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Spring Term Newsletter 9

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Staffing Update

As shared in previous communications, Miss Dennis has taken a role at a new setting and we wish her every happiness and success in her new role.

After 10 years at the Park Schools Federation, Mr Rodgers will also be moving on to pastures new from the end of April. We wish him every happiness and success in his exciting new role too! We have made plans for our new assistant headteacher, Mrs Allen, to teach Mr Rodgers' class from the start of May. The timing of Mrs Allen's appointment has worked out well for us. If we had waited for a September start for Mrs Allen, we would have had to use long term supply cover in Mr Rodgers' class through the remainder of the summer term.

Mr Manifold has now been appointed here on a permanent basis. Congratulations Mr Manifold, very well deserved! Mr Manifold will be staying in his current Year 2 role for the remainder of the academic year and not replacing Miss Dennis in Year 6.

Mrs Edmunds will be moving from Year 4 teaching assistant to Year 6 teaching assistant for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Copestake has joined us, on a temporary basis, as our Year 4 teaching assistant until the end of the year.

Miss Greaves returns from her maternity leave next week. We're excited to have her back here with us. Miss Greaves will be returning to her cover teacher role across school.

Miss Wilson will be taking over from Mrs Bentley as FS2 (Reception) teaching assistant next week. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bentley for her brilliant work in covering the role since September, through the maternity period.

Finally, with Mr Powers coming out of class at the end of the year (moving to Head of School) and Mr Rodgers leaving, we are currently advertising for two teachers in our Junior School. If you know someone who is a great teacher, please point them towards our Vacancies page on our school website.

Choir Concert

We had a fabulous time at our Choir Concert last Friday! Our children were absolutely amazing and a real credit to you all. We will be giving parents/carers the opportunity to hear/see them in action in our Junior School hall on Wednesday March 18 at 2.45pm. The children will be singing the four songs they performed at the concert.



There is no need to book a place, just turn up on the day. Due to the space available, we ask that there are no more than 4 spectators per child please.

Year 3/4 Easter Production

On the subject of performances, tickets for our Year 3/4 Easter production will go on sale this Wednesday March 11 at £1 per ticket. Two tickets per family will be available at the first instance. If you would like extra tickets, we will add you onto a reserve list.

Book Fair

We had a wonderful time on World Book Day last Thursday. To keep our reading momentum going, this year's book fair will be on display everyday this week, before and after school, in our Junior school hall. We haven't set up for card payments yet, so it will be cash only please.

Chocolate Easter Egg Bingo Night

Tickets went on sale last week and they are selling fast. We will be running from 5pm to 7pm on Friday March 20. Food will be provided to everyone at about 6pm (please let us know if you have any allergies) and there will be a drink and snack bar to purchase items from throughout the event – with a card payment set up.

There will also be a raffle at the end of the evening. It promises to be loads of fun. I always make sure every child goes home with at least one Easter egg prize.

Non-Uniform Day on Friday March 13

To support our Chocolate Easter Egg Bingo Night, we have a non-uniform day this Friday (March 13). Please send your child in with an Easter Egg as their donation on the day.

Year 6 SATs Information Evening

This Wednesday evening, March 11 at 5pm, we have our Year 6 SATs information evening for parents/carers in our Junior school hall. Please come along to hear all the relevant information.

After-School Clubs

A reminder that our after-school enrichment clubs programme has ended for the spring term, apart from our Year 6 booster sessions which will continue for the next few weeks. A new list of clubs will be sent out at the end of term, in preparation for the summer term.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Reminder that we have our Mothers' Day Breakfast this Thursday and next Monday. If you have booked a place, breakfast will be served between 7.45am and 8.40am in our Junior School hall. Please be aware that, in order for children and staff to be in class for 8.40am, last breakfast orders will be served each day at 8.25am.

Please note that we won't be able to seat you if you haven't already booked your place.

If you need to get away to work before school starts, you will be able to leave your children in our childcare/creche after you have eaten your breakfast together.

Stay and Play

Our pre-school Stay and Play returns on Wednesday March 18! It will run from 1pm to 2pm, our our nursery building.

