

# The Park Schools Federation

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## Summer Term Newsletter 4

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

### After-School Clubs

Our great range of after-school clubs begins this week. We had a huge number of applications for many of our clubs and lots of children had to miss out on the places they wanted, due to a maximum capacity of places. This being the case, we ask that you support us with making sure your child attends their club please. If your child does not attend their club, we will look to replace them with one of the children on the waiting list.

### Year 6 SATs and Mill Adventure Base

Our Year 6s had a fabulous time at their SATs reward experience at the Mill Adventure Base, including kayaking, high ropes and zip lines.

I managed to pop over to see them at lunchtime and they were having a blast! It was a very well deserved trip, as our Year 6s have worked incredibly hard. Well done Year 6!



### Nut Allergy Awareness

We have a pupil in our FS2 (Reception) class with a severe nut allergy. I ask that all parents/carers in our FS2 (Reception) class be extremely careful with the food/snacks that they send in with their child from now on please, as any products containing nuts will be extremely harmful if they came into contact with this child. We sincerely thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

### Staffing Update

After 35 years here at The Park Schools Federation, Mrs Cheeseman has decided that the time is right for her to begin enjoying her retirement. Mrs Cheeseman will be a big loss to our school and we all want to thank her for her huge achievements/efforts here over the years, as well as wish her all the best in her retirement.



Mrs Cheeseman isn't leaving straight away, we're delighted to share that she will be staying on until the end of the school year and will leave us at the same time as our current Year 6s. Thank you for everything Mrs Cheeseman!

We're also sad to share that Mrs Watkins will also be leaving us. She will be going slightly earlier than Mrs Cheeseman and will be leaving at half-term.

Mrs Watkins has been here for 10 years and her time at Park included a phase as assistant headteacher, as well as a class teacher. We all hope that Mrs Watkins enjoys the next chapter in her story.



### Parent Volunteer Team

Thank you for supporting us with creating a new parent volunteer group. We have had 19 of you volunteer your support and time. Our first meeting will be on Friday June 6 at 2.15pm, this will be led by Mrs McKie who has been able to free up some time in her diary on Friday afternoons to support us with this.

We're very excited to have our parent community begin to come back into school to work with us. It is one of the many regrettable side effects from the covid-19 pandemic, which ended this important work back in 2020. Hopefully, we will see a good number of you at this meeting. We absolutely recognise and appreciate that some of you may not have availability at that time. Please don't think that this will disqualify you from being part of the group.

We will be looking at our planned Colour Run and arranging a Summer Disco, and we are very open to discussing any ideas you may have for new events.

### **Year 3 Residential to Sherwood Forest**

Places have been booked up much faster than we anticipated and there are only three places left. If you would like your child to attend, I strongly suggest you get your deposit in as quickly as possible to avoid any disappointment.

### **Midday Supervisor Roles**

We are currently advertising for midday supervisors to support our children at lunchtime. If this is something that interests you please get in touch with our Schools Business Manager, Mrs Slack. Thank you.

### **Wrap-Around Childcare for Next Year**

You will recall that I wrote to families in January regarding the School Funding Realities we are currently facing. These financial challenges are not just related to our school, you will have seen in the media that they are across the country.

We will be in a position to share the specific details of how we will have to move forwards under these financial restrictions by the end of next month (June). One thing that is certain is that we will be forced to operate with a significantly reduced staffing structure from September.

This leads me to the subject of our wrap-around childcare provision. When we opened up childcare to more families in September last year, we made the commitment to offer it for the full year, so families could plan accordingly.

Due to our challenging financial reality, we will now have to operate on a basis of 'sufficient demand' – meaning that if there is not sufficient demand from families to make our childcare provision financially sustainable, then we will be forced to withdraw the provision. This may be on certain days/evenings or it may be the provision as a whole. We will know what it will look like when families have completed the booking forms, which will be sent out in June.

Places in our wrap-around childcare will now have to be booked and paid for in the term before it is required.

Therefore, September bookings will be made and paid for in June, November bookings will be made and paid for in September, January bookings will be made and paid for in November etc.

As explained above, we have to arrange sufficient staffing ratios in advance. So, from September, if you cancel a childcare session that is no longer required, we will be unable to offer a refund for that session, as staffing will already have been arranged.

Booking forms and payment details for next term's wrap-around childcare will be coming out to families when we come back after half-term, along with the costs and timings.

Once we have all the bookings in place, we will contact families to confirm if the provision is going ahead. If we are not able to provide a childcare session on a particular evening/morning in September, due to lack of demand, then we will let families know at the end of June and refund any payments that will have been made. This should give families enough notice to find another source of childcare in time for September.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



## Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday May 19	After-school clubs begin
Tuesday May 20	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Assembly for families at 9am
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday May 21	Year 1 Lizards Class Assembly for families at 9am
	Year 3/4 Triathlon at Pleasley (am) <b>*new date</b>
	Year 5/6 Triathlon at Pleasley (pm) <b>*new date</b>
Friday May 23	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2	Children return to school
	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check week <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday June 3	Year 2 Starfish Class Assembly for families at 9am
	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 4	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Assembly for families at 9am
	Year 6 trip to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield
	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Friday June 6	Parent Volunteers Meeting at 2.15pm <b>*new date</b>
Monday June 9	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week <b>*new date</b>
Tuesday June 10	FS2 Flamingoes Class Assembly for families at 9am
Wednesday June 11	FS2 Giraffes Class Assembly for families at 9am
Tuesday June 17	Year 4 Panthers Class Assembly for families at 9am
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 18	Year 4 Koalas Class Assembly for families at 9am
Friday June 20	Last day for after-school clubs
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
Thursday June 26	Year 3 Spiders 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
Wednesday July 2	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Assembly for families at 9am
	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
Tuesday July 8	Year 5 Owls Class Assembly for families at 9am
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

Thursday July 17	<a href="#">Colour Run</a> – Sponsored run where the children will get very messy!
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)
Friday October 3	Year 3 return from Sherwood Forest
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)
	Year 4 Residential trip to Walesby Forest (3 days and 2 nights)
Tuesday June 2, 2026	Year 5 Residential trip to Scarborough (3 days and 2 nights)
Wednesday June 3, 2026	Year 6 Residential trip to London (3 days and 2 nights)
	Year 4 return from Walesby Forest
Thursday June 4, 2026	Year 5 return from Scarborough
	Year 2 overnight sleepover at school
Friday June 5, 2026	Year 6 return from London
Thursday July 23, 2026	Last day of summer half-term 2