

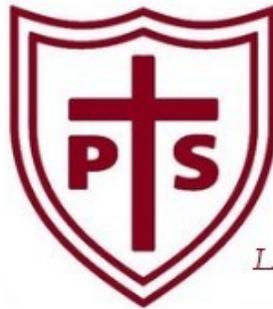
Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 15/9:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher—Year 1
Autumn Term Clubs start
- 16/9:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher—Year 4
- 17/9:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher—Year 5 & Year 2
- 18/9:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher—Year 6
- 18/9:** Y6 Forest School
- 19/9:** 9:05am Meet the Teacher—Year 3
- 25/9:** Y5 Forest School
Drama workshops for Rec-Y3
- 26/9:** 11:15am EYFS Teddy Bears' picnic (parents invited)
- 26/9:** Macmillan coffee morning from 9am
2:50pm Y6 sharing assembly
- 2/10:** Y4 Forest School
- 3/10:** 9:30am Whole School Harvest Service
(Holy Trinity Church)
3pm PTA School uniform & doughnuts sale
- 6/10:** Parent Prayer Group— 8:55am to 9:25am in
the school library
- 9/10:** Y2 Forest School
- 10/10:** Flu immunisation (Rec-Y6)
- 17/10:** 9:05am Y4 sharing assembly
- 21/10:** Individual school photos
- 10/11:** Parent Prayer Group— 8:55am
to 9:25am in the school library

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break (even if the summer already feels like a distant memory!) and children are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead! It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces returning to school, full of energy and enthusiasm for learning.

A very special welcome goes to all our new families joining the Park Street community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to supporting your child's journey, making every moment at our school meaningful and positive. In addition to our lovely new families, we have welcomed Mrs Weir and Miss Smart to the Park Street team! Their experience and enthusiasm will bring even more support and exciting learning opportunities for our children, helping each of them continue to thrive and grow.

We have lots to look forward to this term. Our extra-curricular clubs begin next week, offering children an exciting range of opportunities to try new activities and develop their interests beyond the classroom at no additional cost. Details of clubs and how to sign up have been shared, and we encourage families to take a look and get involved. Do not forget we also offer affordable wraparound care at Park Street, now expanded to support the varying schedules of our families. Please contact the school office for more information.

Next week we will also be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. These sessions will give you the opportunity to hear about the year ahead, expectations, and how we can work together to support every child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend, you will still receive all the information from the class teachers, and you can always contact them with any queries.

We are looking forward to a positive and successful year together.
Have a great weekend!

Monique Gregory
Headteacher



Secondary School Applications

The online application process opened on the 1st September 2025. Application for Year 7 places starting in September 2026 can be submitted from 1st September to 31st October 2025. 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 2025**.

The deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October

SCHOOL

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Free School Meals

Children in Year 3 or older

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).



Free school meals

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases you can be notified straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

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.

Thank you.

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. Thank you.

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.
- Non-food items such as bubbles, stickers, or pencils are also a wonderful way to celebrate without involving food.



Thank you for helping us keep birthdays joyful, safe, and healthy for all our children!

Our Curriculum in Action

Nursery



We have had a fantastic start to the school year in Acorns. We are very quickly getting used to school and finding our way around the classroom and EYFS garden. We have been busy getting to know our classmates and grown-ups too!



Reception



Wow! All our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their school journey this year. The children have settled in so beautifully, quickly learning new routines and showing a real enthusiasm for all aspects of school life. It has been especially lovely to see them exploring their learning environment, joining in so thoughtfully with collective worship and enjoying lunchtime together. It has been great to see them forming new friendships and growing in confidence each day. Their curiosity, kindness, and eagerness to learn have truly shone through. We are so proud of each and every one of them and are excited for all the learning and adventures ahead. Well done Saplings!



Year 1

Year One are amazing! It's only been a week back at school, but they are coming to grips with the new routines and learning. They have learnt about the Zones of Regulation. This is where we understand that we all have big feelings sometimes and that's ok- we just need to use our strategies to get to the zone we need to be in to be safe and happy. The best zone for learning in the classroom is the Green Zone. That is when you are calm, focused and ready to learn. Can you guess which picture of Willow Class shows them in Green Zone?