Parent Forum

We have an opportunity for you to share your thoughts at Parent Forum at 9am on Thursday March 12, where we will be displaying and discussing our active uniform examples.

If you came to the Parent Forum meeting in February, there really is no need to come to this week's meeting, as we will be discussing the same topics that were discussed in the February meeting.

Easter Swimming

We have arranged for some Swim Camp days over the Easter break, as well as a day of community swimming sessions. Dates are in the list at the end of the newsletter. More information and booking options will be coming home separately about this.



Assessment Week

This week, 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.

Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evenings are coming up in a couple of weeks; on Tuesday March 17, Wednesday March 18 and Thursday March 19.

At parents' evening, we will also be sharing a short overview of your child's spring term assessment outcomes from assessment week.



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	Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	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 Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack with Mixed Rice	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
15.12.25						
19.01.26	Daily Choice	Egg Sandwich Jacket with Cheese	Ham Sandwich Pasta Bake	Tuna Sandwich Pasta Bake	Chicken Sandwich Pasta Bake	Bacon Sandwich Jacket with Beans
09.02.26						
09.03.26	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	NEW Lemon Sponge Tart	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

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Executive Headteacher

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday March 9	Assessment Week
	Book Fair in all 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
	Year 6 SATs Information Evening at 5pm *new date
Thursday March 12	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Junior School hall
	Parent Forum at 9am
	County Basketball Finals at Derby Arena (pm) *new date
	Derbyshire Cricket working with Year 1/2 for the next three weeks *new date
Friday March 13	Non-Uniform Day with Easter Egg Donation
Monday March 16	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am – Junior School hall
Tuesday March 17	FS1 Ladybirds Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm – Mrs Gardner
	Library visit – FS2 Elephants
	Bolsover District Year 5/6 Tag-Rugby at Tupton RFC *new date
	Parents' Evening

Wednesday March 18	Stay and Play pre-school sessions begin again from 1pm to 2pm *new date
	FS1 (Nursery) new starters meeting at 1pm *change of date
	Choir Concert to families at 2.45pm *new date
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 19	Parents' Evening
Friday March 20	Family Event 'Chocolate Bingo Night' at 5pm
Tuesday March 24	Library visit – Class 6P
	Year 1/2 Easter Service at the Church at 1.30pm
Wednesday March 25	Year 2 Mrs Grayson's Class Chesterfield Visit
	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
	Year 5/6 Easter Service at the Church at 10am
Thursday March 26	Year 2 Mrs Mills' Class Chesterfield Visit
	Cross-Country County Finals at Holmebrook Valley Park *new date
	Year 3/4 Easter Service at the Church at 10am
	Year 1 Singing Stars Performance at 2.30pm *new date
Friday March 27	Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition
	Last day of autumn half-term 2
Tuesday April 7	Swim Camp *new date
Wednesday April 8	Swim Camp *new date
Thursday April 9	Community swimming *new date

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 Beckett
	Library visit – Class 5W
Wednesday April 29	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
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
	Class 4C Trip to Eyam
	Bikeability for Year 5
Thursday May 7	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
	Bikeability for Year 5
Friday May 8	Class 4B Trip to Eyam
	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

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2026

Friday September 4	Inset Day
Monday September 7	Children return to school
Thursday October 15	Year 3 children leave for Sherwood Forest residential
Friday October 16	Year 3 children return from Sherwood Forest residential
Friday October 23	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 2	Inset Day
Tuesday November 3	Children return to school
Friday December 18	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Spring Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday January 4, 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday January 5, 2027	Children return to school
Friday February 12, 2027	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 22, 2027	Children return to school
Thursday March 25, 2027	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday April 12, 2027	Children return to school
Monday May 3, 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday May 24, 2027	Enrichment Week 2027 (Residentials to Walesby Forest for Year 4, Scarborough for Year 5 and London for Year 6)
Friday May 28, 2027	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 7, 2027	Children return to school
Friday July 23, 2027	Last day of summer half-term 2
Monday July 26, 2027	Inset Day