

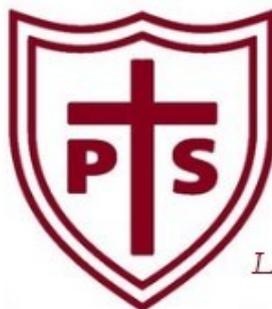
Park Street Press



Dates for your diary

- 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
Steel Pans workshops
- 27/10 – 31/10 HALF TERM**
- 5/11:** Parents' Evening
- 6/11:** Parents' Evening
Y6 Forest School
- 7/11:** Y4 Roman Trip to St Albans Cathedral
PTA EYFS disco 3:20pm-4:15pm
- 9/11:** Park Street Remembrance Service
- 10/11:** Parent Prayer Group— 8:55am to 9:25am in
the school library
9:05am Y5 Sharing Assembly
Anti-Bullying Week
Odd Sock Day!
- 12/11:** Anti-Bullying workshops
Open Evening 4:00pm-5:30pm
- 13/11:** Y5 Forest School
- 14/11:** Children in Need Day
PTA Y1-Y6 Disco 3:20pm-4:30pm
- 21/11:** 9:05am Y3 Sharing Assembly

Love
Joy
Courage
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see many of you at our Harvest service at Holy Trinity last week. We would like to thank you for your generous Harvest donations this year. A local foodbank will be collecting all of our contributions next Friday so if there are any other items that families wish to donate, please do bring them in.

While diversity and inclusion are woven into our curriculum throughout the year, October offers a special opportunity to celebrate Black History Month. Pupils have been learning about influential figures and powerful stories of resilience and leadership. These explorations not only deepen our understanding of history but also reinforce the importance of equality, respect, and inclusion - values that lie at the heart of our school.

On Friday 17th October, we will, once again, be taking part in Stand Up to Racism: Wear Red Day, an event that promotes anti-racism and unity. Children (and staff!) are invited to wear red to show their support, and families can make a £1 donation via the fundraising option on Arbor to help raise awareness and funds for this important cause.

Also on Friday, the PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to hear about the brilliant work they do and find out how you can get involved. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

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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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



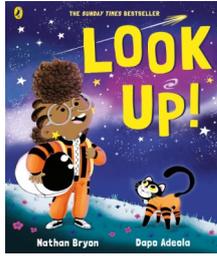
Encourage friends and family to shop at these stores and **vote for Park Street**. Every token counts, thank you for your support!

Our Curriculum in Action

Nursery

This week we have had lots of fun reading the book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. We have learnt all about meteors and how to spot them. The Draconid meteor shower has been taking place this week too so the children have had the opportunity (bedtime permitting!) to join in 'looking up'. We have been inspired to create our own

shooting star artwork, meteor music, transient art as well as recall facts about meteors. An out of this world week of learning!



Reception



Our Saplings have been having a wonderful time diving into their Science unit, *My Body*. The children have been full of curiosity and wonder as they have talked about the different parts of their body. It has been a joy to watch their fascination grow as they have discovered all the incredible things their bodies can do (and shared a few giggles about what they can't do, too!). Our PE lessons and outdoor play have complemented our learning beautifully, giving the children the chance to feel their bodies in motion—running, jumping, balancing, and using their senses to explore the world around them. These active experiences have brought our learning to life in such a joyful and meaningful way. A highlight of the unit was creating expressive faces using loose parts. Each face was completely unique, reflecting the children's wonderful creativity and imagination. We are so proud of the enthusiastic and joyful way our young learners engaged with this unit. They have truly embraced the opportunity to learn, wonder and grow together.



Year 1

Year One have been busy, planting beans and writing up posters on, 'How to Plant a Bean.' So, they can share with their family all the information they would need- to plant their own bean! Year One also had



a very exciting live History lesson with Grannie Jennie- learning all about how she celebrated her birthday when she was a child. Year One were fascinated to find out what was the same in how they celebrate their birthdays now and what was different. Thank you Grannie Jennie for visiting Willow Class and sharing your stories.



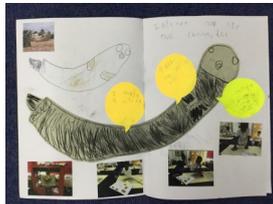
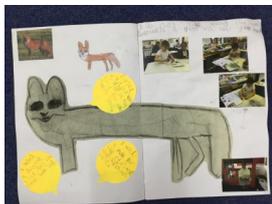
Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time in their first Forest School session of the year! The children created beautiful maple leaves to display in our very own 'Leafy Library' and worked together to clear the sweet chestnut cases from the forest floor. What a fantastic start to our outdoor adventures!



