

The Park Way Post



25th October 2024

Have a fabulous half term - children return to school on Monday 4th November!

Year 6 Secondary Schools

Please remember the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October 2024. You must apply via Kent County Council's website, we are not allowed to do this for you.

Click here: [Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

Year 5 and 6 River Walk

During the first week back after half term, year 5 and 6 will be walking to Lockmeadow for a river walk as part of our DT and Computing learning on bridges. Cedar Class will be going on Tuesday the 5th November, Rowan on Wednesday the 6th November and Cherry on Thursday the 7th November. We will be leaving at 9am and back for play time at 10.30am.

If any parents could accompany these classes for their walk it would be greatly appreciated. Please let the class teacher know.

Thank you - Mrs Rackley

TTRockstars

TTRS has been really successful this term with most children learning their times tables by playing on the app. Please encourage your child to spend 10-15 minutes on it every day. It is vital all children know their times tables by the end of year 4.

Next term, there will be more competitions and challenges set by teachers. Please encourage your child to rise to the challenges and competitions coming soon.

Thank you - Mrs Rackley

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all the families for making our Harvest Festival this year a success. Reverend Joyce and Robin from St Martin's Church delivered an assembly on Monday talking about how Harvest is a time to share and be grateful for what we have.



All of the donations were then collected by Maidstone Community Larder. They help residents who are struggling with the cost of healthy food due to the cost of living crisis. They also offer confidential advice and support.

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/community-support/tier-2-primary-areas/community-larders>

We received the following email from Ann after she collected the donations from Park Way School:

"Well, I am blown away by the amount of food I've just collected from your school!"

There's hundreds of pounds worth of food and it will make a tremendous difference as to how we can help families who are struggling. Many of your families may also be finding things a bit hard at the moment, but their generosity is so heartwarming and please pass on the biggest THANK YOU to all your parents.

This is without doubt the biggest donation we have had this year!"

Jewellery

Please remember NO jewellery is to be worn in school – this includes “smart watches”. **We would like to remind you that earrings must be small studs and hoop earrings must not be worn for school**, please save them for outside of school. Children must be able to take their stud earrings out for PE themselves, we are unable to do this for them.

Year 6

During lunchtimes, Year Six children can go to the Common Room to eat their packed lunches and do some indoor activities as an alternative to being on the playground. On Fridays, films will be shown in the Common Room. The films will either be rated U or PG. If you are uncomfortable with your child viewing a PG rated film, please let the office know and they can be advised not to attend when PG films are being played.

Miss Rackley

Park Way Sports News

Last Friday (18th October) we took two teams to Maidstone Hockey Club for the annual local school 7-aside mixed Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 hockey tournament. Our Year 5/6 team played three matches, drawing two and losing one and sadly went out in the group stages. That said, they played really well, especially as some of them had never played a competitive hockey match before.



Our Year 3&4 team did particularly well, winning group matches and progressing through to the semi-finals, only losing on a sudden death penalty shoot out to Loose Primary School. However, they rallied in the 3rd place match, winning comprehensively and were deservedly awarded their 3rd place medals at school! Well done to ALL the players across all year groups and to Mrs Morris and her daughter Lily who stayed with the children throughout the day, coaching and offering their encouragement, and the

supportive parents also who turned up to cheer on the Park Way teams.

Mr Ramsden - PE Lead



Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property – if you are missing items, please come and have a look. Any items still remaining on 25th October will be disposed of.

Headphones

If you have any unused ear bud headphones (the wired ones that used to come free with mobile phones) lying around at home that you no longer use, we would really appreciate them to use as part of our music and computing curriculum. If you do have any spare could they please be sent in to class teachers or to Mr Saunders in Elm class. Thank you



KS1 Victorian Day

Holly, Oak and Ivy Class will be having a Victorian Day in school on Thursday 24th of October. Children will be experiencing what school life was like for Victorian children during the day. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as Victorian children. Costumes can be homemade using what you have around your homes.

Bikeability



BIKEABILITY IS COMING
TO OUR SCHOOL!

Starting the week beginning Monday 11th November, all Year 6 children can sign up to the 'Bikeability' cycle training programme. Instructors will teach the children the skills, knowledge and training to cycle safely on the roads, having first practised on the school playground. Bikeability have a number of bikes and helmets that can be borrowed for the training, so please do not be put off if your child does not have their own bike. Please just indicate this when you register.

