

# The Park Schools Federation

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## Autumn Term Newsletter 8

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

### Bonfire Disco

We have our Bonfire Disco this Wednesday (November 5).

#### Infant Disco for FS2, Year 1 and Year 2.

This is during the school day from 2pm to 3pm. The children should bring in a bag with their disco clothes in the morning and they will get changed in school before the disco starts.

As the Infant Disco is taking place during the school day, there is no 'entrance fee', but we are asking for a £2 voluntary contribution per child please. This will allow us to provide a bag of sweets and a drink for your child and also helps to cover the cost of the DJ.



**Please collect your Infant School child from outside their classroom at the end of the school day as normal.**

#### Junior Disco for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

This is straight after school, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The children should bring in a bag with their disco clothes in the morning and they will get changed in school before the disco starts.

As we are finishing at 4.15pm, we do allow our Y4/5/6 children to walk home on their own after the Bonfire Disco, if we have your permission, and only at 4.15pm, not before. We are finishing this event at 4.15pm, so that you can get to any bonfire night celebrations you might be attending.

**For safeguarding purposes, please complete the Schoolzine attendance form, so we know if your Junior School child is staying behind for the disco or going straight home after school.**

During our Junior School Bonfire Disco, our children will also have the option to go out to our Forest Schools area in small groups to toast marshmallows on the fire.

**The 'entrance fee' is £2 per child please**, which pays for a bag of sweets and a drink for your child and also helps to cover the cost of the DJ. Extra drinks, sweets, crisps etc. will be available to purchase in the disco for Years 3/4/5/6, if you want to send your child in with some extra money, no more than £5 in total please. They will be responsible for their own money.

### Individual and Sibling Photographs

This Friday, November 7, we have our individual and sibling photographs.

If you have more than one child in our school, they will have their photographs taken together as a group and also as individuals. This will be done during the normal school day.

If you have other children who do not come to our school, and you would like all your children to have a photo together, you can come before school (from 7.45am) to have their photos taken together. Please be prepared to wait if there is a queue when you arrive.

### Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evenings before half-term. If you have not been able to make an appointment, please reach out to your child's class teacher and they will try to fit you in this week.



## After-School Clubs

Now that parents' evenings are over, our after-school clubs are back on, for the next three weeks. The final day of clubs is Friday November 23.

## Christmas Dinner

As part of our Christmas celebrations this year, we will be having our annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday December 17. All children from Reception to Year 6 will automatically be ordered a Christmas dinner. **There will be no alternative on this day**, so if they are not having Christmas dinner, they will need to bring sandwiches from home.

As always, we need to plan in advance. A Schoolzine message was sent out on 23/10/25. Please click the link and complete the form by this Wednesday, **if you do not wish** to order a Christmas dinner for your child.

The cost of the Christmas dinner for Junior School children is £3.25, which can be paid via Parent Pay (Infant children and children entitled to free school meals do not need to pay).



## Stay and Play

From Friday November 7, we will be running a 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children in our Nursery setting on Friday afternoons, from 1pm to 2pm. This will give our new children and their families the opportunity to get used to our nursery setting before they start with us. All new starters are welcome and there will be no cost for this activity.

Please come to the nursery gate for 1pm. We won't be able to buzz you through until 1pm, as some of our older children have their lunchtime in the grass space outside nursery. This is a 'stay and play', so parents/carers will need to stay with their child please, it's not a drop off and collect later.

Our Family Support Worker, Mrs McKie, will be running these sessions, along with members of our nursery team. Please also feel free to use this opportunity to ask any questions you might have about our nursery or any other school arrangements.

## Classroom Behaviour Procedure

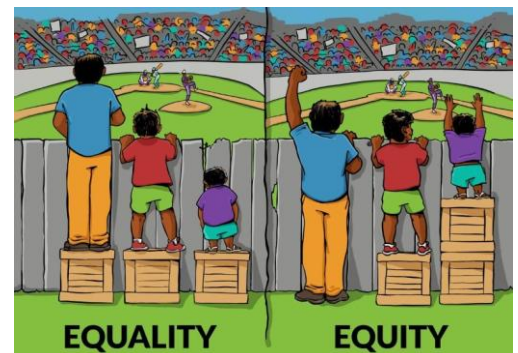
Families will know that we changed our classroom behaviour procedure from the Red/Yellow/Green cards on display system to the warnings/minutes system in September 2024. Children have a first warning, final warning, then minutes for each lesson. This then resets at the start of the next lesson.

