

# Park Street Press



## Dates for your diary

### 27/10 – 31/10 HALF TERM

5/11: Parents' Evening

6/11: Parents' Evening  
Y2 Forest School

7/11: Y4 Roman Trip to St Albans Cathedral  
PTA EYFS/KS1 disco 3:20pm-4:15pm

9/11: 2:45pm 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 Socks Day!

12/11: Anti-Bullying workshops  
Open Evening 4:00pm-5:00pm

13/11: Y5 Forest School

14/11: Children in Need Day  
PTA KS2 Disco 3:20pm-4:30pm

17/11: Next Gen Spurs Programme Y1, Y2, Y3

18/11: Y1 trip to Aldenham Country Park

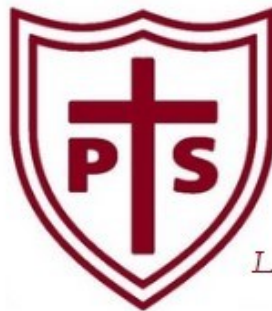
19/11: Y2 Fire Brigade Visit

20/11: Y4 Forest School  
2:00pm EYFS tour

21/11: 9:05am Y3 Sharing Assembly  
Non-uniform Day (PTA)

24/11: Next Gen Spurs Programme Y4, Y5, Y6

Love  
Joy  
Courage  
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR  
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of the first half term and what a brilliant start to the year it's been!

It's been lovely to see children so engaged in their learning across the school: Year 4 have been 'erupting' with excitement over their volcano projects, Year 6 have been exploring the world of the Vikings, and in the EYFS, children enjoyed making healthy snacks for their teddy bears' picnic.

The whole school was buzzing with music and energy during yesterday's steel pan workshops! It was brilliant to see the children so absorbed in the experience, discovering new sounds and showing such joy and curiosity as they played and learned. What an experience!

We're also celebrating the fantastic news that we've been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) which recognises and celebrates the excellent science teaching across our school. Huge thanks to Mrs Leto, whose leadership has helped create a hands-on, inspiring curriculum that sparks curiosity and a love of learning.

After half term, we're looking forward to welcoming you in for Parents' Evening- a great chance to hear about your child's progress and celebrate all they've achieved so far. You can still sign up via Arbor.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break; thank you for your continued support, and we'll see you all on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

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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## After School Club Collection Times



We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of collecting children promptly at the end of their allocated After School Club time slot.

Late collections can create difficulties for staff and disrupt the smooth running of the club. We especially ask for your support in ensuring that all children are collected by 5:00pm on Fridays, when the club closes for the week.

Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

## Order Your Christmas Tree and Support Our School!

We're teaming up with Christmas Treeasy again this year and every tree ordered helps raise money for our school! It's a great way to tick one thing off your festive to-do list while supporting our community.

You can order online using the link below or scan the QR code to make it even easier. Feel free to share with friends and family - the more trees ordered, the more we raise!

<https://christmastreeasy.co.uk/>



## Baby News!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you! Recently, Mrs Keeble welcomed a beautiful and healthy baby boy into the world. Both mother and baby are doing well,

and we are overjoyed for her and her family during this special time.



## 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

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**Stronger Starts.**

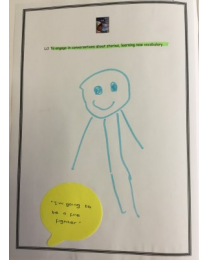
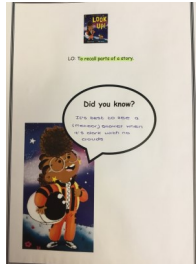


Encourage friends and family to shop at these stores and **vote for Park Street**. Every token counts, thank you for your support!

## Our Curriculum in Action

### Nursery

This month is Black History Month and Acorns have had a fantastic time learning about and being inspired by some amazing characters as well as real live people. We have listened to lots of lovely stories and in one activity, inspired by the real-life astronaut Mae Jemison we thought about what we would like to be when we grow up. Another of our stories got us all looking up to the skies like the main character as there was an actual meteor shower just like the one in the story 'Look up!' We have also been busy being creative and contributing to some displays in EYFS, one about our aspirations inspired by Mae Jemison and one inspired by the 'Show Racism the Red card day. We talked about the way we treat everyone and how we should always be kind and caring towards others. This half term has been a great start to Acorns school life, packed with lots of fun! We are very much looking forward to next half term and all the sparkle it will bring!

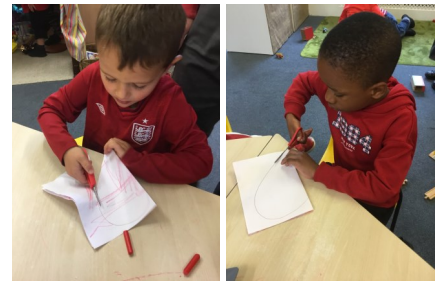


### Reception

As part of the national 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign, our super Saplings class proudly took part in 'Red Day' to celebrate kindness, inclusion and respect. The children wore their best red clothes and got



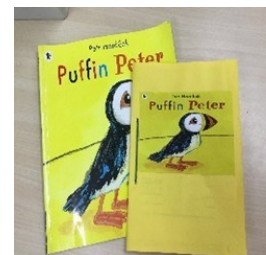
creative by making beautiful heart shapes and colourful handprints, which were added to a fantastic EYFS display all about being kind to everyone. To top off the day, they enjoyed



a special red-themed snack time with delicious red fruits. It was wonderful day, helping some of our youngest learners understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness.

