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Autumn Term Newsletter 2

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

After-School Clubs

The list for this term's after-school clubs went home last week. Please make sure you get your responses in to school as soon as possible to secure your child's place in their preferred club. We'll be booking places by the end of this week and clubs begin on Monday September 29, apart from our football club places, which have already been allocated.

Residential Trips 2026

We're coming close to the cut off point for next summer's residential trip deposits, which is scheduled on Tuesday September 30. If you would like your Year 4 child to go to Walesby Forest, Year 5 child to go to Scarborough and/or Year 6 child to go to London, please make sure you get your deposit in on time. These trips are absolutely brilliant!

Times Tables Rock Stars Day

As previously shared on Class Dojo last week, we will be holding our annual TTRS & NUMBOTS Day this Friday!

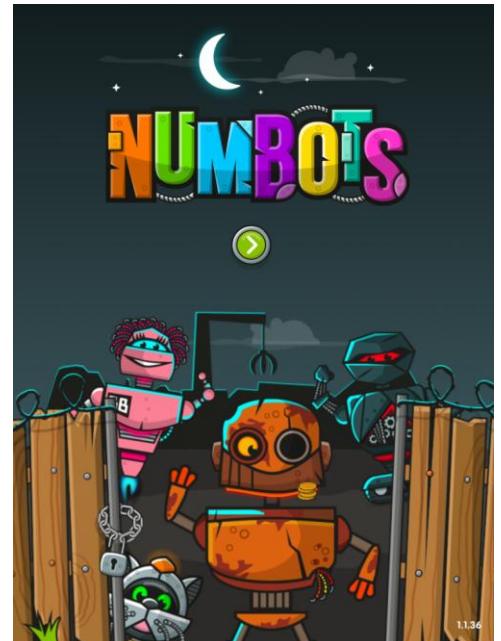
On this day, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can come to school dressed as a Rockin Robot, this could be their favourite character from NUMBOTS or a robot they know from a book or film.

In Years 3 – 6, we would like the children to come to school dressed as Rockin Rockstars!

We will have a fun filled day of times tables competitions and battles, discos and fancy-dress competitions! How FUN! We can't wait to see your costume creations!

We are kindly asking for donations of £1 for this event to support the funding for our school Christmas Pantomime trip.

If you have any questions about this event, please speak to your child's class teacher.



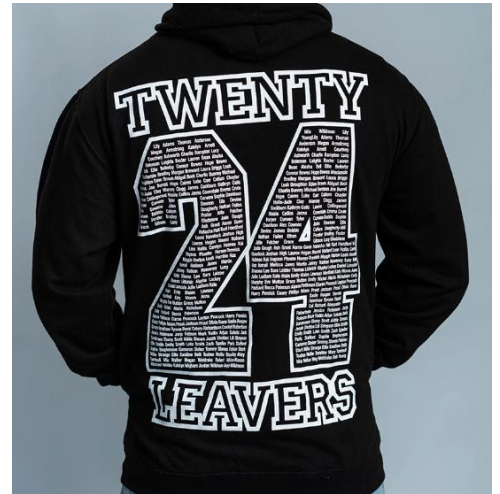
School Leaver Hoodies

We will be providing all our Year 6 children with a 'Class of 2026' leavers' hoodie to commemorate their time at Park Schools Federation. This will be a black zip up hoodie and have a large '26' design on the back, containing the names of all the students in your child's year group, and will feature the school logo on the front. This will be a special keepsake for your child.

In the email, we have included a size chart to help you pick the right size for your child. Please take particular care with regard to the size and check the size chart for approximate measurements, as once the order has been put through these cannot be changed.

We're also giving you the option to purchase a second hoodie if you want to, in case you want a spare one.

The ordering information will be sent out to Year 6 families this week.



Wrap-Around Childcare

The next round of wrap-around childcare bookings is now available. You can get a copy of the booking letter from our school office or from our childcare room.

We have moved to a slightly more flexible booking option for Breakfast Club, which can now be completed on a month-by-month basis.

Family Picnic

Next Friday, September 26, we have our family picnic in the afternoon from 2.15pm. There aren't any activities planned, it will simply be a time for families to relax together at school. If the sun is shining, we may have some ice creams or ice lollies available to buy. If the weather is poor, then we'll send out a cancellation notice and rearrange for another day.

We have nearly 500 children in our school, so we need a strong system to ensure all children are accounted for at all times. This being the case, you will appreciate that we simply won't be able to do different things for different families. The system (outlined below) will apply to all families.



