

The Park Way Post



12th December 2025

Festive Performances!

Please be aware, that we will be asking the children to leave the hall after the performance, please remain seated while they leave. This means there is less opportunity for the children to become upset after seeing you or if their parent/carer is unable to attend. Thank you for your support.

Early Years (Apple and Pear Class) are performing Whoops-Daisy-angel on Monday 15th December at 9:30am.

KS1 - (Ivy, Holly & Oak Classes) will be performing, Lights, Camel, Action! . There will be two performances, please ensure you only attend one performance - this is due to space restrictions.

Tuesday 16th December at 2pm or Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am.

Christmas Jumpers

As you know we will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper with their uniform if they would like to!

Year 3 and 4

Next term in our Art we will be looking at the technique of Batik painting. In order for children to be able to create a final piece of Art learning, could we ask for any donations of clean old cotton pillow cases or bed sheets. They must be plain in colour to allow the final designs to work. If you have any that you would not mind being cut up and used, please could you send them in to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks, Mr Saunders

Years 5 and 6

For our DT next week, we will need recyclable boxes and bottle lids to complete our learning on pulleys. We will be making cars. Could you please send any of these items into class next week?

Thank you.

Mrs Rackley, Mr Bowles and Mr Ramsden



Children In Need

Thank you for all your kind and generous donations – we managed to raise £287.22!

Appointments

If your child has an appointment and will be late into school, please let the office know if they would like a school dinner. School Dinners are cooked to order so the kitchen need to know how many of each option are required as early as possible.

Help!



Is anyone replacing their kitchen? We are in need of a piece of kitchen counter top approx. 150cm long! Please let the office know if you can help!

Threadworms!

We have been made aware that there is a case of threadworms in KS1. More information can be found at the end of the newsletter or via this link

[Threadworms - NHS](#)

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Greeting Card Competition

Closes Wednesday 17th December – Please send your entries to Miss Muddassir in Holly Class

Calling all budding artists/graphic designers/illustrators at Park Way!

What does this time of the year mean for you?

Design a greeting card with this theme in mind using any media of your choice.

A winner will be chosen from each phase and every winner will be given a very special prize. There will be an overall winner chosen whose winning design will be printed as a pack of greeting cards for them to share with families and friends.

The closing date for the competition is **Wednesday 17th December.**
Please bring your entry to Miss Muddassir in Holly Class.

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.

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. Please can we remind parents/carers to keep their phones switched off or on silent during the class assemblies. Thank you



Lost Property

Please ensure you write your child's name in ALL of their uniform. The the majority of our lost property is unnamed. This makes it really difficult to reunite items with their owers.

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.

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.

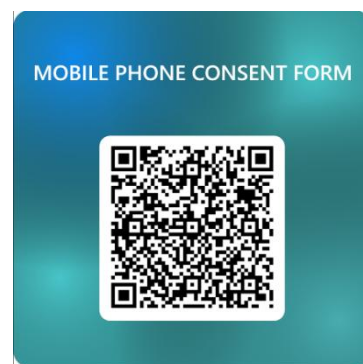
Football

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.

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 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple & Pear Oak Elm	Holly Ivy	Rowan Maple Walnut	Cedar Cherry Oak	Cherry Cedar 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 2 Week 7 Team Point Totals

Jaguars 161 (4 point)

Tigers 125 (3 points)

Leopards 121 (2 points)

Lions 106 (1 point)



Current Totals

Tigers 23 Points

Jaguars 19 Points

Lions 14 Points

Leopards 14 Points

DIARY DATES

28th Oct

Term 2 Begins

New Caterlink Menu

5th Dec

Christmas Disco

Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch.