The cost of the course will be £15 per child.

*To book a place for your child on the course please register via the link or QR code below by **Wednesday 6th November 2024:***

<https://forms.office.com/e/32BU4bKBdr>



The following link will take you to the Bikeability website which provides full details of what our training entails. <https://bikeability.org.uk/>

Christmas Fayre!

We know its only October, but...

We are having a CHRISTMAS FAYRE!!

Please see the poster towards the end of the Newsletter!



If your child has any amazing out of school achievements that you are proud of, why not share them with us? Please email the office! office@park-way.kent.sch.uk

A graphic of a yellow spotlight beam with a black bell icon at the top left and right. The text "In the Spotlight" is written in a stylized font across the beam.

In the
Spotlight

Nits

We have had several cases of head lice already. Whilst head lice are nothing to worry about they do need to be treated quickly and effectively. Most treatments require TWO applications, 7 days apart. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary.

Long hair should ALWAYS be tied up for school.

Some parents may be eligible for free treatment - more information can be found here:

<https://www.boots.com/nhs-services/minorailments>

Mobile Phones

Only children who travel to school independently are permitted to bring a phone to school with their parents permission. These phones must be handed in on entry to the building. They will be locked away for safekeeping during the school day. Thank you Mrs Dhanecha.



Dance Club with London Ballet Company

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/the-london-ballet-company-gymnastics-park-way-maidstone-fb20e036-e991-431c-bf35-1615b4f5de55>

PE Term 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple & Pear Cedar (PASS) Elm (PASS)	Ivy Holly	Apple & Pear Maple (PASS) Walnut (PASS)	Cherry Oak Rowan	Cedar Cherry Rowan

Swimming - Term 2



Please be aware that swimming forms part of the national curriculum and as such is treated like any other lesson, your child is **expected to attend every week**.

Maple - Monday

Walnut - Tuesday

Elm - Thursday

Week 7 Team Point Totals

Leopards 224 (4 points)

Tigers 143 (3 points)

Jaguars 135 (2 points)

Lions 127 (1 points)

Current Totals

Jaguars 22 points

Leopards 21 points

Lions 14 points

Tigers 14 points



DIARY DATES

25th Oct

Last day of term 1

31st Oct

Deadline for applying for Secondary School Places

4th Nov

Term 2 begins

New Caterlink Menu

15th Nov

Coffee Morning

Attendance

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call on the first day of illness and each day they are unwell

Call - **01622 753651** **CHOOSE Option 1.**

Should no-one be available please leave a message stating your child's **name, class and reason for absence.**

Or

Email - Attendance@park-way.kent.sch.uk



Information for Parents



Class Assemblies 2024-2025



Friday 6 th September 2024	No class assembly
Friday 13 th September 2024	No class assembly
Friday 20 th September 2024	Cedar
Friday 27 th September 2024	Rowan
Friday 4 th October 2024	Cherry
Friday 11 th October 2024	Elm
Friday 18 th October 2024	Walnut
Friday 25 th October 2024	Maple
Friday 1 st November 2024	HALF TERM
Friday 8 th November 2024	Oak
Friday 15 th November 2024	Holly
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Ivy
Friday 29 th November 2024	Apple & Pear
Friday 6 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 13 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 20 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 27 th December 2024	CHRISTMAS
Friday 3 rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS
Friday 10 th January 2025	Cedar
Friday 17 th January 2025	Rowan
Friday 24 th January 2025	Cherry
Friday 31 st January 2025	Elm
Friday 7 th February 2025	Walnut
Friday 14 th February 2025	Maple

Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Friday 28 th February 2025	No class assembly
Friday 7 th March 2025	Oak
Friday 14 th March 2025	Holly
Friday 21 st March 2025	Ivy
Friday 28 th March 2025	Apple & Pear
Friday 4 th April 2025	Elm
Friday 11 th April 2025	EASTER
Friday 18 th April 2025	EASTER
Friday 25 th April 2025	Walnut
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Maple
Friday 9 th May 2025	No class assembly – pre-SATs
Friday 16 th May 2025	No class assembly – SATs
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Cedar
Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Friday 6 th June 2025	Rowan
Friday 13 th June 2025	Cherry
Friday 20 th June 2025	Oak
Friday 27 th June 2025	Holly
Friday 4 th July 2025	Ivy
Friday 11 th July 2025	Apple & Pear
Friday 18 th July 2025	No class assembly
Friday 25 th July 2025	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Term Dates 2024/2025