At 2.15pm on Friday, we'll open the school gates at the car park entrance and let you into the school grounds. Please go around to your child's classroom door and your child's teacher will sign your child out to you. Once your child has been signed out to you, their responsibility will be passed on to you. We will not be signing children back into the responsibility of the staff team, once they have been signed out. This is to ensure safeguarding requirements are strong and there is no confusion as to who should be monitoring your child.

When your child is signed out, they will have an identifying wrist band so that staff members can distinguish them from children who are still in the care of our staff team. Please do not remove this label until you have left the school premises.

Once your child is signed out to a parent/carer/relative, you can stay on the grounds to enjoy a picnic together and you are also free to leave school. If you choose to leave before 3.15pm, please use the car park gate entrance for this and show your child's wristband to the members of staff on the gate.

If you (parent/carer) need to use the toilet while on the school premises, please go to the ones at the school office. We absolutely trust you, but you won't be able to go into the school classroom buildings, as there are lots of rules which schools have to follow regarding parents/carers accessing school buildings unaccompanied by staff members. If your child needs the toilet during the picnic, then please take them to the one in the infant hall.

Morning nursery families are very welcome to come back up to school and join us too! Please come along at 2.15pm, through the car park entrance.

Family Picnic Collection Issues

We are aware that a very small number of families had an issue with these early collection arrangements last year.

We must remind you that we can only allow a child to leave school early if they are with their own parent/carer/relative. We aren't permitted to allow a child to leave school **early** with a parent/carer/relative of another child. If you have an arrangement in place that a parent/carer of another child takes your child home, that can still happen, but it will need to happen at the end of the school day please, not before.

Yes, family friends can take children home early from school in certain cases, like a medical emergency. However, this is not an emergency; it is a scheduled event. If you would like to see the regulations which schools are required to follow on this, they can be found on the following link: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/208/contents/made>

To help working families who may struggle with getting here early next Friday, as a one-off, we are happy to allocate additional staff to our after-school childcare club that evening, so you can collect your child from school at 4.30pm. Please contact our school office by next Wednesday the 24th, if you would like to book your child a place for the 26th.

Finally, if we get the kind of difficult response to the early collection arrangements (which we are required to have in place) that we received from a very small number of families last year then, I apologise to the vast majority of you, but we will not be doing this kind of event again in the future.

30 Hours Childcare

Great news! We are soon going to be offering 30 hours free nursery childcare places for 3 and 4 year olds! We are hoping to have the provision up and running in time for January 2026.

If you would like to register your interest in a place, please contact our school office on enquiries@parkfed.co.uk and we'll send you an information pack once all the details have been confirmed.

We will be offering the free 30 hours in a range of options for you to choose from. You will also have the option to pay for the additional 'top up' time to make the hours up to five full school days.

We're really excited about the expansion of our nursery provision and we hope it will coincide with the outdoor remodeling work we have planned across our outdoor EYFS area.

Parent Forum

A number of our working families have informed us that they would like to be a part of our Parent Forum sessions but were unable to do so as the meetings had previously been scheduled to take place during the working day. So, we've booked the next two sessions for a 6pm start (please see the dates list below).

If we get a good turn out of parents/carers attending, we'll stick to these evening times moving forwards. If we don't get many coming along, we'll move back to morning sessions.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took the time to complete this short questionnaire. Today is the cut off point for your contributions.

In the same way as last year, we will collate your responses and comments, then answer any questions which you may have included. The completed overview will be shared with all families.

Family Race Night

Friday October 17 sees our first Family Race Night at the Park Schools Federation!

Please mark the date in your dairies and we hope to be able to send out the details by the end of next week.

Parent Volunteer Group

Our Parent Volunteer Group have their first meeting on the new school year scheduled for 9am this Thursday morning. If you're able to volunteer a bit of your time, please come along to support.



**30 HOURS FREE
CHILDCARE PLACES**

Are you eligible?

**THE PARK
SCHOOLS FEDERATION**

3 & 4 year old nursery places

COMING SOON

*Please register your interest with us via
email at enquiries@parkfed.co.uk*



Uniform and PE Kit Update

Following a communication with a parent regarding children changing into PE kits at lunchtime for PE lessons, please see below an explanation as to why we have taken the approach we have.

Changing for PE lessons in classrooms is a very normal activity for primary school children and was the routine practice before the covid-19 pandemic. Since then, many primary schools have gone back to getting changed for PE lessons and some have kept the practice of having a set PE day.

We simply don't have the capacity to timetable all 15 different classes into our PE hall across 5 afternoons.

We are not asking children to change back into school uniform after the PE lesson. They will come home dressed in their PE kit and with their school uniform in their PE bag.

