

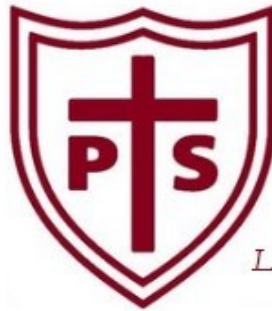
Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 23/3:** Royal Albert Hall Gala
- 25/3:** Parents' Evening
- 26/3:** 2:30pm Y5/Y6 virtual residential meeting for parents (TEAMS)
Parents' Evening
- 27/3:** Skipping Day workshops
Y5 Forest School
- 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
1:30pm-2:30pm PTA Easter Eggstravaganza
- 7/4—21/4:** Easter Holidays (school closed)
- 22/4:** Children return to school
- 25/4:** Y3 & Y4 swimming lessons begin

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see everyone dressed in red today to celebrate Red Nose Day! As always, the Red Nose and Spoon Races brought lots of fun and laughter this afternoon. Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and watch, donate or purchase a red nose. You can also make donations by clicking [here](#).



Looking ahead to next week, we have skipping workshops in celebration of National Skipping Day—a great way for them to stay active and develop new skills. We also look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evenings, where you'll have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

It is hard to believe that there are only two weeks left until the end of this term. We will be ending the term with another lovely Easter service at Holy Trinity Church in the morning. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

On Sunday, our amazing choir will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall. This is a truly special opportunity, and we wish them the very best for what is sure to be a memorable experience. Have a lovely weekend,

Monique Gregory
Headteacher

From the School Governors

The Governors spent a full day in school on Wednesday 12th March. A particular focus was the work of some of the Subject Coordinators, who shared with us their vision for the teaching of their subjects.

A key part of each Subject Coordinator's role is leadership of their subject throughout the school, including enhancement of the curriculum. They shared with us the value they have obtained from a variety of online courses and how this training will help them in achieving positive pupil outcomes. These Subject Coordinators work together to share good practice across all year groups, which is of benefit to the whole school.

The Governors were able to meet with children from across the school and to hear their very favourable comments about their learning experiences at Park Street School. The visit was also an opportunity to see the use of 'memory (retrieval) boxes' in some subjects. This technique is extremely effective in reinforcing prior learning by enabling children to recall what has been taught and learnt in previous lessons.

Governors visited several classrooms and were delighted to see various activities which were designed to support pupils' learning and which underpinned implementation of each Subject Coordinator's vision for the teaching of their subjects.

In the afternoon, Governors reviewed a selection of children's curriculum books from all year groups. It was interesting to note the use of 'purple pen' technique in which children initially do a given piece of work and then, following further input from their teachers, are given the opportunity to revise or redo their work in purple writing, thereby reinforcing their learning of that topic.

As always Governors were grateful to Ms Gregory and her team for facilitating the day and helping the Governors to see first-hand how positive an experience Park Street School is for the children.

Parents may wish to note that several Governors will be present at the school Easter Service on Friday 4th April. As there is currently vacancy for a Parent Governor, the Governors who are present would be very happy to have an informal discussion about the role and what it entails.

Finally, the Governors wish all pupils, parents and staff a very Happy Easter.

Our Curriculum in Action

Nursery

This week Acorns had an amazing morning planting trees and wildflowers on the Rec. We planted the very first trees, so next time you are walking along the path towards school you will see the first line of little trees that were planted by us! The sun shone which was a bonus! We are looking forward to watching them grow as we grow.



Reception



Our super Saplings had a brilliant time planting trees and scattering wild flower seeds at Park Street Recreation ground this week. We demonstrated our brilliant listening and attention skills and followed the instructions given to us by the St Stephens Parish Council garden wildlife volunteers very well. We cannot wait to see our seeds burst into colour and watch our trees grow tall and strong. Well done Saplings!



Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy—exploring the texture and taste of fruits and vegetables, learning about being responsible for the environment around them, and developing new sporting skills in our netball and football after-noon. They have also been working coop-



eratively as they learn all about the five animal group-ings. What an in-dustrious class!



