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Summer Term Newsletter 1

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

September FS2 and Year 3 Admissions

During the Easter break, it was the Primary National Offer Day for school places in FS2 (reception) and Year 3. Parents who applied on time should have been notified if your child has been offered a place in our Infant or Junior School.

In order to secure your child's place in our FS2 or our Year 3 this September, places should be accepted by the end of this month. You will need to contact the local authority directly using the contact details on your offer email/letter please, we can't do it on your behalf.

Staffing Update

Firstly, after over 25 years here at The Park Schools Federation, Mrs Bennett will be leaving us at the end of this term to take on her own headship at a new school in Mansfield. Whilst we will miss her immensely, we are very excited for this new chapter of her career.

Luckily, Mrs Bennett won't be leaving anytime soon! We're fortunate to be able to continue to enjoy her time with us for the rest of this summer term. After such a long time with us, we will definitely be putting on a big event at the end of term, to say goodbye and thanking her for all her wonderful efforts over the years here.

With Mrs Richardson leaving at the end of last term and Miss Greaves going on maternity, there are a few changes to our class staffing arrangements for this term:

- Year 3 – Mr Hodgetts is the full-time class teacher in Year 3 Tanukis, with Mrs Smith TA moving from Year 3 Spiders to Year 3 Tanukis. Mr Scotney TA moves to Miss Thompson's Spiders class.
- Year 2 – Miss Collier is the full-time teacher in Year 2 Dragonflies, Miss Senior remains the TA in Year 2 Dragonflies, and Miss Barnett will be sharing her expertise across a number of classes.
- Mrs Powell is joining our TA team in FS2 in the mornings and Mrs Bentley is joining our TA team in Year 5 in the afternoons.
- We also have a new cover teacher, Mrs Johnston, joining us for the summer term.

Derbyshire Catering Service

The team who provides our school lunches, Derbyshire County Council Catering Services, has been in touch with us over the Easter break to rectify previous communications they have had with us.

As shared in a video we sent out to families a couple of months ago, DCC Catering Services had previously informed us that they would only accept formal medical proof that a child had a food allergy and would be unable to provide alternative meals until this medical proof had been established. In their new communications with us over Easter, they have provided different information and are keen to point out that the previous information they had provided had been shared with us in error.

We are delighted that their stance is different to what had previously been shared with us. DCC Catering Services will still need proof of a child's food allergy but they are happy to provide alternative meals in the meantime, until proof can be established.

NATIONAL OFFER DAY Primary school places



Bikeability

This week, year 5 children whose parents/carers completed a consent form, will be taking part in Bikeability sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You will have been notified if they are taking part in this. During the sessions, the children will be developing their knowledge of safely riding their bike on the road. The initial sessions take place on the school playground before they put their skills into practice on the local roads (provided the team are happy they are sufficiently confident and competent).



Please can you ensure your child brings their bike into school, along with their helmet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week, and are dressed appropriately for being outdoors on their bike (including a waterproof jacket and gloves if it is cold and / or wet).

A separate message has gone out regarding Bikeability training for our year 4 pupils so look out for that if you'd like your child to take part.

After-School Clubs

We have a short first half term and a very busy second half term this summer, so we are only able to schedule four weeks of after-school clubs this term.

This term's letter with our after-school club options will be sent home next week. Please complete this letter and return it to us by Friday May 2. You will be informed if your child has been allocated a place. If your child has not been successful in gaining a place in their preferred club this time, we can place them on a waiting list.



The list of dates for this term's clubs is outlined below:

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21/04/25	Bank Holiday	Inset Day	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒
28/04/25	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒
05/05/25	Bank Holiday	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒
12/05/25	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒	Clubs off ☒
19/05/25	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑
26/05/25	Half Term				
02/06/25	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑
09/06/25	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑
16/06/23	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑	Clubs on ☑
23/06/23	No more after-school clubs for the rest of this term				

Diary Dates

And finally, there is a comprehensive list of this term's dates on the pages below. More dates will be added for this term's class trips and 'wow' days in due course. There is a basic outline of the main dates for the next academic year 2023/2024 on the final page as well.

Some of our Inset days on the list have 'TBC' (to be confirmed) in some places, as they are not formally scheduled yet. If they don't have 'TBC', then they are definitely on the schedule.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

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Executive Headteacher

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Wednesday April 23	Children return to school
	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday April 24	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday April 25	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday April 28	Year 6 Sats parent/carer meeting at 5pm *new date
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
Monday May 12	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Monday May 19	After-school clubs begin *new date
Tuesday May 20	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday May 21	Year 1 Lizards Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Friday May 23	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3	Year 2 Starfish Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 4	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit *change of date
Tuesday June 10	FS2 Flamingoes Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Wednesday June 11	FS2 Giraffes Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Tuesday June 17	Year 4 Panthers Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 18	Year 4 Koalas Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Friday June 20	Last day for after-school clubs *new date
Monday June 23	Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday June 24	Year 3 Spiders Class trip to the National Stone Centre
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 25	Year 3 Tanukis Class trip to the National Stone Centre
Monday June 30	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Tuesday July 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Wednesday July 2	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
	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
	Year 5 Elephants Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
Tuesday July 8	Year 5 Owls Class Assembly for families at 9am *new date
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
Thursday October 2	Year 3 Residential trip to Sherwood Forest (2 days and 1 night) *new date
Friday October 3	Year 3 return from Sherwood Forest *new date
Friday October 24	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 3	Children return to school
Friday December 5	Inset Day (TBC)
Friday December 19	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday January 5, 2026	Inset Day (TBC)
Tuesday January 6, 2026	Children return to school
Friday February 13, 2026	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 13, 2026	Children return to school
Friday March 27, 2026	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday April 13, 2026	Children return to school
Thursday May 21, 2026	Last day of summer half-term 1 for the children
Friday May 22, 2026	Inset Day (TBC)
Monday June 1, 2026	Children return to school
	Enrichment Week (children off curriculum all week) *new date
	Year 4 Residential trip to Walesby Forest (3 days and 2 nights) *new date
Tuesday June 2, 2026	Year 5 Residential trip to Scarborough (3 days and 2 nights) *new date
Wednesday June 3, 2026	Year 6 Residential trip to London (3 days and 2 nights) *new date
	Year 4 return from Walesby Forest *new date
Thursday June 4, 2026	Year 5 return from Scarborough *new date
	Year 2 overnight sleepover at school *new date
Friday June 5, 2026	Year 6 return from London *new date
Thursday July 23, 2026	Last day of summer half-term 2