The children are taking a couple of minutes to change at lunchtimes for three main reasons:

- For reasons of privacy. We can have two smaller groups of children changing in two different classrooms. If the children changed during lesson time, they would all be changing in one classroom together, because the other classrooms would already have children in them.
- Important learning time would be lost if children were changing during the PE lesson.
- If half the class (who were already dressed in active uniform) were having to wait for the other half of the class to get changed, then we may end up with other issues, like unwanted behaviours while children were waiting.

Lunchtime is one hour. There is more than enough time for children to spend a couple of minutes getting changed during this slot, as well as eat their lunch and enjoy their playtime with friends.

To avoid all of this, you can choose to send your child to school in active uniform.

Whilst some of you may not agree with the decision to move to an active uniform, the decision has been made on this matter. For more information to the reasons why, you can follow the link below:

<https://www.sportengland.org/blogs/time-rethink-school-uniform>

Children Walking Home On Their Own

Families will be aware that we allow children in our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 classes to walk to and from school on their own, as long as parents/carers give official permission for their child to do so.

In the past, the school had a system of parents/carers telling the office or individual staff members that their child could walk home on their own. Moving forwards, we are creating one central system to keep track of which children have permission to walk home on their own.



So, if you give permission for your child to walk home on their own, or for them to walk on their own to the school gates, please complete the permission form which is being sent home this week. You will need to complete this form, even if you have already given permission for your child to walk home on their own in the past.

Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter. We recognise that it will be a bit of a pain to complete something which you may already have permission for, but you will also understand the importance of getting something like this right for all our children's safety.

Lots of New Dates!

And finally, we have absolutely loads of new dates on our list below. Please have a scan through to keep yourself up to date with events going on for your children at school.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Friday September 12	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday September 16	Year 2 Singing Stars sessions begin *new date
Thursday September 18	Parent Volunteer Meeting at 9am *new date
Friday September 19	Times Tables Rock Star Day (non-uniform)
Tuesday September 23	Library visit – Class 6M *new date
Friday September 26	Family Picnic at 2.15pm
Monday September 29	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday September 30	Residential Trip Deposit Deadline for Years 4/5/6
	Library visit – Class 6G *new date
	Bolsover District Year 5/6 Mixed Football at Shirebrook Academy *new date
Wednesday October 1	Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am *new date
Thursday October 2	Year 3 Residential trip to Sherwood Forest (2 days and 1 night)
Friday October 3	Year 5 at the National Space Centre – Mr Watson
	Year 3 return from Sherwood Forest
Monday October 6	Year 5 at the National Space Centre – Mr Rodgers
Tuesday October 7	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Powers
	Library visit – Class 5R *new date
	Bolsover District Year 3/4 Mixed Football at Shirebrook Academy *new date
Wednesday October 8	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Marriott
	Parent Forum at 6pm *new date
Thursday October 9	Harvest Service
	Bolsover District Year 5/6 Girls Football at RH Academy *new date
Friday October 10	FS2 Harvest Crafts with parents at 1.15pm
	FS1 (Nursery) Teddy Bear Picnic *new date
Tuesday October 14	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Rodgers
	Library visit – FS1 Ladybirds *new date
Wednesday October 15	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Watson
Thursday October 16	Year 3/4/5/6 Cross Country at The Bolsover School *new date
Friday October 17	Family Event 'Race Night' at 5pm (TBC)
Monday October 20	No After-School Enrichment Clubs this week
Tuesday October 21	Library visit – Class 5W *new date
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday October 22	Parents' Evening
Thursday October 23	Parents' Evening
Friday October 24	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 3	Children return to school
Tuesday November 4	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
	Library visit – Class 4C *new date
Wednesday November 5	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Beckett
	Bonfire Disco *new date
Friday November 7	Individual and Sibling Photographs
	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday November 11	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson
	Library visit – Class 4B *new date

