

The Park Way Post



3rd October 2025

KS1 Pirate Day (Ivy, Holly & Oak Classes)

Ahoy there me hearties! Our brave Key Stage 1 Classes will be partaking in a grand Pirate Day adventure on **Thursday 9th of October**.

On this day, children can come to school dressed as a pirate. We encourage you to scour the treasure chests at home instead of purchasing a costume as creativity can be the true treasure.

On this raucous day, the little pirates will partake in a bounty of swashbuckling activities that will stretch the imagination and spark joy. So grab yer eye patches and tricorne hats and prepare for a day of fun, laughter and of cours, plenty of pirate magic! Arrr! Miss Muddassir

Coffee Morning

Reception Parents and Carers

We would love to host a coffee morning for all parents and carers whom have a child in Reception class. Starting school can be a big transition for children as well as their family members. A coffee morning can give you the opportunity to meet other parents and carers as well as speak to staff about any questions you have.

Friday 10th October at 9:00-9:30 in the lodge.



Years 5 & 6

Bewl Water Residential Meeting - Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 5.30pm

Book Fair

Park Way Primary School Scholastic Book Fair Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th October 2025

We are once again lucky enough to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall between 3:15 and 3:45pm from Thursday 9th October to Tuesday 14th October. There will be books suitable for children across the primary age range with packs of books starting from £1.99.

As in previous years, the book fair is cashless; payments need to be made using a credit or debit card online via a QR code on the day of purchase.

COMPETITION TIME

This year, to celebrate the arrival of the book fair, we are running a competition for children to be in with a chance of winning a book voucher to spend at the fair.

To enter, children need to create a bookmark, in any shape, size or design and using any media they choose. The only restriction is that it must be a useable bookmark!! Let your imagination run wild and design the best bookmark in the world.

All entries must include the child's name and class and be given to Miss Hill by Wednesday 8th October.

Class Assemblies

Please see the end of the newsletter for dates for all the class assemblies for this year. You are more than welcome to come and watch your child's assembly, please stay after morning drop off and head to the back of the hall.

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting store cupboard products (including tinned fruit and vegetables) for our Harvest Festival this year.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



Earrings

There has been an increase in children wearing unsuitable earrings to school. We would like to remind you that earrings must be small studs. 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 and we cannot tape them.

Scopay

Please ensure you have downloaded the Scopay app and have an account - please do not unsubscribe from our emails as you will miss vital information. All of our trips, clubs and permissions are all on Scopay, if you do not have the app your child could miss out. If you require a link code, please come to the office.



BIKEABILITY IS COMING
TO OUR SCHOOL!


IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP - PLEASE PAY VIA SCOPAY

Starting the week beginning Monday 6th October, all Year 6 children can now currently 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 register your child, please use the link or the QR code by Friday 26th September

 <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/after-smoke-pick>



Football

Football sessions at Park Way will be up and running again this term, run by Lily herself. Formally working for STS, Lily has now started up on her own and will be continuing to run fun football sessions for all. LKS2 and KS2 sessions will run on Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 and KS1 will run on Thursdays, same time. If interested please look on the flyer attached, grab one from reception or hunt down Mrs Morris or Lily for more information.

Years 5 and 6

Mobile Phones

The children in years 5 and 6 can bring their mobile phone to school only if they walk home alone. The phones are collected on arrival to school and must be handed in. They are locked away safely and given back at the end of the day. If your child is bringing a phone to school, you must complete a form for them to do so. Please use the QR code shown. If your child wears a Smart Watch to school, this will need to be handed in with the mobile phones at the beginning of the day and will be given back at the end of the day.



Year 6 - if you completed a form when your child was in year 5, you do not need to worry. If your child is bringing their phone in for the first time, please complete the form too.

Walking Home Alone

If you wish your year 5 or 6 child to walk home alone, for your child's safety please can this be put in writing and given to the class teacher.
if you have any queries please see Mrs Rackley.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Next week Year 3 and 4 will be starting their swimming lessons. Children need to bring their swimming kit (swimming costume, towel, goggles) in a named bag, which they will bring into the classroom. Children will walk down to the swimming pool each week, therefore please ensure you send children with weather appropriate clothing (coats, hats, gloves etc) to wear over their school uniform. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum, therefore children can only miss lesson if there is a genuine medical reason. In these instances children will be walking down to the pool with their class and will sit by the side.

We are also asking for volunteers to help walk the children to and from swimming - please contact the class teacher or let the office know if you can help.

Swimming days will be as follows:

Maple - Monday Walnut - Tuesday Elm - Thursday

After School Club & Breakfast Club

The school has been heavily subsidising after school club and breakfast club for a long time, unfortunately we now need to increase prices. Our prices have not increased for the last 3 years and this is not a decision we have made lightly.