Year 2

We've had a wonderful first week back at school, and we are so proud of how quickly the children have settled into their new routines. It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces and such a positive start to the new term. This week, we also launched our exciting new geography topic: **Exploring London!** The children had a fantastic time diving into the sights, sounds, and stories of our capital city. From famous landmarks to red double-decker buses, there's been a real buzz of curiosity and enthusiasm in the classroom. Keep it up, everyone! Here's to a term full of learning, adventure, and discovery!



Year 3

What a fabulous first forest school session Elm class have had! We travelled back in time to the Stone Age, where we developed our tracking skills, built shelters to protect us from predators, created our very own cave paintings and learnt to use fire steels to make a spark. Despite a very wet session, we have so much fun launching our topic. We can't wait for the next one!



Year 4

For the launch of our first topic, volcanoes, the children looked at some famous volcanoes from around the world. They then drew the one they found the most interesting using chalk, pastels, crayons and pencils.



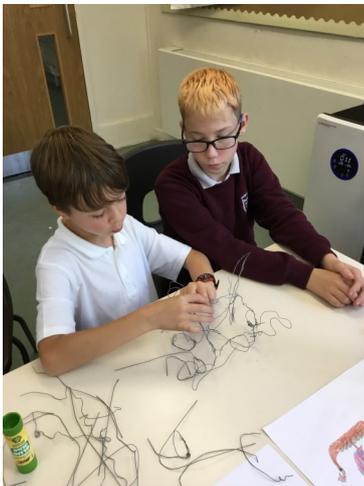
Year 5

Year 5 are having great fun learning to read musical notation in their specialist lessons with Mrs Searle, and they are especially excited to be playing the theme tune from *Ghostbusters*!



Year 6

What an awesome start to Year 6 we have had! Our launch day was a huge success and set the tone for an exciting year ahead. The children spent the day learning all about the Vikings, diving into their fascinating history and discovering what life was like during those times. A special highlight was being able to see some pictures from the YORVIK Viking Centre, kindly shared by one of our very own classmates – it really brought our learning to life. To finish off the day, the children designed and created their very own Viking boats. The creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm shown by everyone was fantastic, and the results were truly impressive. We couldn't have asked for a better beginning to Year 6. It was an awesome day, and we are so excited for all the learning adventures still to come!



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It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Park Street Primary School (hall)

Date: Friday 26th September

Time: After drop off (from 9:00am)





PARK STREET SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP

MONDAY 8.55AM, MONTHLY

We meet in the library (which you can access from the playground, next to the hall), usually on the second Monday of each month, from 8.55-9.25am.

WHATSAPP GROUP



You are welcome to join our WhatsApp group, even if you can't make the Monday gatherings.

PRAYER BOX

There is a prayer box in the school reception (just inside the door on your right). Everyone is welcome to post something they would like help with or prayer for (anonymously if you like) and we will pray for these when we meet.

“The prayer group is starting back next month. We are really looking forward to gathering together, and extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us in praying for the school.

We meet in the school library after drop-off, with time to talk (sometimes with coffee & cake!), to share prayer needs and a thought from the Bible and then to pray together. There is no requirement to pray out loud, you can simply come along and enjoy a peaceful space after drop-off.

Next four dates:

Mon 6 October
Mon 10 November
Mon 8 December
Mon 12 January

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



UNIFORM AND KRISPY KREME SALE

**FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER
3PM, SCHOOL HALL**

**UNIFORM - £2 PER ITEM
DOUGHNUTS - £1 EACH**

**PRE-ORDER A BOX OF 12
KRISPY KREMES FOR JUST £10**

TEXT YOUR CLASS REP ON WHATSAPP TO ORDER



PARK STREET SCHOOL PTA

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Join us at Holy Trinity for our

All-Age Harvest Service

10:45 on 28 September 2025

Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch



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

Please donate from the following list:

Long Life Milk, Long Life Juices, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Jam and Spreads, Tinned Vegetables (Sweetcorn, Potatoes, Peas etc), Desserts (Jellies, Steamed Puddings, Angel Delight), Tinned Tomatoes, Quick Cook Noodles, Squash, Instant Coffee, Small Tea Boxes, Oil, Flour, Sugar, Smash/Packet Potatoes, Ketchup, Shower Gel, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Washing Up Liquid, Laundry Tabs/Liquid/Gels.