Wednesday November 12	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
Tuesday November 18	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds *new date
Wednesday November 19	Parent Forum at 6pm *new date
Friday November 21	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday November 24	Assessment Week
Tuesday November 25	Library visit – Class 3J *new date
Monday December 1	Santa Run *new date
Tuesday December 2	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime (dependent on fundraising)
Wednesday December 3	Year 2 Singing Stars Performance *new date
Thursday December 4	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
Friday December 5	Inset Day
Wednesday December 10	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Thursday December 11	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Monday December 15	Christmas Crafts (pm) with Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6
Tuesday December 16	Christmas Crafts (pm) with FS1, FS2, Year 3, Year 4
Wednesday December 17	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 18	Year 1/2 Christmas Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 19	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday January 5	Inset Day
Tuesday January 6	Children return to school
Friday January 9	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday January 13	Talent Show Heats
	Library visit – Class 3T *new date
Wednesday January 14	Talent Show Heats
Monday January 19	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday January 20	Talent Show Finals
Tuesday January 27	Library visit – Year 2 Owls *new date
Monday February 2	Swimming Pool on site for 3 weeks
Tuesday February 3	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds *new date
Wednesday February 4	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 6 London Residential at 5pm *new date
Tuesday February 10	Library visit – Year 2 Dragonflies *new date
Wednesday February 11	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
	Valentine Disco
Thursday February 12	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 5 Scarborough Residential at 5pm *new date
Friday February 13	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 23	Children return to school
Tuesday February 24	Library visit – Year 1 Rabbits *new date
Wednesday February 25	Year 2 Owls Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Mills
	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 4 Walesby Residential at 5pm *new date
Thursday February 26	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Grayson
Friday February 27	Class Newsletters sent home
	Residential Trip Final Payment Deadline – Years 4/5/6

Monday March 2	Year 4 Trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 3	Year 1 Butterflies Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Wheeldon
	Library visit – Year 1 Butterflies *new date
Wednesday March 4	Year 1 Rabbits Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Melvin
Thursday March 5	World Book Day
Friday March 6	Final day for Swimming Pool on site
	Final day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday March 9	Assessment Week
Tuesday March 10	FS2 Monkeys Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thornewill
	Library visit – FS2 Monkeys *new date
Wednesday March 11	FS2 Elephants Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
Thursday March 12	Mothers' Day Breakfast at 7.45am – Infant School *new date
Friday March 13	Non-Uniform Day with Easter Egg Donation
Monday March 16	Mothers' Day Breakfast at 7.45am – Junior School *new date
Tuesday March 17	FS1 Ladybirds Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm – Mis Head
	Library visit – FS2 Elephants *new date
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 18	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 19	Parents' Evening
Friday March 20	Family Event 'Chocolate Bingo Night' at 5pm
Tuesday March 24	Library visit – Class 6P *new date
Wednesday March 25	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday March 27	Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition
	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday April 13	Children return to school
	Swimming Pool on site for 2 weeks
Tuesday April 14	Library visit – Class 6M *new date
Friday April 17	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday April 21	Library visit – Class 5R *new date
Monday April 27	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday April 28	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
	Library visit – Class 5W *new date
Wednesday April 29	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Beckett
Monday May 4	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 5	Bikeability for Year 4
	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds *new date
Wednesday May 6	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson
	Bikeability for Year 5
Thursday May 7	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
	Bikeability for Year 5
Friday May 8	Bikeability for Year 5
Monday May 11	Year 6 SATs Week – Monday to Thursday
Tuesday May 12	Library visit – Class 4C *new date

Friday May 15	Year 6 Trip to the Mill Adventure Base
Tuesday May 19	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Wheeldon
	Library visit – Class 4B *new date
Wednesday May 20	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Melvin
Thursday May 21	Last day of summer half-term 1 for the children
Friday May 22	Inset Day
Monday June 1	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	Year 5 Residential trip to Scarborough (3 days and 2 nights)
	Library visit – Class 3J *new date
Wednesday June 3	Year 6 Residential trip to London (3 days and 2 nights)
	Year 4 return from Walesby Forest
Thursday June 4	Year 5 return from Scarborough
	Year 2 overnight sleepover at school
Friday June 5	Year 6 return from London
Tuesday June 9	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Mills
	Library visit – Class 3T *new date
Wednesday June 10	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Grayson
Tuesday June 16	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Powers
	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds *new date
Wednesday June 17	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Marriott
Thursday June 18	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Infant School *new date
Friday June 19	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday June 22	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Junior School *new date
	Assessment Week
Tuesday June 23	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
	Library visit – Year 2 Owls *new date
Wednesday June 24	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thornewill
Tuesday June 30	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Rodgers
	Library visit – Year 2 Dragonflies *new date
Wednesday July 1	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Watson
	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Tuesday July 7	Library visit – Year 1 Butterflies *new date
Wednesday July 8	EYFS Sports Day at 9.15am
Wednesday July 8	Summer Disco and Year 6 Prom
Thursday July 9	Sports Day for Years 1/2/3 at 9.30am
	Sports Day for Years 4/5/6 at 1.15pm
Tuesday July 14	Library visit – Year 1 Rabbits *new date
Tuesday July 21	Band Showcase at 2.30pm
	End of Year Reports sent home
Wednesday July 22	Year 2 Graduation at 9.30am
Thursday July 23	Year 6 Graduation at 9.30am and Year 6 Leavers Events (pm)
	Last day of summer half-term 2