As with any system, things evolve over time. At the time this was introduced, we needed the two warnings each lesson, as children were not used to warnings or consequences for inappropriate behaviours in class. Feedback from staff and children is that we are now in a situation where two warnings per lesson are too many, as behaviours are continuing when they should be stopping immediately.

Therefore, from now on, we are moving to one warning per lesson, before we move to minutes. This is what you would find in the vast majority of school settings. In fact, in numerous school settings, they don't issue warnings at all.

Please be aware that teaching staff have flexibility in this system and have permission to use their professional judgment. For example, a single serious behaviour or a series of persistent low-level behaviours from a child may mean they 'jump' up the procedure or a child with an identified need may have a little more wiggle room.

Some of you may think that it isn't 'fair' for one child to be treated slightly differently to another child. One of our PRIDE values is 'E' for 'Equity'. This means different people/children sometimes need slightly different things to achieve a fair or desired outcome.



## Early Finish on the Last Day of Term

We're delighted to share that we are again able to offer an optional early finish on the final day of term. If you want to collect your child/children early on the last day of term, you can do this at 1.15pm. Collection will be from the classroom doors. You are also very welcome to collect your child at the normal end of school time.

The usual early collection arrangements will apply, the same as we had on the family picnic day. If this means you won't have collection arrangements in place, you can book a place in our after-school childcare that day, as a one-off.

## Family Support Hub

A great new addition to our school is Mrs McKie's Family Support Hub. This is based in the building in-between our two schools. If you want/need a little more support, or just a chat, please knock on her door or arrange a session. Mrs McKie would love to hear from you.

## Class Reward Trips

We have started to get some of our classes reaching the top of their reward towers now and have their celebration prizes drawn in Wow assemblies. Sometimes there will be trips out of school and sometimes there will be fun events in school. If it is a trip out of school, we will need you to complete a permission form.

The dates for our class rewards are being added to the dates list on our newsletters and parents/carers will be receiving specific information letters for your child's class rewards. So please look out for these!



## Dinner Menu

This week's school dinner menu is outlined below:

Week 1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03.11.25	The Main Event	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Chicken Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	<b>Bonfire Bonanza</b> 5th November Pork or Vegetarian Hot Dog Potato Puffs & Baked Beans Toffee Apple Sponge With Custard	Sweet & Sour Quorn Dipper with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
24.11.25	Alternative Choice	Margherita Pizza & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables		Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack with Mixed Rice	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
15.12.25					Chicken Sandwich Pasta Bake	Bacon Sandwich Jacket with Beans
19.01.26					Lemon Sponge Tart	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard
09.02.26	Daily Choice	Egg Sandwich Jacket with Cheese	Ham Sandwich Pasta Bake			
09.03.26	Dessert	<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin			

## Congratulations Mrs Tucker

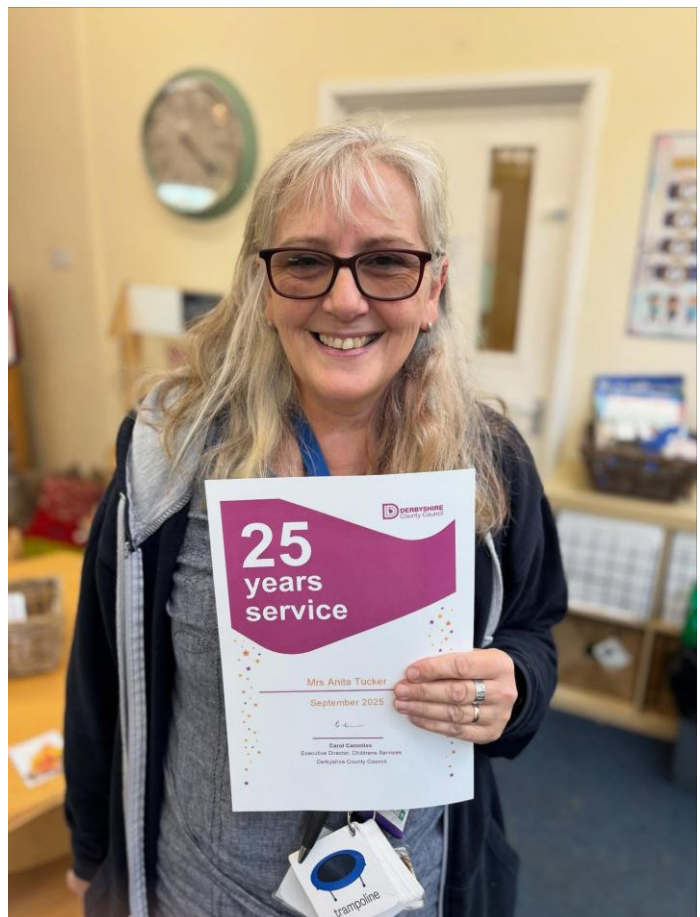
And finally, our very own Mrs Tucker has been awarded with a 25 years long service award by Derbyshire County Council! Many of our families will know Mrs Tucker is, and has been, a huge asset to our school over many years, supporting generations of children through their educational journey.