### Year 1

Year One have been bringing to conclusion many of our units of work. We ended our brilliant History topic, 'Back in My Day' with burying a time capsule. We filled it with objects from the present that represent Year One. It will be interesting in the future (maybe when they are in Year 6???) to see if those objects have changed in any way. We are ending our Puffin Peter English unit by making our own Puffin Peter Class Book. We are even working on publishing our version on 'What happen Next'. Of course, we always have some time to explore and construct in our Outside Classroom. They have worked hard this half term. We are all very proud of Willows Class!



## Year 2

Year 2 had great fun this week at school. For geography they used Lego bricks to create famous London Landmarks as part of their geography topic 'Exploring London'. Which famous landmarks can you spot?



They also had great fun in their bamboo workshop where they had the opportunity

to play a variety of songs using instruments from the Caribbean island of Trinidad

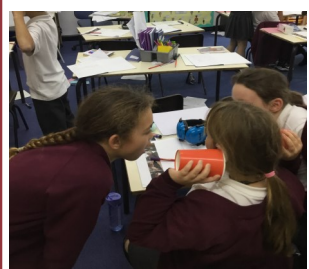


## Year 3

We had a fantastic time during our music workshop. We worked as part of a team to play steel pans and we learnt about how these instruments are made and where they come from. We definitely have some budding musicians in Year 3!



## Year 4



In our recent Science lesson about sound, Y4 tested different materials to see which one would be the best for a pair of ear defenders. They found out that bubble wrap was the best and tissue paper was the worst!



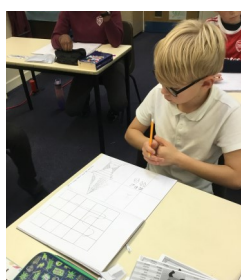
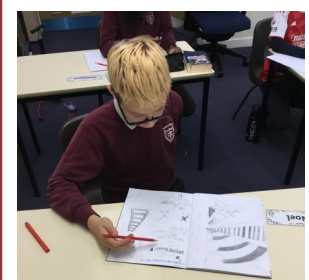
## Year 5

Year 5 ended their Black History Month celebrations on a high note with an exciting steel pans workshop. They played together as a band, learned new rhythms, and discovered the vibrant origins of Soca music from the Caribbean.



## Year 6

One of the many highlights this term has been our Art project, which has truly captured the creativity and imagination of the class. Our topic has been Street Art, and Year 6 have loved exploring different examples to inspire their own work - including some fantastic pieces found right here in St Albans. Through this project, pupils have been developing a range of artistic skills such as perspective, scaling, and expressing emotion through colour. Using these techniques, they have been busy designing their own



street art pieces, each one filled with originality and meaning. We cannot wait to see the final creations — they promise to be vibrant, thoughtful, and a real celebration of Year 6's artistic talent. Well done, Year 6, on an awesome term of Art!

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk)

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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

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## Sparkle Party 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.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November: EYFS/KS1, £3**

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November: KS2, £5**

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

**BOOK ONLINE: WWW.YOURPSSA.ORG**

## Christmas Fayre

Save the date:  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December,**  
after school.

More details to come including  
santa's grotto bookings, winter  
wonderland trail, inflatable,  
Christmas treats and more!

If you run a local business, would  
you consider sponsoring the fayre?  
Your logo and details will be  
included on our publicity.  
Please get in touch!



## Non-uniform Days

We will be having two non-uniform days to help  
us with the planning of the Christmas Fayre.  
The idea being, in exchange for wearing your  
own clothes, you bring into school:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Please bring **any full bottle**  
(e.g. ketchup/prosecco/cider/  
squash/olive oil-you get the idea!)  
OR **chocolate gift**  
(e.g. large bar/festive chocolates)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Everyone's favourite - **Jazzy Jars!!**  
Don't worry if you have no clue what this  
means, all will be explained soon!

## Clothes Bank



Instead of taking clothes to the charity shop, donate them at school!  
Did you know we have a clothes recycling bank in the staff car park,  
where you can drop off unwanted clothing (clean clothes please in bags).  
We receive money for each kilo of clothing donated in this way, thank you!



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# 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.

“ We’re really enjoying meeting together, it’s a great way to start the week! All are welcome, whether you pray yourself normally or just want to be around others who do. All are welcome.

We meet in the school library after drop-off, with time to talk (sometimes with coffee & pastries!), 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 few dates:*

- Mon 10 November
- Mon 8 December
- Mon 12 January

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



## **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON** **OPEN EVENING**

THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025  
FROM 5PM  
AT LILY ALLEY FLORIST,  
HOW WOOD SHOPS

**15% OFF ALL GIFTS**

Jingle all the way to an evening of live music, festive cheer, and tasty treats! Let’s gather as a community and unwrap the Christmas spirit together!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
PRIZES TO  
BE WON  
£2 A STRIP

## SAVE THE DATE!



P.S KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SANTA  
HE MIGHT JUST BE AROUND TO  
ENJOY THE FUN..



# Service of Remembrance

Sunday 9 November 2025  
2:45pm

St Stephen Parish War Memorial  
Park Street, St Albans



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