Year 2

Year 2 had great fun last week taking part in all sorts of activities. The boys of Maple class had very much enjoyed practising netball. Whilst the girls also enjoyed their time playing football.



Year 3

Year 3 have had great fun during British Science Week investigating whether all 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins are magnetic and we were amazed at our results as they were definitely not what we expected! We also enjoyed watching two live lessons based around this year's theme of 'Change and Adaptation.'



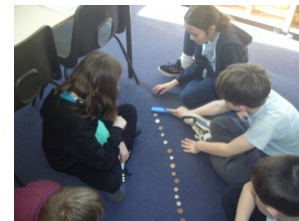
Year 4

Year 4 embarked on an exciting combined Art and History lesson, diving into the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons. We began by exploring how the Anglo-Saxons transitioned from Paganism to Christianity—a pivotal moment in history that inspired our creative project. The highlight of the lesson was designing and creating our very own Anglo-Saxon crosses.



Year 5

For Science week, Year 5 took part in a fantastic whole experiment to see if all coins were magnetic. As part of their learning, they discovered that some coins of the same value were magnetic, but some were not. This led them to investigate the years the coins were made. They made some fascinating discoveries!



Year 6

We have had a fantastic week, with some great outcomes! Here you can see Year 6's beautiful artwork based on Easter Sunday! Year 6 have also volunteered to help support Red Nose Day by selling noses and celebrating it by dressing in red!



Forest School

We have had lots of changes happening in our Forest School area these last 2 weeks. Our lovely sponsors came in and planted the beech hedge for us. We are so grateful for all their support and look forward to being able to continue to work with them.

Thanks also to the Woodland Trust, for the trees they have donated to us. The Nature Nurture group and our After School FS club have loved planting them and are very excited to watch our forest grow. We were amazed how saplings look like twigs with roots. We continued to be amazed this week when our tiny trees began to unfurl their leaves.

Forest School continues to be a well anticipated and greatly loved part of the school curriculum. For World Book Day, at the beginning of the month, it was transformed into Acorn Wood and the Early Years children were able to help Postman Bear deliver his party invitations, help Hide and Seek Pig find her friends and unmuddle Foxes socks. For British Science week, Year 3 delved into the science of trees. They learnt how to work out the age of our trees and what they do for the environment. This week, it inspired Year 4 as they learnt about the events of God Friday.





NATIONAL
SKIPPING
DAY

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH



**CELEBRATING THE JOY OF
SKIPPING AND ITS MANY BENEFITS
FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.**

**CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR
THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH
TRAINERS, FOR A DAY OF OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS!**

From your PTA: Please join us for...

**EASTER
ADVENTURES**
FRIDAY 4 APRIL
1.30 - 2.30pm

**ACTIVITIES FROM 1.30 PM AS SCHOOL
BREAKS UP, IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:**

**PRIZES TO BE WON, INCLUDING:
OUR EASTER PIG (GUESS THE NAME!),
A JAR FULL OF EASTER MALLOWS,
GIANT EASTER EGG AND A
GIFT FOR EVERYONE
DOING THE HUNT.**

**WINNERS
ANNOUNCED
AT 2PM!**

**SEE OUR NOTICEBOARD
IN THE PLAYGROUND FOR DETAILS!**

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Coffee & Chat for Parents

Following the Easter Service at

Holy Trinity Frogmore on Friday, 4 April

The Park Street School prayer group would love to invite you for a cuppa and a hot cross bun after the Easter service (*The service starts at 9.30am and lasts about an hour*).

A great opportunity to meet and talk with other parents.

Also, if you've ever found your child quizzing you about Christianity or the Bible and you're not sure what to say, feel free to ask questions and we may be able to help!

If you are not able to join us after the service, you can always pop any prayer requests/questions in the prayer box just inside the school office at any time.



PARK
STREET
SCHOOL
PRAYER
GROUP

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Tuesday 15 April, 10 - 11am

Prayer and Litter Pick

Children, parents, carers & staff all welcome, of all faiths and none. We will be doing a litter pick around the school grounds alongside praying for the school during the Easter holidays.

Please message Amy on 07931 316928
if you'd like to come along.



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Eph 6