

# The Park Schools Federation

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## Spring Term Newsletter 9

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

### Swimming Pool Sessions End for This Year

What an epic fortnight of swimming we've had here at The Park. Our children have gained in skills and confidence, in leaps and bounds!!!

We're so delighted with how successful it's been that we've booked double the time for next year – four weeks! This is booked for March 2026.

I'd like to give a huge thank you to Mr Powers for all his organisation, Mr Price for all his work behind the scenes and Mrs McKie for her overseeing events each day.

### Assessment Week

This week, our children will be taking a series of assessments (both formal and informal) to see how they are doing with their learning. This will be done in a kind and caring fashion. Please let us know if your child is worried during any of this and we can amend our provision accordingly.

### Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evenings are coming up in a couple of weeks; on Tuesday March 25, Wednesday March 26 and Thursday March 27. Your child will be bringing home a paper copy of your booking form this week to make your appointments.

Please mark down your preferred time slots and return to your child's class teacher, who will then send you a confirmation of your appointment time.

At parents' evening, we will also be sharing a short overview of your child's spring term assessment outcomes, in a similar fashion to those shared in December.

### Important Staffing Update

After 16 years here at The Park Schools Federation, Mrs Richardson has made the decision to make an exciting move to a new school. She will be leaving us at the end of this term. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Richardson for all her fantastic efforts over her many years here.

At Easter, we will also (temporarily) be losing Miss Greaves, who will be starting her maternity leave. I know you will want to wish her every happiness with her growing family.

With these two part-time teaching vacancies, we have employed a new full-time teacher to cover their combined teaching requirement over the summer term. Our new teacher's name is Mr Hodgetts and he will be in school today and tomorrow, getting used to our school before his official start after Easter.

Instead of having Mr Hodgetts teaching the first part of the week in Year 2 Dragonflies for Mrs Richardson and the second part of the week in Year 3 Tanukis for Miss Greaves, we have allocated him full-time to our Year 3 Tanuki class for the summer term.

Mrs Barnett will be remaining in Year 2 Dragonflies on Weds/Thurs/ Fri for the rest of the school year. We have a plan for who is teaching the beginning of the week in Dragonflies after Easter, but we just need to confirm a couple of arrangements before we can share this with families.

I am very aware that there have been a couple of staffing changes in our Year 2 Dragonflies class this year. Whilst this isn't perfect, these changes have been unavoidable. If any parents/carers from our Year 2 Dragonflies class want to talk to me about the staffing changes, I will be available at 8.50am this Thursday morning for Parent Forum in our Infant Hall.



## After-School Clubs

A reminder that our after-school enrichment clubs for the spring term have now ended. After Easter, we will have a new set of clubs on offer. We will still be running our after-school childcare provision every evening.



## Scarborough Residential Trip

The deadline for payments has now passed. If you have not yet paid your outstanding balance, your child's place has been removed. Confirmation of this if your child's place has been removed, will be sent out today.

## Chocolate Easter Egg Bingo Night

Tickets went on sale last Wednesday. They are selling out fast, with well over half of them already being sold. We strongly suggest you get your tickets in the next couple of days, if you want to come along.

We will be running from 5pm to 7pm on Friday March 21. Chip cobs will be provided to everyone at about 6pm (please let us know if you have any allergies) and there will be a drink and snack bar to purchase items from throughout the event.

There will also be a raffle at the end of the evening. It promises to be loads of fun. I always make sure every child goes home with at least one Easter egg prize.

## Non-Uniform Day on Friday March 14

To support our Chocolate Easter Egg Bingo Night, we have a non-uniform day this Friday (March 14). Please send your child in with an Easter Egg as their donation on the day.

## Parking Concern

Last week, we received a concern from the ambulance service regarding not being able to get through the road outside of school due to unsafe parking from families at drop off time. This is an important reminder that we must park safely and within the legal boundaries to ensure safety of the wider community.

If this had been a time-sensitive medical emergency, and it was your family member who was not able to get to hospital quickly because someone had parked in a selfish and unthinking manner, then please just think of the potential effect that could have had.

We are very aware that parking close to school can be challenging and there are no perfect solutions. We have around 500 pupils here, so this will mean lots of cars converging on school at key times of the day. Please know that we would much rather you were occasionally a couple of minutes late because you have had to park further away and walk that little bit further, than risk the safety of children and others by parking unsafely.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and to the vast majority of you who always drop off and collect your children safely and considerately every day.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair is visiting this week! It will be situated in the Junior Hall each morning and afternoon, starting on the afternoon of Monday (10th March), with the final session being Friday 14th before school.

Opening times are 8:30am - 8:40am in the morning and 3:15pm to around 3.50pm in the afternoon. All the information you need for our Book Fair (payments, book tokens etc.) has been shared on class Dojo.

## FS2 Class Assemblies

And finally, we have our FS2 class assemblies this week, with Giraffes tomorrow morning and Flamingoes on Wednesday morning. It would be great to see you there!

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah Executive Headteacher



### Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday March 10	Whole School Assessment Week
	Year 3 Roman Day
	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit
	Book Fair open before and after school
Wednesday March 12	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Book Fair open before and after school
Thursday March 13	Parent Forum at 9am
	Book Fair open before and after school
Friday March 14	Book Fair open before and after school
	Non-uniform day – please send in an Easter egg donation
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
Thursday March 20	Year 1 Singing Stars Performance to parents/carers at 2.30pm
Friday March 21	World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Odd Socks
	Red Nose Day
	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
	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents in class 9.30am to 11am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents meeting in the hall 9.30am to 11am
	Parents' Evening
Monday March 31	Nursery trip to Willow Tree Farm
Tuesday April 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday April 2	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Thursday April 3	Eid Celebration <b>*new date</b>
Friday April 4	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets – Infant School only (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2

### Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23	Children return to school
	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday April 24	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday April 25	Year 5 Bikeability

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

### **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