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Autumn Term Newsletter 1

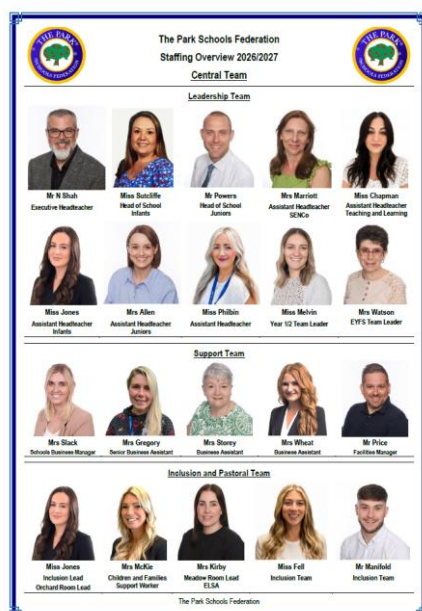
Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Welcome Back to School!

I hope you have all had a good summer break and are looking forward to coming back on Monday? I would also like to offer a warm welcome to all our new pupils and families in our Early Years' classes too! All of our staff team are very excited about this upcoming year and we're looking forward to an exciting year here at The Park Schools Federation.

This is a lengthy newsletter, with lots of important updates. Please take the time to take in the information outlined, so there aren't any unnecessary confusions.

Meet the Team Sessions



In order for you to meet your child's new teaching team and for this year's information to be shared with you, we have arranged for parents/carers to 'Meet the Team' after-school in the first week. Please see the dates list at the end of this letter for the schedule.

Digital Newsletters and Communications

New families, please be aware that we send out our weekly newsletters and the vast majority of our forms electronically (apart from this one which has a paper version coming home on Monday), on an App called Arbor. These include letters which require your permission, like class trips or after-school clubs.

In order to receive these, you must sign up to the App and make sure we have your up-to-date email address. If you have trouble accessing Arbor, we also post our weekly newsletters on our school website and on Class Dojo.

We will also be sending home a class newsletter from your child's teacher via Arbor on Friday (Sept 11).

Class Dojo is used to send home information about our school, or your child's class, or to showcase some of the work our children have been doing. We use it as a one-way communication tool, from school to home. We do not use Class Dojo to communicate back and forth with individual parents/carers. If you want to send a message to a member of staff, this must be done through email to our school office. You can also meet staff in person or give the office a call and the staff member will call back when they can.

School Uniform

This September we formally begin our switch to an 'always active uniform'. There are many benefits to an active uniform, including the following:

Health and Physical Activity

- Encourages movement: Items like tracksuits, leggings, and trainers make it easier for children to run, climb, and play freely during breaks.
- Combats inactivity: Research shows that flexible clothing helps increase daily physical activity levels and participation in sports.
- Inclusivity for girls: Traditional skirts and dresses often discourage girls from joining in active games and using playground equipment fully.

Learning and Inclusion

- Better focus: Comfortable students are more engaged in class and less distracted by stiff or hot clothing.
- Sensory friendly: Soft, stretchy fabrics are much better for children with sensory needs who find rigid collars, ties, and trousers distressing.
- Flexible teaching: Teachers can seamlessly transition from desk learning to active indoor or outdoor lessons without clothing restrictions.

Practicality and Cost

- Saves money: Parents do not need to buy separate expensive office-style uniforms and PE kits.
- Easy maintenance: Activewear is typically machine-washable, quick-drying, and requires no ironing.

		
Plain Black Jumper or Hoodie (you can put the school logo on if you choose)	School Top from our Uniform Supplier Black with a Blue Stripe (with school logo) (Click the image or here for the link)	Year 6 Hoodie (provided by school at the start of the year)
		
Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms	Plain Black Leggings	Plain Black Shorts (warm weather)
		
Plain Black Skort (warm weather)	Active Summer Dress Black (with shorts) (Click the dress or here for link to an example)	Plain Trainers or Trainer-Style Shoe
		
Plain White T-Shirt or Polo Shirt	Plain Black T-Shirt or Polo Shirt	

A polite reminder that we do not allow branded items of clothing in school (apart from our school logo), or clothes with writing/pictures on please. Thank you for your support in this matter.

After-School Clubs

Our new after-school clubs list is being sent home on Friday September 11. There are lots of clubs to choose from, with clubs designed for every age group. Please sign up to the clubs you would like your child to attend as soon as possible, as these places will be allocated quickly and it would be a shame for your child to miss out. After-School clubs start in the week beginning Monday September 28.