12th Dec

Christmas Crafts in the Hall

15th Dec

Early Years Christmas Play 9.30am

16th Dec

KS1 Christmas Play 2pm

17th Dec

Christmas Lunch Day

Christmas Jumper Day

KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am

19th Dec

Last Day of Term 2

6th Jan

Children Return to School

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	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.				
		caterlink 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/>

MindEd for Families MindEd is a free learning resource about the mental health of children, young people and older adults. e-Learning to Support Healthy Minds <https://mindedhub.org.uk/>

Oasis Domestic Abuse Service If you need to speak to someone about domestic abuse concerns, for yourself or someone else, call our helpline: Phone: 0800 917 9948 <https://www.oasisdaservice.org/>

WithYou Kent- Sunlight project WithYou is the commissioned substance use service for Kent. They work with young people and young adults up to 24 years old. They provide access to advice, information and support around alcohol and drug use. Phone: 01795 500 881

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/> The Salvation Army 74 - 80 Union Street Maidstone ME14 1ED United Kingdom maidstone@salvationarmy.org.uk
Phone: 01622 681808

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



Christmas Break 2025

Holiday Clubs

Maidstone Leisure Centre

Holiday Play-Scheme! It is packed with activities and is a great way to get the kids moving, build confidence, and make new friends along the way.

Dates: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December, as well as Friday 3rd January.

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

Holiday Club - Maidstone YMCA

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

Activities and Days Out

The Wilder Holiday Club ([Kent Wildlife Trust](#))

Kent Wildlife Trust, Tyland Barn, Chatham Road, ME14 3BD

13th December 2025, 10 - 11:30am

Get into the festive spirit in the great outdoors with family friendly Christmas decoration making, followed by a seasonal trail that will lead you to some marshmallow toasting around the cosy campfire.

Leeds Castle

Leeds Castle will have a variety of events, Christmas light show, Neverland Christmas and Father Christmas at Leeds.

Maidstone Museum

Saturday 13th December 2025. Celebrate Kent at Christmas with Dr. Geoff Doel! Immerse yourself in the festive spirit as Dr. Geoff Doel explores the enchanting traditions of Kent through song and storytelling. Tickets £5.

10th December to 19th December. The Rotary Club of Maidstone are working with Maidstone Museum's elves to bring a special Father Christmas Experience for teens and adults with SEND, adults living with Dementia or other needs, and others who would like a quieter Father Christmas experience. Tickets £10 per person.

Free activities

Grove Green Maidstone, Mote park and Penenden Heath

Winter nature walks and winter scavenger hunt. Collecting sticks and pine cones to make crafts at home.



Baby massage and parental wellbeing group

**A local group for new parents. Get support for
yourself and learn baby massage.**

Join our weekly sessions where you can meet other new parents, share your experiences, get targeted wellbeing support for yourself and learn baby massage techniques.

Sessions will be delivered weekly:

Starting Tuesday 13th January at Infozone, Maidstone
9.30am to 11.30am.

Starting Thursday 8th January, online
9:30am to 10:30am.

Scan the code to register your place today.



Threadworms in school

Your child can generally go to school with common threadworms (pinworms) as long as they are being treated immediately with medication, but it's crucial to start treatment for the whole family, practice excellent hygiene, and inform the school so they can also take precautions against spreading the highly contagious eggs.

What to do if your child has threadworms:

- Start Treatment:

Get over-the-counter medicine from a pharmacist and treat the entire household, even if others show no symptoms.

- Inform the School:

Let the teacher know so they can encourage handwashing and hygiene, as eggs spread easily at school.

How threadworms spread

Threadworms spread when their eggs are swallowed. They lay eggs around your bottom (anus), which make it itchy. The eggs get stuck on your fingers when you scratch. They can then pass on to anything you touch, including:

- clothes
- toys
- toothbrushes
- kitchen or bathroom surfaces
- bedding
- food

Eggs can pass to other people when they touch these surfaces and then touch their mouth. The eggs can survive up to 2 weeks. The larvae hatch from the eggs in your gut after you swallow them, and take 1 to 2 months to mature into threadworms.

Children can get threadworms again after they've been treated for them if they get the eggs in their mouth. This is why it's important to encourage children to wash their hands regularly.