



The Park Way Post



17th October 2025

**HAVE A FABULOUS HALF TERM - CHILDREN RETURN
TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER!**

Year 6

For children starting year 7 in September 2026 applications will close on Friday 31 October 2025. Please ensure you have submitted your application. We cannot do this for you but if you have any questions please do ask! See the poster at the end of the newsletter for further info!

Lost Property



Please ensure you write your child's name in ALL of their uniform. We have a vast amount of lost property the majority of which is unnamed. This makes it really difficult to reunite items with their owners. If you are missing items, please do come a long and have a look!!

Letter Requests

Please remember if you require a letter regarding proof that your child attends Park Way these requests take 5-10 working days to process.

Walnut, Maple & Elm Classes

Next term we are learning all about the Egyptians. As part of our DT learning we will be making our own Egyptian tombs complete with treasure! If you have any small cardboard boxes **(to allow for storage please ensure they are no bigger than a shoe box)**, please could we have them? We would also appreciate any old newspapers you may have, to use for papier mache. If you have any please send them in **after half term** to either Mr Saunders, Miss Churchill or Mrs Daniells.

Walnut, Maple & Elm – Re Start a Heart!

On Thursday, children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Kent, Sussex and Surry Air Ambulance Re-Start a Heart training. The children were taught how to look for dangers, check the casualty for consciousness and how to perform CPR.

We think you will agree that this is such an important skill to have whatever your age!

Did you know?

- Across Kent, Surrey and Sussex around 25 people a day have a sudden cardiac arrest at home or out and about in the community
- Tragically only 1 in 10 people currently survive
- Most (74% if you want to use a stat) happen to people while they are at home or a private address and so any of us could experience it happen to a loved one at any time
- You can more than double your loved one's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest

by starting CPR and using defibrillator in the first crucial minutes before the emergency services arrive

That's why we're teaming up with our local air ambulance, Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS), to train you, your colleagues, and even your family and friends, to ensure you have the skills and confidence to be able to help save a loved one's life.

Latest research shows that 25% of people do not receive CPR and only 10% of people have a defibrillator used on them before the ambulance arrives. Yet these simple skills really do help save lives and you can learn them in just 30-minutes for free with the expert doctors and paramedics at KSS.

Ivy, Holly & Oak Classes

For D&T next term, Key Stage 1 are collecting cardboard boxes, cardboard egg boxes, toilet roll tubes and kitchen roll tubes. If you have any at home, then please kindly send them in with your child.

Many thanks - KS1 Team

Bikeability!

Last week, 60% of our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability, which is the government's national cycle training programme for primary school children. The programme is designed to help children learn practical cycling skills and understand how to cycle on roads safely. Our children learnt the basics of cycling, including a range of safety aspects, and all passed their Bikeability Level 1. The vast majority then progressed onto the roads and passed their Level 2 as well. Well done to all the children who participated in the 2-day programme. The instructors were very pleased with the high level of attainment and behaviour throughout the sessions.

Mr Ramsden - PE Lead

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.

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.

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

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>



Last weekend, Anthony and his dad took part in a 26 mile (Anthony completing half) mile walk for The Palace for life Foundation.



The Palace for Life Foundation have organised this event for the last 9 years, walking 26.2 miles around areas of South London. The foundation support children of all ages through sports sessions, mentoring and pastoral support. The marathon march starts and ends at Selhurst Park stadium for those doing the full 26.2 miles! . If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you can use our link - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-cousins-6>



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 2



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

Term 1 Week 6 Team Point Totals

Tigers 148 (4 points)

Lions 132 (3 points)

Jaguars 119 (2 points)

Leopards 87 (1 point)

Current Totals

Jaguars 16

Tigers 14

Lions 11

Leopards 9



DIARY DATES

17th Oct

27th Oct

28th Oct

End of Term 1

Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils

Term 2 Begins

New Caterlink Menu

NEW MENU FOR TERM 2

Kent / TKAT Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 27.10.2025 17.11.2025 08.12.2025 12.01.2026 02.02.2026 02.03.2026 23.03.2026	Option One	NEW BBQ Veggie Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	NEW Curried Chicken With Rice (Chicken Biryani)	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Potato & Courgette Layer Bake	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Swede	Sweetcorn & Pepper Mix	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge With Custard	Jelly With Mandarins
WEEK TWO 03.11.2025 24.11.2025 15.12.2025 19.01.2026 09.02.2026 09.03.2026 30.03.2026	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta	NEW Spaghetti Bolognaise	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Veggie Spaghetti Bolognaise		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Peas	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 10.11.2025 01.12.2025 05.01.2026 26.01.2026 23.02.2026 16.03.2026	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Peas & Green Beans	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special				
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt.		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 allergen cross contact.				
		feeding the imagination				



TERM DATES

2025/2026

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



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

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

Key support

Trussell Trust – Food Bank link

<https://www.trussell.org.uk/emergency-food/find-a-foodbank>

Children's Centres

Kent Family hub

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/your-local-family-hub>

Kent Adult Education

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/parenting/>

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at
midnight on Friday 31 October 2025

For children born between
1 September 2014
and **31 August 2015**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2026**

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025 If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.	On offer day (Monday 2 March 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 16 March 2026. If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Monday 1st September 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 31st October 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 2nd March 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 16th March 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Monday 30th March 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.





October Half Term 2025

Holiday Clubs

Holiday Club - Maidstone YMCA

Tel: 01622 749404 Email: help@maidstoneymca.org.uk

Bearsted Holiday Camp

Tel: 07548 294804 Email: info@venturecamps.co.uk

Maidstone Leisure Centre - Holiday Play-Scheme

Tel: 01622 220232 Email: jessica.sturrock@serco.com

Activities and Days Out

Pumpkin Moon - Pumpkin picking

West Malling- Halloween Special

20th October - Halloween themed trail with prize for completion, gifts, snacks, tattoo station and craft table.

Leeds Castle - Halloween Adventure

From 18th to 26th October, trail with live Guardians of the Grounds characters.

Tyland Barn Maidstone (Kent Wildlife Trust)

October half-term events at Tyland Barn in Maidstone and Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve. The Maidstone event at Tyland Barn runs on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Free activities

Make It Crafts at Maidstone Museum

- Tuesday 21 October – Autumn Wreath
- Wednesday 22 October – Dancing Scarecrow
- Thursday 23 October – Apple Bunting

Vinters Valley Nature Reserve

The park has a diverse habitat with grassland, woods, marshes, scrub, a lake and a stream. A perfect spot for Autumn nature walks.

Mote Park

Mote Park offer a variety of outdoor adventures however, if you would like a free day you can go for a walk, play on the park or complete a scavenger hunt.

Cobtree Manor Park

Country park, woodland and parkland garden. Children can play on the park or go for a nice walk (Car parking £2 per day).

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.



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