The list of dates for this term's clubs is outlined below:

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07/09/26	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
14/09/26	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
21/09/26	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
28/09/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
05/10/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
12/10/26	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
19/10/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
26/10/26	Half Term				
02/11/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
09/11/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
16/11/26	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
23/11/26	No more after-school clubs for the rest of this term				

Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Our school gates open between 8.30am and 8.45am. These gates are monitored by a member of staff and are not accessible into school from 8.45am, as the classroom doors will have already closed and lessons/registration will already have begun.

An additional reminder that parents/carers should not come into the cloakrooms with their children please.

If you arrive from 8.45am onwards, you must accompany your child and sign them in through our school office. Unfortunately, we are not able to let parents/carers come into school with them through the office, as classes will have already started.

You are most welcome to have a quick conversation with your child's teaching team when you drop your child off or, if you want a longer conversation in the morning, you can come into school (through the office) **before 8.30am** and meet the teaching team in their class.



Year 4/5/6 Walking to and from School + Mobile Phones

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.

We only allow children in Year 4/5/6 to bring a mobile phone into school if they are travelling to school and/or home on their own. All phones brought in to school by your children are done so at your own risk and we accept no responsibility for them.

If your child does not walk to and from school on their own, they should not be bringing a phone in.

If a child in Year 4/5/6 arrives later than 8.45am, they will need to be signed in through our office entrance by a parent/carer, we are not able to admit them into school late if they are unaccompanied.

Please ensure your child understands safety expectations regarding walking to school with a mobile phone; e.g. not looking at the phone as they are crossing a road and also how to communicate kindly with their peers.



Class Names

The names for our classes this year are as follows:

Nursery (FS1)	Mrs Gardner – Ladybirds	
Reception (FS2)	Miss Thornewill – Lions	Mrs Watson – Tigers
Year 1	Mrs Grayson – Capybaras	Miss Wheeldon – Wallabies
Year 2	Miss Johnston – Penguins	Mrs Melvin – Polar Bears
Year 3	Mrs Allen – 3A	Mr Turner – 3T
Year 4	Miss Beckett – 4B	Mr Green – 4G
Year 5	Mr Mills – 5M	Mr Watson – 5W
Year 6	Miss Chapman – 6C	Miss Norman – 6N
The Meadow – Nurture Hub	Mrs Kirby – Robins	
The Orchard – SEND Hub	Miss Jones – Rabbits	

Dinner Menu – Week 1

This week's school dinner menu is outlined below:

Week 1						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken with Curry Sauce Rice & Homemade Flatbread	Big Breakfast: Sausage & Bacon Hash Browns Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Pasta & Side Salad	Fish Fingers Chips Peas & Carrots
04.05.26	Alternative Choice	Macaroni Cheese & Homemade Bread	Veggie Breakfast: Veggie Sausages Hash Browns Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roasted Vegetable Tart Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Burrito with Pasta & Side Salad	Veggie Sausage Roll Chips Peas & Carrots
01.06.26						
22.06.26						
13.07.26	Daily Choice	Jacket with Cheese Egg Sandwich	Jacket with Beans Ham Sandwich	Pasta Bake Tuna Sandwich	Jacket with Tuna Chicken Sandwich	Pasta Bake Bacon Baguette
07.09.26						
28.09.26						
19.10.26	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Layer Dessert	Sprinkle Cake	Chocolate Pear Slice

Dates List

And finally, we have lots of dates planned on the pages below. Please be aware that lots more dates and events will be planned in the coming weeks. When new dates are added to our list, they are highlighted as ***new dates**.

One date to watch out for is our class photographs day scheduled for this Wednesday, September 9.

Thank you for taking the time to read this very long newsletter and we're looking forward to a really positive new school year!

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2026

Friday September 4	Inset Day
Monday September 7	Children return to school
	Optional early collection for Reception children at 1.30pm
Tuesday September 8	Meet the Team – Infant School Classes at 3.30pm
Wednesday September 9	Class Photographs
Thursday September 10	Meet the Team – Junior School Classes at 3.30pm
Friday September 11	Class Newsletters go home
Monday September 28	After-School Clubs begin for the Autumn Term
Tuesday September 29	Reception Classes Parent/Carer Stay and Play at 8.45am and 2.15pm
Wednesday September 30	Nursery Parent/Carer Stay and Play at 8.40am and 2pm
Tuesday October 6	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 6C
Wednesday October 7	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 6N
Monday October 12	No After-School Clubs this week
Tuesday October 13	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5M
	Parents' Evening (except for Year 3)
Wednesday October 14	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5W
	Parents' Evening (except for Year 3)
Thursday October 15	Year 3 children leave for Sherwood Forest residential
	Parents' Evening (except for Year 3)
Friday October 16	Year 3 children return from Sherwood Forest residential
Wednesday October 21	Parents' Evening for Year 3 only
Thursday October 22	Parents' Evening for Year 3 only
Friday October 23	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 2	Inset Day
Tuesday November 3	Children return to school
Thursday November 5	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday November 6	Class Newsletters go home
Tuesday November 10	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4B
Wednesday November 11	Remembrance Service at 10.55am
	Bonfire Disco
Thursday November 12	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4G
Tuesday November 17	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3A
Wednesday November 18	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3T
Friday November 20	After-School Clubs end for the Autumn Term
Monday November 23	Assessment Week
Tuesday December 1	Santa Run
Friday December 4	Family Christmas Quiz at 5pm
Thursday December 10	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 11	Christmas Fair
Monday December 14	Christmas Crafts for EYFS and Year 3/4 at 2pm
Tuesday December 15	Christmas Crafts for Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 at 2pm
Wednesday December 16	Wear Something Christmassy
	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 17	Year 1/2 Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 18	Last day of autumn term
	Optional early collection at 1.30pm