From September prices will be as follows:

Breakfast Club – 8am – 8.45am will be £3 and 8.30am – 8.45am will be £1

After School Club Full Session 3.15pm – 5.30pm – will be £10

Half Session with Food 3.15pm – 4.15pm will be £6

Half Session without Food 3.15pm – 4.15pm will be £5

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>



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!

Attendance

Please do not email the office – we have 100's of emails everyday and your message could get missed! Please follow the instructions below.

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

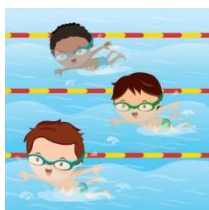
Email – Attendance@park-way.kent.sch.uk

PE Term 1



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Apple & Pear Oak Elm | Holly Ivy | Rowan Maple Walnut | Cedar Cherry Oak | Cherry Cedar Rowan |

Swimming – Term 1



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

Term 1 Week 5 Team Point Totals

Tigers 191 (4 points)

Jaguars 140 (3 points)

Lions 123 (2 points)

Leopards 65 (1 point)

Current Totals

Jaguars 14

Leopards 8

Lions 8

Tigers 8



DIARY DATES

9th Oct Book Fair Until 14th Oct
 10th Oct KS1 Pirate Day
 NHS Flu Vaccines
 17th Oct Coffee Morning Reception Parents/Carers
 28th Oct End of Term 1
 Term 2 Begins

| Spring Summer 2025 | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|-------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| WEEK ONE 21.04.2025 12.05.2025 09.06.2025 30.06.2025 21.07.2025 08.09.2025 29.09.2025 | Option One | Macaroni Cheese | BBQ Chicken Pizza With Potato Salad | Sausages With Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Spaghetti Bolognaise | Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| | Option Two | Veggie Baked Bean Hot Pot | Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice | Roasted Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes, & Gravy | NEW Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice | Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| | Vegetables | Peas & Sweetcorn | Coleslaw & Baked Beans | Carrots & Cabbage | Green Beans & Sweetcorn | Baked Beans & Peas |
| | Dessert | Apple Flapjack | Summer Lemon Cake | Fruit Platter | Savoury Cheese Scone | Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins |
| | Option One | Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Crushed New Potatoes | Pork Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce | Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes, & Gravy | NEW Chefs Special Chicken Korma with Rice | Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| WEEK TWO 28.04.2025 19.05.2025 16.06.2025 07.07.2025 25.08.2025 15.09.2025 06.10.2025 | Option Two | Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry With Rice | Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce | Vegetable Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Spaghetti Veggie Bolognaise | Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips |
| | Vegetables | Sweetcorn & Green Beans | Baked Beans & Peas | Carrots & Broccoli | Green Beans & Sweetcorn | Peas & Baked Beans |
| | Dessert | Iced Vanilla Sponge | NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Ice Cream / Cream for Servery | Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad | Peaches and Ice Cream / Cream for Servery | Vanilla Shortbread |
| | Option One | Classic Veggie Pasta Bolognaise | NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice | Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | NEW Greek Macaroni Pastitsio | Breaded Fish and Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| | Option Two | NEW Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice | Quorn Burger In Bun With Potato Wedges | Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice & Tzatziki | Veggie Sausage With Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| WEEK THREE 05.05.2025 02.06.2025 23.06.2025 14.07.2025 01.09.2025 22.09.2025 13.10.2025 | Vegetables | Sweetcorn & Green Beans | Broccoli & Mixed Peppers | Vegetable Medley | Mixed Salad & Coleslaw | Peas & Carrots |
| | Dessert | Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake | Cheese and Crackers | Fruit Salad | Jam and Coconut | Oaty Cookie |
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MENU KEY

- Added Plant Protein
- Wholemeal
- Vegan
- Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGEN 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 allergen cross contact.



TERM DATES

2025/2026

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| TERM 1 | |
| Monday 1 st September | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 2 nd September | First Day Term 1 |
| Friday 17 th October | Last Day of Term 1 |
| OCTOBER HOLIDAY | |
| Monday 20 th Oct – Friday 24 th October | Holiday – No School |
| TERM 2 | |
| Monday 27 th October | Staff Development day |
| Tuesday 28 th October | First Day of Term 2 |
| Friday 19 th December | Last Day of Term 2 |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | |
| Monday 22 nd December to 2 nd January | Holiday – No School |
| TERM 3 | |
| Monday 5 th January | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 6 th January | First Day of Term 3 |
| Friday 13 th February | Last Day of Term 3 |
| FEBRUARY HOLIDAY | |
| Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February | Holiday – No School |
| TERM 4 | |
| Monday 23 rd February | First Day of Term 4 |
| Thursday 2 nd April | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Friday 3 rd April | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 6 th April | Bank Holiday |
| EASTER HOLIDAY | |
| 7 th April to Friday 17 th April | Holiday – No School |
| TERM 5 | |
| Monday 20 th April | First Day of Term 5 |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday – No School |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Monday 25 th May | Bank Holiday – No School |
| MAY HOLIDAY | |
| Tuesday 26 th May – Friday 29 th May | Holiday – No School |
| TERM 6 | |
| Monday 1st June | First Day of Term 6 |
| Friday 17 th July | Last Day of Term 6 |
| 20 th & 21 st July | Staff Development Days |



