

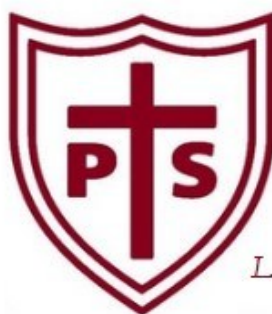
Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 1/10:** Stagecoach workshops
- 2/10:** Y4 Forest School
National Poetry Day
- 3/10:** 9:30am Whole School Harvest Service
(Holy Trinity Church)
Y3 Stone Age workshop
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)
- 16/10:** Y1 Forest School
- 17/10:** 9:05am Y4 sharing assembly
Wear **Red Day** (say no to racism)
4pm PTA AGM meeting (Holy Trinity Church)
- 21/10:** Individual school photos
- 23/10:** Reception Forest School
- 27/10 – 31/10 HALF TERM**
- 10/11:** Parent Prayer Group— 8:55am to 9:25am in
the school library

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your support of our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Whether you joined us, baked, or kindly donated, your generosity helped raise funds for such an important cause. We raised a total of £191.50!

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher sessions last week. We hope you found the time useful to get to know your child's class teacher and to hear about the routines and expectations for the year ahead. Building these strong connections between home and school is something we value greatly. By now, you should have received your child's Curriculum Newsletter, which gives an overview of the topics and skills they will be learning about this half term. These newsletters are also available on our school website. We encourage you to take a look so you can share in your child's learning journey at home.

We are delighted to let you know that our school will be taking part in the Living Streets Travel Tracker initiative. Each day, children will record how they travel to school, working towards badges and rewards for active journeys. We would really encourage all families to take part by walking, scooting, cycling, or at least 'park and stride' if you need to drive. Parking a short distance away and walking the last part of the journey helps reduce congestion around the school gates, improves safety, and gives children a healthy, active start to the day.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have already started sending in harvest donations. Your kindness and contributions will make a real difference to those in need. We are very much looking forward to celebrating together at our Harvest Church Service on Friday 3rd October, and we hope to see many of you there.

Have a lovely 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

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Living Streets Travel Tracker

We are excited to announce that our school is now taking part in the Living Streets Travel Tracker. This national initiative encourages children to travel to school in more active and sustainable ways, such as walking, scooting, or cycling.

Every day, children record how they travel to school, and those who make active journeys at least once a week can earn fun badges and rewards each month.

We understand that for some families driving is the only practical option, but we ask all parents to consider 'park and stride' — parking a short distance away from school and walking the final part of the journey. This small change makes a big difference:



Reduces congestion and keeps the area around the school gates safer for everyone.



Improves air quality, benefiting children's health and the environment.



Promotes daily exercise, helping children arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn.



Boosts wellbeing, as walking together is a positive start to the day.

By working together as a community, we can make the school run safer, healthier, and more enjoyable for all.

Tesco Stronger Starts

We have been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts customer vote, running from **early October 2025 to mid-January 2026**. The more votes we get, the more funding we could receive. When shopping at any of the following local Tesco Express stores, you'll receive a token per transaction – please use it to vote for our school:

- Harpenden Express, AL5 5AL
- Harpenden Luton Road Express, AL5 3BB
- London Colney Express, AL2 1JQ
- Wheathampstead Express, AL4 8BB
- St Albans Jersey Farm Express, AL4 9RG
- St Albans Beech Road Express, AL3 5AS
- St Albans Market Express, AL1 3EB
- St Albans Hatfield Road Express, AL1 4JL

TESCO
Stronger Starts



Encourage friends and family to shop at these stores and **vote for Park Street**. Every token counts, thank you for your support!

Our Curriculum in Action

EYFS

Our Acorns and Saplings had a fantastic time at our Teddy Bears' Picnic this morning! It was great to see so many families joining the fun and the children were full of excitement. They looked brilliant in the teddy bear hats they made themselves and couldn't wait to eat their yummy teddy sandwich snacks. There were smiles all around, lots of giggles, and of course, plenty of cuddly teddy bears! A big thank you to everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable morning.



Year 1

What a wonderful launch day! The children looked fabulous in their dress up from the past! We spent the afternoon looking at items from the past and sorting them into oldest to newest. They were great history detectives looking at the materials items were made from, discovering their function and then putting them on a rough timeline. Well done Willows Class (and well done parents for the creative costumes!).



Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time taking part in a drama workshop this week. The children explored storytelling through movement, expression, and role play, bringing characters and scenes to life with great enthusiasm. They worked brilliantly together, building confidence and creativity while having lots of fun. It was wonderful to see their imaginations shine and their teamwork skills grow throughout the session.