Year 3

This term, Year 3 pupils combined their learning in history and art by exploring British wildlife through charcoal drawing, inspired by their Stone Age topic. They began by using geometric shapes to sketch animals such as foxes, owls, and hedgehogs—just as early humans might have used simple forms to depict animals in cave art. Once confident with their designs, they scaled up their drawings, carefully maintaining the correct proportions to create larger, striking pieces. The activity encouraged creativity, precision, and a deeper appreciation for native animals and prehistoric art techniques.



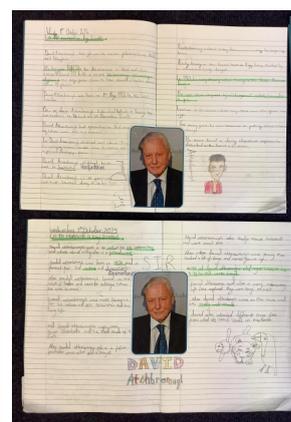
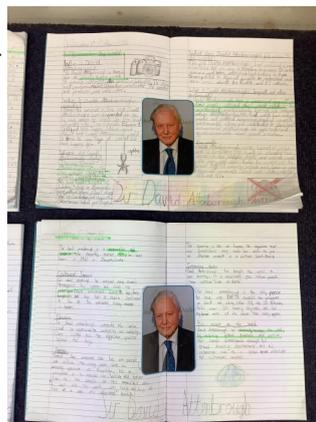
Year 4

Y4 had a very interesting Forest School. They got to find a 'hidden' poem about volcanoes and then got to make an erupting volcano! As you can see, it was a lot of fun!



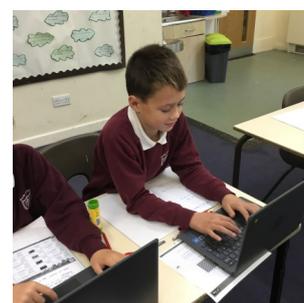
Year 5

As part of their Science topic on *Living Things and Their Habitats*, Year 5 have been learning about the incredible Sir David Attenborough. The children created detailed fact files celebrating his life and work and thoroughly enjoyed discovering how he has helped make our world a better place.



Year 6

This week in Science, Year 6 have been exploring the fascinating world of microorganisms. Using computers, the children worked brilliantly to research and identify the characteristics of different microorganisms, discovering which ones are helpful—like yeast and certain bacteria—and which ones can be harmful, such as those that cause illness. It was a fantastic cross-curricular activity, linking our Science learning with Computing skills. The class loved using their IT skills to search, sort, and present information clearly and creatively. Their teamwork, curiosity, and enthusiasm made the lesson truly awesome!



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!

www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk

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@ParkStSchool



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

Keep warm with...

WINTER WARMER *Wednesdays*

Just £5 for the whole half term!
Running each week from Wednesday 5th
November - Wednesday 17th December.
Payment made via Arbor.

*includes a cup of hot
chocolate and a biscuit
each week and a
Christmas treat
on 17/12!



News from the PTA

WWW.YOURPSSA.ORG



AGM: Friday 17th October

Everyone is welcome to join us next Friday, 17th October at our annual general meeting, being held at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm (arrive from 3.45pm for refreshments).

Come along, meet other parents and hear about what is going on. Children are welcome to join the Hotshots club at the church (3.30 - 5pm).

Rumours are there might be pastries, along with hot drinks!



Sparkle Disco

Celebrate fireworks season at the school with our sparkle party disco. There are two evenings for different age groups, and **please take note of the different times and prices, due to the different plans for each age group**. Bookings open online very soon: Keep an eye out on Dojo/Class WhatsApp groups for updates.

Friday 7th November: EYFS/KS1, £3

3.20 - 4.15PM: MUSIC, GAMES, SNACK AND GLOW STICKS!

Friday 14th November: KS2, £5

3.20 - 4.30PM: MUSIC, HOTDOGS, DRINKS & GLOW STICKS!

Christmas Fayre



Save the date: Friday 12th December, after school.

More details to follow including info about the Christmas inflatable, class-run stalls and bookings for santa's grotto, winter wonderland trail and more!

We raised....



Thanks to everyone who came to last week's sale. We raised **£115!** More info coming soon about our online uniform shop.

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Bright Light Challenge Night

Friday 24 October 2025

Gates open 5.15pm. Drop in **any time** until 6.15pm

Join us for an evening of challenges, treats and a Bible bit.

Challenge Tours start every ten minutes between 5.15 and 6.15pm.
Finish up in the Bright Light Cafe where kids can relax with craft,
a hot dog and a sweet treat - included in the price!

Reception to Y6 + parents/guardians

£3
per
Child

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TRINITY
FROGMORE



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

