery places for the following September, but please contact the school office by email or telephone to book a tour at another time.




'Children benefit from a strong curriculum in early years'  
 OFSTED, November 2021

**EYFS TOUR DATES 2023:**  
**9:30AM: 10/10, 2/11, 6/12**  
**1:45PM: 22/11, 13/12**



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**WWW.PARKSTREETPRIMARY.ORG.UK**  
**TEL: 01727 872158**





For many years, parents at Park Street School have been meeting and praying for our children. For the last 3 years this has been on Zoom which began during the pandemic, but we're now excited to meet back in person and would love to welcome everyone who would like to join us!



**What?** There will be a brief Bible thought, a chance to share needs (and maybe a pastry or two!) and a time to pray together for our children and school community. All are welcome.



**When & Where?** Last Monday of each month in the school library (to the left of the hall from the playground), from **8.55 - 9.25am**. The first three dates will be:  
**Mon 30th Oct | Mon 27th Nov | Mon 18th Dec**



**Prayer Box:** An anonymous prayer box for staff, parents and children to use will be situated in the school reception (immediately to the right as you go in the first door). **Anyone can post a prayer request at any time** and we will pray for these when we gather. No prayer is too big or too small for God!

If you have any questions or for more information, please see:

**Amy Tolmie**, mum of Hudson (Nursery) & Mia T (Y2) or **Cherry Weir**, mum of Peter (Y2) & Benji (Y5)

# Bright Light Party

**TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 5.00PM  
IN THE CHURCH GARDEN**

**£3 per person**

**Glow games, sausages & sparklers,  
fire pits & a bible bit!**

**Reception to Y6 + parents/guardians**

**HOLY TRINITY FROGMORE**

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