TERM 1	
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	First Day of Term 1
Friday 25 th October	Last Day of Term 1

OCTOBER HALF TERM	
Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November	Holiday – No School

TERM 2	
Monday 4 th November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Saturday 21 st December – Sunday 5 th January	Holiday – No School

TERM 3	
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 14 th February	Last Day of Term 3

FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Saturday 15 th February – Sunday 23 rd February	Holiday – No School

TERM 4	
Monday 24 th February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 28 th February	Staff Development Day
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term 4

EASTER HOLIDAY	
Saturday 5 th April – Sunday 20 th April	Holiday – No School
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday – No School

TERM 5	
Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – No School
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5

MAY HALF TERM	
Saturday 24 th May – Sunday 1 st June	Holiday – No School

TERM 6	
Monday 2 nd June	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term 6
Monday 21 st July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 22 nd July	Staff Development Day



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ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the tools to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



Scan me!



YOUNG VOICES



Park Way Primary School will once again be performing at the O2 at the Young Voices concert on Monday 20th January, 2025. This is open to children in years 4-6. **THERE ARE ONLY 5 SPACES LEFT** so please return forms **A.S.A.P.** to avoid disappointment.



Parents have already been invited to join the Young Voices Music Room via email or you can follow the link below:
<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=MjYzOS8xNzI2MTUONzkz>



This is where your child can practise the songs, plus parents' tickets and T-shirts can be ordered.



Thanks for your support,
Mrs Ord



CLICK HERE - Live link : [YV Music Room](#)

NEW CATERLINK MENU

Kent Winter Menu 2024 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 04/11/2024 25/11/2024 16/12/2024 20/01/2025 10/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025	NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Mexican Fajitas with Rice Green Beans & Sweetcorn Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Beef Tortilla Stack With Potato Wedges Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Vegetable Medley Melting Moment Biscuit With Peaches	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Carrots and Cabbage Berry Mousse	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice & Garlic Bread NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Carrots & Broccoli Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fishfingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chip & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Bean Puff With Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Oaty Cookie
WEEK TWO 11/11/2024 02/12/2024 06/01/2025 27/01/2025 24/02/2024 17/03/2025	Cheddar Cheese and Tomato Pasta with New Potatoes Or Chinese Vegetable Noodles Peas & Sweetcorn Chocolate Orange Cookie	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Veggie Cottage Pie Green Beans & Carrots Marble Sponge With Custard	Sausages With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Veggie Sausage With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Medley Jelly With Mandarins	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Homely Pie With New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Broccoli Peach Cake With Cream	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 18/11/2024 09/12/2024 13/01/2025 03/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025	Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Bread NEW Veggie Baked Bean Hot Pot Peas & Carrots Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas Caribbean Pepper & Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Green Beans Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Wellington with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Medley Rice Pudding With Berries	Spaghetti Bolognese With Garlic Bread NEW Mild Mexican Veggie Chili with Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Vanilla Shortbread with Peaches	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Veggie Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Chocolate Cookie
MENU KEY	Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan			ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.	
Available Daily: Jacket Potatoes With Filling - Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt					

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend.

Park Way school is now registered with Asda Cashpot.

Every time a customer chooses the primary school, Asda will donate £1 to the school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.

How it works

- Download the Asda Rewards app and sign up
- Select your primary school of choice
- Shop in-store or online at Asda.com

Website

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/cashpot-for-schools>

If you need support with this please contact Miss Pali the Family Liaison officer.

Erona.pali@park-way.Kent.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre

Friday 13th December

2024

3.30pm—5.30pm



*Volunteers
Needed*

*Can you spare some time helping with our
Christmas Fayre*

*We need helpers on the day and also leading
up to the event.*

If interested please contact :Mrs Abrahams or Miss Pali

Karen.abrahams@park-way .kent.sch.uk

Erona.pali@park-way.kent.sch.uk

01622 753651



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STS Football

After school clubs

Years 3/4 - Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15

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What you'll need :

Football boots/outdoor trainers / shin pads

To sign up please contact us -

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Email : shootingtalentsports@outlook.com



School Coffee Morning

You are invited to our coffee morning on Friday 15th November at 9:00