Year 3

Year 3 have been having a fantastic time learning to play the recorder this term! They've really enjoyed exploring a brand-new instrument and have worked hard to learn new notes and rhythms. It's been especially exciting for them to play alongside Year 4, who are continuing their keyboard learning journey, creating a lovely musical partnership. The children are full of enthusiasm and can't wait to show their families all the progress they've made in the upcoming sharing assembly — it's going to be a proud moment for everyone!



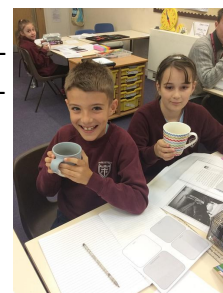
Year 4



In music this week, Y4 learnt to play Ode to Joy on the keyboards. They also learnt a welcome song in Nigerian.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about how tea is made and got to enjoy a grown-up cup at their desks while writing about our class text, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Elspeth Graham and Mal Peet.



Year 6

Last week, our amazing Year 6 class had a fantastic time at Forest School, where we linked our outdoor learning to our Viking topic. The children threw themselves into every activity with great enthusiasm — from hunting down Viking facts, to practising with fire steels, building dens, and even creating their own warrior shields!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Mitchell for leading and supporting the session — we really appreciate the time, effort and energy she put into making the experience so engaging for the children. Well done, Year 6! You should all be very proud of your effort and enthusiasm.



Explore, discover and play... come and join us!

Park Street Primary School & Nursery

EYFS OPEN DAYS



We're excited to welcome prospective families to our upcoming EYFS tours, where you'll have the chance to see our nurturing learning environment in action. In addition, we're delighted to offer a Forest School taster session – a wonderful opportunity for children to experience the joy of outdoor learning, exploration, and adventure in our beautiful woodland setting.

Come and see how we nurture curiosity, creativity, and confidence, enabling every child to reach their full potential and flourish!

Tour Dates

- Wednesday 12th November, 4:00pm
- Thursday 20th November, 2:00pm
- Tuesday 25th November, 9:30am
- Thursday 4th December, 9:30am
- Monday 8th December, 2:00pm
- Thursday 8th January, 9:30am

Forest School Taster Session

- Thursday 18th December - 2:00pm

WHAT MAKES US SO SPECIAL?

- ✓ A strong home-school partnership with our dedicated team.
- ✓ Vibrant learning spaces, including a Nurture Nook cabin and a sensory room.
- ✓ A small school with a big heart where everyone is valued.



INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE?



SCAN TO BOOK ON TO ONE OF OUR TOUR DATES AND OUR FOREST SCHOOL TASTER SESSION!

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EYFS tours: <https://forms.office.com/e/6J2D98qHih>

UNIFORM AND KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT SALE



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



**UNIFORM - JUST £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 A BOX*.**

*If you're not sure who your class rep is, or even what that means, don't worry! You can ask in your class WhatsApp group but there is also an info pack being sent out this week about the PTA which will explain all! No need to pre-order single doughnuts.



**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






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.



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TRIAL
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If you'd like your child to gain tremendous **confidence**, excellent **communication** and **language skills**, whilst developing their **creativity**, ability to **perform** AND have **fun** and **make friends**, look no further! With over **100,000 children** attending our **International Drama Academy** each week, we teach from a **curriculum** written by experts and perfected over **40 years**. Our teaching team all hold an **Enhanced DBS**, undergo regular training making us experts in our field and have **First Aid** qualifications.

Classes take place **weekly** in the following areas;

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- * Confidence and self-esteem
- * Verbal communication and English language skills
- * Self-awareness and emotional intelligence
- * Creativity and lateral thinking skills
- * Public speaking and presentation skills
- * Enthusiasm, energy, and a positive approach to life
- * Teamwork and leadership skills
- * Performance and theatre skills
- * Physical coordination and expression
- * Social interaction skills and life-long friendships

We provide an **inclusive environment** in which each student is given the opportunity to grow and develop. We do not hold auditions and no experience is necessary. We offer payment plans and discounts for siblings. Most importantly, **our classes are lots of fun!**

Parent Testimonials

*All three of our boys attend Drama Kids and absolutely love it! It has engendered a real love of drama in all of them! The sheer freedom and fun of it allows them to unwind and has helped build their confidence leaps and bounds. Thank you Drama Kids for helping our boys feel comfortable in their own skins'. **Harpenden Parent***

*'My kids have loved being a part of Drama Kids, they have different personalities, and it has brought out the best in all of them! Drama Kids gives every child the opportunity to take part equally and shine'. **Cambourne Parent***

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