

# The Park Schools Federation

Junior, Infant & Nursery

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## Autumn Term Newsletter 10

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

### After-School Clubs

This is the final week for after-school enrichment clubs for the autumn term. This is because our staff team will have a greater level of after-school work, with end-of-term assessments and Christmas activity preparations. After Christmas, we will have a new set of clubs on offer.

### Assessment Week

Next week (and in some cases the week after), 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.

In the final week of term, parents/carers will receive an assessment overview of where your child is working in the core curriculum subjects. This will look like the form which was sent home last December.

### Christmas Productions

Our infant classes (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have begun to prepare for their Christmas Productions. This is a really exciting time for our children. Please help us by encouraging your child to rehearse their lines and performances at home. I'm sure you'll also be hearing lots of the songs being sung over and over at home very soon!

Tickets for each of our Christmas productions will be available from Wednesday November 26. Tickets cost £1 each. The money raised from ticket sales goes towards costumes and resources for future performances.

We have to limit places to two tickets in total per child. So, if you want to come to both performances, it is one ticket per performance. We will also have a reserve list running, if you would like to put your name down for any extra tickets which may become available. Reserve list tickets will be issued on Monday December 8.

If your child attends our Nursery class on a half-day basis, we can only allocate tickets for the sessions they are supposed to be in school. So, the families of our morning children can attend the morning session and the families of our afternoon children can attend the afternoon session. Unfortunately, if your child attends our morning session, you will not be able to come for the afternoon performance (and vice versa), as your child won't be in school to perform.

As each performance requires considerable practice time in the hall, we simply don't have the capacity for our older year groups to also put on a Christmas Production. However, all classes from Year 1 up to Year 6 will take part in a Christingle service during the week beginning Monday December 15.

### Christmas Production times:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – Thursday December 11 at 10am and 2pm

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Thursday December 18 at 10am and 2pm

### Santa Fun Run

It is that time of year again! We will be organising our sponsored Santa fun run on Monday December 1.

This is a sponsored event. Sponsorship forms will be sent home later this week. All monies collected from this event will be used to pay for playtime equipment which our children can play with at breaktimes.

There will be exciting prizes for the 3 children who collect the most donations for this event!



## School Applications for September 2025

Did you know that children do not automatically transfer from Nursery into Reception in main school or from our Infant School Year 2 to our Junior School Year 3? Parents/Carers must apply for these places.

Infant School – If your child was born between the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2022 you will need to apply for their Infant School place between the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 and the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. They'll be eligible to start school in September 2026.

Junior School – If your child was born between the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2019 and is in their last year at Infant School you will need to apply for their Junior place between the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 and the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

You can apply for places in both of our two schools until Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. Applying online is quick and easy, just follow the link below:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

## Christmas Fayre

We're counting down to our hugely exciting Christmas Fayre, which is being held next Thursday (November 27) from 3pm onwards. Please bring plenty of change/coins on the day if you can. You'll appreciate that we will only have so much change/coins on the day.

Your child should have brought home a salt dough Christmas decoration last week. Please remember to send in a £1 donation for these decorations as soon as you can. Our Friends group will be using this money to get some of the activities in place for our Christmas Fayre. We'll be sharing a list of the different stalls and activities in next week's newsletter.

## Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale

Our 'Christmas Clear Out' Toy Sale will take place on Thursday December 4 (I got the date wrong on last week's newsletter). If you have any toys you wish to donate, please bring them up to school by Tuesday December 2 and leave them with our office team or with Mrs McKie.

These toys will be sold to our children at very low prices – 50p, £1 or £2 each. All the money raised will go towards future events for our children.

Our toy sale will allow you to make some space in your homes in preparation for Christmas and give our children the opportunity to share their previously loved toys with others.



## A Few Reminders

Christmas Family Chocolate Bingo Night – tickets are now available from our school office. They're already selling very quickly, so get yours fast to avoid disappointment.

Pantomime Trip – if you haven't already completed the permission form for the pantomime trip, please do this as soon as you can. Thank you.

Wellies – please bring a pair of wellies into school for your child. The information is in last week's newsletter 9.

## Dinner Menu

This week's school dinner menu is outlined below:

Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17.11.25	The Main Event	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, with Baked Beans & Mashed Potatoes	Pork or Vegetarian Meatball Sub with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
08.12.25	Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling & Seasonal Vegetables	A Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Cheese Panini with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
12.01.26						
02.02.26	Daily Choice	Egg Sandwich Jacket with Cheese	Ham Sandwich Jacket with Beans	Tuna Sandwich Pasta Bake	Chicken Sandwich Jacket with Tuna	Bacon Sandwich Jacket with Beans
02.03.26						
23.03.26	Dessert	Cookie	50p Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	Toffee Apple Muffin	NEW Saucy Chocolate Pudding

## Parent Forum

And finally, we have a Parent Forum this Wednesday morning from 8.50am to 9.30am in our Infant Hall. If any parents/carers want to drop by and ask us anything, we'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



## Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday November 18	Library visit – Class FS1 Ladybirds
	Class 5W Games Museum class reward <b>*new date</b>
Wednesday November 19	Parent Forum at 9am
	Year 3 Reward Trip to the Cinema
Friday November 21	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday November 24	Assessment Week
Tuesday November 25	Library visit – Class 3J
Wednesday November 26	Height and weight check for Reception and Year 6 <b>*new date</b>
	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson <b>*rescheduled date</b>
Thursday November 27	Christmas Fayre from 3pm
Friday November 28	Nursery New Starters meeting at 1.15pm <b>*new date</b>
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 at 2pm
Thursday December 4	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
	Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme for FS2 up to Year 6

Friday December 5	Inset Day
Monday December 8	Christingle Service for Years 1/2 at the Church at 10.30am
Tuesday December 9	Class 3J at Richmond Care Home at 1:15pm to sing to the residents <b>*new date</b>
	Christingle Service for Years 5/6 at the Church at 1.30pm
Wednesday December 10	Christingle Service for Years 3/4 at the Church at 1.30pm <b>*rescheduled date</b>
	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Thursday December 11	EYFS Christmas Production "A Shiny Sparkly Christmas" at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 12	Non-Uniform Day (selection box donations)
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
	Nurture Robins Carols at Langwith Lodge
Thursday December 18	Year 1/2 Christmas Production at 10am and 2pm
	Christmas Family Bingo Night 5pm to 7pm
Friday December 19	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Optional early collection at 1.15pm

### **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