Class Assemblies 2025-2026



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| Friday 5 th September 2025 | No class assembly |
| Friday 12 th September 2025 | No class assembly |
| Friday 19 th September 2025 | Cedar |
| Friday 26 th September 2025 | Rowan |
| Friday 3 rd October 2025 | Cherry |
| Friday 10 th October 2025 | Elm |
| Friday 17 th October 2025 | Maple |
| Friday 24 th October 2025 | HALF TERM |
| Friday 31 st October 2025 | Walnut |
| Friday 7 th November 2025 | Oak |
| Friday 14 th November 2025 | Holly |
| Friday 21 st November 2025 | Ivy |
| Friday 28 th November 2025 | Apple & Pear |
| Friday 5 th December 2025 | No class assembly |
| Friday 12 th December 2025 | No class assembly |
| Friday 19 th December 2025 | No class assembly |
| Friday 26 th December 2025 | CHRISTMAS |
| Friday 2 nd January 2026 | CHRISTMAS |
| Friday 9 th January 2026 | Cedar |
| Friday 16 th January 2026 | Rowan |
| Friday 23 rd January 2026 | Cherry |
| Friday 30 th January 2026 | Elm |
| Friday 6 th February 2026 | Maple |
| Friday 13 th February 2026 | Walnut |

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| Friday 20 th February 2026 | HALF TERM |
| Friday 27 th February 2026 | Oak |
| Friday 6 th March 2026 | Holly |
| Friday 13 th March 2026 | Ivy |
| Friday 20 th March 2026 | Apple & Pear |
| Friday 27 th March 2026 | Elm |
| Friday 3 rd April 2026 | EASTER |
| Friday 10 th April 2026 | EASTER |
| Friday 17 th April 2026 | EASTER |
| Friday 24 th April 2026 | Maple |
| Friday 1 st May 2026 | Walnut |
| Friday 8 th May 2026 | No class assembly – pre-SATs |
| Friday 15 th May 2026 | No class assembly – SATs |
| Friday 22 nd May 2026 | Cedar |
| Friday 29 th May 2026 | HALF TERM |
| Friday 5 th June 2026 | Rowan |
| Friday 12 th June 2026 | Cherry |
| Friday 19 th June 2026 | Oak |
| Friday 26 th June 2026 | Holly |
| Friday 3 rd July 2026 | Ivy |
| Friday 10 th July 2026 | Apple & Pear |
| Friday 17 th July 2026 | No class assembly |
| Friday 24 th July 2026 | SUMMER HOLIDAY |

LP
Football
Coaching



After School Football

Years 3/4/5/6
Every Wednesday
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Years 1 & 2
Every Thursday
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Options to pay
per session or
per term
£5 a session

How to sign up



Email:
Lpfootballcoaching
@outlook.com

with child's name
and year group
or
drop us a message
on
07704 976846



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Wednesday 24 September 2025

Doodle Design • Ceramic Structures • Fantastic Beasts

Wednesday 1 October 2025

Mathematical Origami • Walking In Their Shoes
Are You Smarter Than a Computer? • Let's Get Moving

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Forensic Investigation • Performing in Pantomime
Have You Got What It Takes to Take On The Olympians?

Wednesday 15 November 2025

Space Racers • Snack Smart • A French Feast • Singing Like The Stars

All Workshops run from 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Transition workshops provide an opportunity for students to see what lessons are like in secondary school, and where students can work on their skills in their subjects of choice. Scan the QR Code to sign up now! Places are limited.



WE ARE VALLEY PARK

OPEN EVENING

18TH SEPTEMBER

6PM UNTIL 9PM

PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION
6.15PM & 7.30PM

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Year 6

Step up to SAA

FREE and FUN Secondary Taster Sessions

Wednesday 8th October, 4-5pm: Meme Makers

Explore how the English language has changed throughout time. Will you end up creating the next viral internet meme?

Wednesday 15th October, 4-5pm: Getting Gassy

Lab coats on for this journey into the world of science. Learn how gases form and create three different gases of your own.

Places are limited, so don't delay!
Use the QR code or [link](#) to book today.



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