

Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

HALF TERM: 17/2/24—21/2/24

27/2: Bigfoot Anti-racist Workshop (KS2)
Y1 & Y2 Forest School

3/3: Y5 Life Expo

4/3: Y6 Life Expo

6/3: World Book Day
Reception Forest School

7/3: 9:05am Y4 Sharing Assembly
World Book Day Workshops

12/3: Y3/Y4 Virtual author visit

20/3: Year 4 Forest School

21/3: 9:05am Y2 Sharing Assembly
Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

25/3: Parents' Evening

26/3: Parents' Evening

28/3: 9:05am Y1 Sharing Assembly

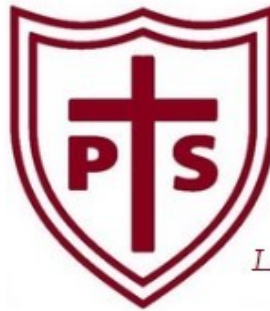
31/3: 7pm Alban Arena Concert (Y3)

1/4: 9:15am Irock Easter Concert

3/4: Y1 & Y2 Forest School

4/4: 9:30am Whole school church service
Last day of term—school finishes at 1:30pm

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of another half term and what a wonderful way to end it with the PTA Friendship Discos. A special thank you to 'DJ Morgan' and the PTA for organising; the children had a great time!

Last week was 'Children's Mental Health Week' and we marked it with a range of activities to help raise awareness. We think the arrival of Ffej, the Therapy Tortoise, made the week even more special! It was lovely to see children engaging in tasks that support the development of positive mental health, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles. Wellbeing is important here at Park Street and we aim to continuously ensure that children feel safe and happy at school.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Young Voices 'Marley Magic Medley' performance in the playground! The children enjoyed the day and having the chance to showcase their amazing singing skills!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting half term planned with events including World Book Day, Science Week, Red Nose Day, inspiring visits and more!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Monique Gregory
Headteacher



Our Curriculum in Action

Nursery

We have had a fun packed two weeks with all sorts of exciting things happening. One of the highlights was Ffej coming to visit us! She is a small tortoise who had as much fun meeting us as we did meeting her. We found out about what she likes to eat, how she doesn't enjoy having baths and we watched her slowly walking on our carpet. We drew pictures of Ffej and we are looking forward to seeing her again!



Reception

All our wonderful children in the EYFS went for a lovely walk to our local shops to say a great big thank you to people in our community who help us. We made



thank you cards and hand delivered them to the people who were working in the hairdressers, bakers, stationers, pharmacy, grocery shops and florist (Alana was super happy about this one as she got to see mummy at work!). All the children were so super sensible and polite during our outing. Well done! We are so proud of you!



Year 1



In Year 1 we had lots of fun acting out what happens in a Baptism as part of our RE topic this term. We spoke about the key aspects involved in a christening including godparents, the sign of the cross, the font, prayers and a candle. To conclude the christening celebrations, Willows had a party where we ate and danced to our favourite songs.



Year 2

Year 2 have had such great fun over the past few weeks making lots of 'Lunar New Year' dishes. They thoroughly enjoyed working together as a team, learning more about what people from around the world like to eat and what the different food items symbolise in their culture.



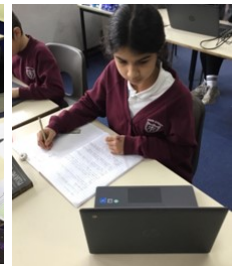
Year 3

We had a wonderful day during our class trip to the British Museum, looking at all the Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We saw hieroglyphs, Egyptian jewellery, games and pottery. We particularly enjoyed looking at the mummies and the Egyptian tombs. A fun day was had by all!



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic lesson this week, combining computing and geography to compare Italy and England! The class showcased impressive researching skills, using our Chromebooks to create detailed fact files highlighting key differences and similarities between the two countries. It was a fun and engaging way to wrap up this term's geography topic, and the children did a brilliant job presenting their findings. Well done Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the British Museum to find out about life in Ancient Greece. They saw lots of Greek statues, glasses, vases, pots and decorated plates. They looked at items women, men and children used including toys and they also found out about some of the Greek gods and learnt about some myths. It was a fabulous trip!



Year 6

Year 6 had an absolute blast during their Forest School session this half term! We learnt how to start fires, made fruit and yumminess kebabs for the birds, and we also made bird shaped cookies for the birdies using lard, seeds and sweet raisins. We also had free play in the forest; climbing trees, playing in the hammocks and making mini tipis. Year 6 are already looking forward to their next trip to the forest!



Cross-country Competition



On Saturday 1st February, at St Margaret's School, our school was proudly represented at the cross-country event by Benji and Jerry. They ran with incredible passion and determination, showcasing their hard work and dedication to their running this year.

Both athletes put in a stellar performance, with Benji finishing in an impressive 36th place and Jerry close behind in 41st place. Their strong finishes were a testament to their perseverance and commitment.

Well done, Benji and Jerry! You've made the school proud!

Chick, chick, chick, chickens!

We have had such a lot of fun for the last fortnight learning about how to care for chicks and the life cycle of the chicken. We are so grateful to Mr and Mrs La Rivière for allowing us to hatch their chicks at the school and watch them grow. We didn't think we could get any more excited when the eggs arrived in their incubator but how wrong we were. Arriving on the Monday to newly hatched chicks was such an awe inspiring experience. Each and every class has been able to watch them develop and have a little cuddle with at least one of the chicks. They have become such characters and we will miss them when they go to their forever home at half term.



Ffej, the Therapy Tortoise

Last Friday as part of Children's Mental Health week, we had a visit from our Therapy Tortoise Ffej. Ffej had a wonderful time meeting the whole school at Celebration Worship. She then took herself around each of the classrooms for extra strokes. It's hard to say who enjoyed themselves more, the children or Ffej.

Ffej is a Western Hermann Tortoise. She is two and a half years old and likes nothing better than a good fuss from a friend. Western Hermanns are a very petite tortoise, and she will only grow to around 15cm in length. After half term she will be visiting us every Friday and is looking forward to helping children build resilience and self confidence.