Spring Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday January 4, 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday January 5, 2027	Children return to school
Friday January 8, 2027	Class Newsletters go home
Tuesday January 12, 2027	Talent Show Heats
Wednesday January 13, 2027	Talent Show Heats
Monday January 18, 2027	Swimming Pool in for 4 weeks
Tuesday January 19, 2027	Talent Show Finals
Tuesday January 26, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 6C
Wednesday January 27, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 6N
Tuesday February 2, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5M
Wednesday February 3, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5W
Monday February 8, 2027	Class 6C Trip to the Holocaust Centre
Tuesday February 9, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4B
	Class 6N Trip to the Holocaust Centre
Wednesday February 10, 2027	Valentine's Disco
Wednesday February 11, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4G
	Aurora Schools Dance Festival at Brookfield Primary – Year 2
Friday February 12, 2027	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 22, 2027	Children return to school
Tuesday February 23, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3A
Wednesday February 24, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3T
Thursday February 25, 2027	FS1 (Nursery) Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm
Friday February 26, 2027	Class Newsletters go home
Monday March 1, 2027	Residential Trip Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 2, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 2M
Wednesday March 3, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 2J
Thursday March 4, 2027	World Book Day
Friday March 5, 2027	Aurora Schools Choir Concert at Frasers Group Auditorium
Monday March 8, 2027	Assessment Week
	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am
Tuesday March 9, 2027	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am
Wednesday March 10, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 1W
Thursday March 11, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 1G
Friday March 12, 2027	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Egg Donations
Monday March 15, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class FS2 T
Tuesday March 16, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class FS2 W
Wednesday March 17, 2027	Junior School Spring Performance at 2pm and 5.30pm
Friday March 19, 2027	Easter Family Bingo Night
Monday March 22, 2027	Parents' Evening
Tuesday March 23, 2027	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 24, 2027	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 25, 2027	Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition
	Last day of spring term

Summer Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday April 12, 2027	Children return to school
Friday April 16, 2027	Class Newsletter go home
Monday May 3, 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday May 10, 2027	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday May 14, 2027	Year 6 SATs Reward Trip to the Mill Adventure Base
Tuesday May 18, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5M
Wednesday May 19, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 5W
Monday May 24, 2027	Enrichment Week
Wednesday May 26, 2027	Year 4 leave for Lea Green residential
	Year 5/6 leave for London residential
Thursday May 27	Year 2 Sleepover
Friday May 28, 2027	Year 4 return from Lea Green residential
	Year 5/6 return from London residential
	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 7, 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday June 8, 2027	Children return to school
Wednesday June 9, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4B
Thursday June 10, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 4G
Friday June 11, 2027	Class Newsletters go home
Tuesday June 15, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3A
Wednesday June 16, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 3T
Thursday June 17, 2027	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am
Monday June 21, 2027	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.45am
	Assessment Week
Tuesday June 22, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 1G
Wednesday June 23, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class 1W
Tuesday June 29, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class FS2 T
Wednesday June 30, 2027	Class Assembly at 9am for Class FS2 W
Friday July 2, 2027	Family Picnic
Tuesday July 6, 2027	FS1 (Nursery) Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm
Wednesday July 7, 2027	EYFS Sports Day at 9.15am
Thursday July 8, 2027	Sports Day for Years 1/2/3 at 9.15am
	Sports Day for Years 4/5/6 at 1.15pm
Tuesday July 13, 2027	Class 'Move Up' Day – Transition to new classes
Thursday July 15, 2027	Year 5 Production at 10am and 4pm
Friday July 16, 2027	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday July 20, 2027	End of year reports go home
Wednesday July 21, 2027	Year 2 Graduation at 9.30am
Friday July 23, 2027	Year 6 Graduation at 9.30am
	Year 6 Leavers Events (pm)
	Last day of summer term