Huge well done Mrs Tucker and here's to many more years with us at The Park! Very well deserved indeed!

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

*Nadeem Shah*

Nadeem Shah  
Executive Headteacher



## Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday November 3	Children return to school
Tuesday November 4	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
	Library visit – Class 4C
Wednesday November 5	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Beckett
	Bonfire Disco
Thursday November 6	School Tour for September 2026 EYFS starters at 9.30am
Friday November 7	Individual and Sibling Photographs
	Class Newsletters sent home
	Pre-School 'Stay and Play' sessions begin at 1pm
Tuesday November 11	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson
	Library visit – Class 4B
Wednesday November 12	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
	Year 1 Butterflies Trip to White Post Farm <b>*new date</b>
	Year 6 Reward Trip to the Cinema <b>*new date</b>
Thursday November 13	Year 1 Rabbits Trip to White Post Farm <b>*new date</b>
	U11 Football Utilita Cup at RH Academy at 3pm
Friday November 14	Children in Need (any donations to be sent directly to the charity by families)
	School Tour for September 2026 EYFS starters at 10am
Tuesday November 18	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds
Wednesday November 19	Parent Forum at 9am
	Year 3 Reward Trip to the Cinema <b>*new date</b>
Friday November 21	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday November 24	Assessment Week
Tuesday November 25	Library visit – Class 3J
Thursday November 27	Christmas Fayre from 3pm
Monday December 1	Santa Run
Tuesday December 2	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime at Mansfield Palace Theatre
Wednesday December 3	Year 2 Singing Stars Performance
Thursday December 4	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
	Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme for FS2 up to Year 6
Friday December 5	Inset Day
Wednesday December 10	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Thursday December 11	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 12	Non-Uniform Day (selection box donations) <b>*new date</b>
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
	Family Christmas Bingo Night 5pm to 7pm (details shared next week) <b>*new date</b>
Friday December 19	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Optional early collection at 1.15pm <b>*new date</b>

## 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
Wednesday January 14	Talent Show Heats
Monday January 19	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday January 20	Talent Show Finals
Thursday January 22	Year 6 Playmaker Training
Tuesday January 27	Library visit – Year 2 Owls
Thursday January 29	Year 6 Playmaker Training
Monday February 2	Swimming Pool on site for 3 weeks
Tuesday February 3	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds
Wednesday February 4	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 6 London Residential at 5pm
Tuesday February 10	Library visit – Year 2 Dragonflies
Wednesday February 11	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
	Valentine Disco
Thursday February 12	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 5 Scarborough Residential at 5pm
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
Wednesday February 25	Year 2 Owls Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Mills
	Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 4 Walesby Residential at 5pm
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
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
	Choir Concert at Frasers Group Auditorium
	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
Wednesday March 11	FS2 Elephants Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
Thursday March 12	Mothers' Day Breakfast at 7.45am – Infant School
Friday March 13	Non-Uniform Day with Easter Egg Donation
Monday March 16	Mothers' Day Breakfast at 7.45am – Junior School
Tuesday March 17	FS1 Ladybirds Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm – Mis Head
	Library visit – FS2 Elephants
	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
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
Friday April 17	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday April 21	Library visit – Class 5R
Monday April 27	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday April 28	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
	Library visit – Class 5W
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
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
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
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
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
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
Wednesday June 17	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Marriott
Thursday June 18	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Infant School
Friday June 19	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday June 22	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Junior School
	Assessment Week
Tuesday June 23	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
	Library visit – Year 2 Owls
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
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
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
Thursday July 16	Colour Run
Friday July 17	Reserve Sports Day
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