

# The Park Schools Federation

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## Spring Term Newsletter 1

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term and wishing you all a very happy new year! We hope you've all had a lovely time with your families over the Christmas break.

### New School Rules (PARK) and School Values (PRIDE)

Now we've begun a new calendar year, we're introducing a new set of school rules and school values.

Our new school rules follow the abbreviation PARK and are quite simple to understand and interpret. Our new school values follow the abbreviation PRIDE, just like we've done for many years, but some of the values have been changed.

Over the course of this term, we will be discussing the meaning of each different 'value' with our children in whole-school assemblies and during class.

These posters (below) will be displayed across school and in every class.



### Santa Fun Run

A huge thank you for all your fantastic work with gathering sponsors for our Santa fun run. We've raised an enormous total of £3628!!! This will all go into playtime and sports/games resources for our children.

Our three highest sponsor totals were awarded special prizes in Wow assembly at the end of last term, including a £50 voucher for Wheelgate for our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner!

Thank you again to everyone involved for your amazing efforts with this! We've been blown away by the massive amount of sponsors who've donated and we're delighted at what we'll now be able to provide our children.



## Gate Opening Times This Term

As shared in last term's newsletters, we will now be adjusting the timings for our morning gates. This is to make us more in line with government requirements. Historically, the school gates have been open until 8.50am but, as school starts at 8.40am, we will be closing the gates at 8.45am starting this week. If you arrive after 8.45am, please use the school office entrance, where your child will sign in.

We will also be following the government guidelines for late arrivals, as outlined in our school attendance policy. If you would like the details of this, it can be found on the policies page of our school website:

<https://www.parkfed.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Key+Documents&pid=23>

## Parent Forum

We are setting up a monthly 'Parent Forum' meeting this term to give parents/carers the opportunity to connect with each other and our staff team to discuss items that are coming up in school and/or to share any suggestions/thoughts that you may have.



The first session is on Thursday January 16 at 9am. If these sessions are well attended, we will continue them in the future.

I recognise that there may be some who will say that scheduling these during the school day means we're not supporting working parents/carers to attend. Whilst holding these kinds of meetings in an evening sounds like a good idea in principle, the reality is that the last thing people want to do in an evening, after a long day at work, is to come down to their child's school for a general chat.

## Optional Early Collection on the Last Day

As shared at the end of last term, we will not be running an optional early collection on the last day of term anymore. We recognise that the vast majority of parents/carers appreciated this offer, but it caused a problem for a very small number of parents/carers who made their feelings known to us.

If those parents/carers reach out to have a conversation with me personally to tell me that they have now found a solution to this issue, then I will consider reinstating it, but this will need to happen before the half-term week (February 14), so families have enough time to make appropriate arrangements for an early collection on Friday April 4.

## Forest School Teacher

Mr Lee, our absolutely brilliant forest-school teacher, is scheduled for a medical procedure in a couple of weeks. So, our normal forest school sessions will continue this Friday and next Friday. From Friday January 24, our forest school sessions will look a little different until Mr Lee returns back to school.

## Social Media Pages

You will probably be aware that we are now running a school social media page on Facebook and Instagram. We can only post pictures of children who have specific permission for these social media pages. If you want to see your child's school experiences on there, please make sure you go back into your Schoolzine messages and give permission for your child to be posted.

It would be great if we can the majority of children on there, so we can share the fabulous experiences which are now taking place at school.

## After-School Enrichment Clubs

We will be sending out the list of after-school enrichment clubs this Friday. Please respond to this as soon as possible to ensure your child gets a place in their chosen clubs.

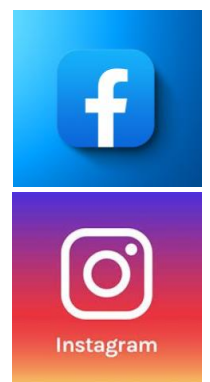
## Dates

And finally, we have lots of updated dates on the pages below, including some key dates for the summer term; like sports days and graduations. Please make a note of these dates in your calendars,

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



## Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday January 6	Inset Day
Tuesday January 7	Children return to school
Tuesday January 14	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Thursday January 16	Parent Forum at 9am <b>*new date</b>
Monday January 20	After-School Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tuesday January 21	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Monday January 27	EYFS puppet show and workshop <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday January 28	Year 5 Maths Enrichment at Brookfield Primary at 9.30am (12 pupils) <b>*new date</b>
	Talent Show Heats
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday January 29	Talent Show Heats
Monday February 3	Derbyshire Schools Football County Finals – Girls’ team (am) <b>*new date</b>
	Derbyshire Schools Football County Finals – Boys’ team (pm) <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday February 4	Talent Show Finals
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 5	Year 5 Transition Event at Shirebrook Academy
	Year 5/6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Scarborough Residential at 5pm
Tuesday February 11	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 12	Year 2 Starfish Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Valentine’s Disco <b>*new date</b>
Thursday February 13	Parent Forum at 9am <b>*new date</b>
Friday February 14	Times Tables Rock Stars Day
	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24	Children return to school
Tuesday February 25	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit
Friday February 28	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 4	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 5	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6	World Book Day
Friday March 7	After-School Enrichment Clubs End
Monday March 10	Whole School Assessment Week
	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 12	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 13	Parent Forum at 9am <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday March 18	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Koalas Class Library Visit

Wednesday March 19	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday March 21	Family Chocolate Bingo Night at 5pm
Tuesday March 25	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27	Parents' Evening
Tuesday April 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday April 2	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday April 4	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2
	<del>Early optional collection at 1.30pm</del> <b>*cancelled</b>

### Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23	Children return to school
	Year 5 Bikeability <b>*new date</b>
Thursday April 24	Year 5 Bikeability <b>*new date</b>
Friday April 25	Year 5 Bikeability <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday April 29	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Monday May 5	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 6	Year 4 Bikeability
	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Wednesday May 7	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday May 12	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday May 20	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Friday May 23	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 10	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 17	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Monday June 23	Whole School Assessment Week <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday June 24	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Monday June 30	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Wednesday July 2	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 5 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Friday July 4	Year 6 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Monday July 7	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wednesday July 9	EYFS Sports Day at 9am <b>*new date</b>
	Year 5 Transition to Shirebrook Academy <b>*new date</b>
Thursday July 10	Year 1/2 Sports Day at 9.30am <b>*new date</b>
	Year 3/4/5/6 Sports Day at 1.30pm <b>*new date</b>
Monday July 14	Transition to new classes and Year 6 to Shirebrook Academy <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday July 15	Transition to new classes and Year 6 to Shirebrook Academy <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday July 22	End-of-year reports go home <b>*new date</b>
Wednesday July 23	Year 2 Graduation in school at 9.30am <b>*new date</b>
Thursday July 24	Last day of summer half-term 2
	Year 6 Graduation at Sports Direct Auditorium at 10am <b>*new date</b>
	Year 6 Rounders Match versus the staff and parents at 1.15pm <b>*new date</b>
	Year 6 Family Barbecue at 2.30pm <b>*new date</b>
	<del>Early optional collection at 1.30pm</del> <b>*cancelled</b>

### **Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025**

Thursday September 4	Inset Day
Friday September 5	Inset Day
Monday September 8	Children return to school
Friday October 24	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 3	Children return to school
Friday December 19	Last day of autumn half-term 2
Monday January 5, 2026	Children return to school