

The Park Way Post



19th December 2025

Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful break - Children are back to school on Tuesday 6th January!!

PE days may have changed for your child - see further down for info!

Greeting Card Competition



Congratulations to Joseph in Pear Class who is the winner of the Park Way Christmas Card Competition. His art work will be printed on a pack of Christmas cards for him to give to family and friends.

Also well done to Ted in Walnut Class and Thomas in Holly Class who were the runner ups.

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

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!

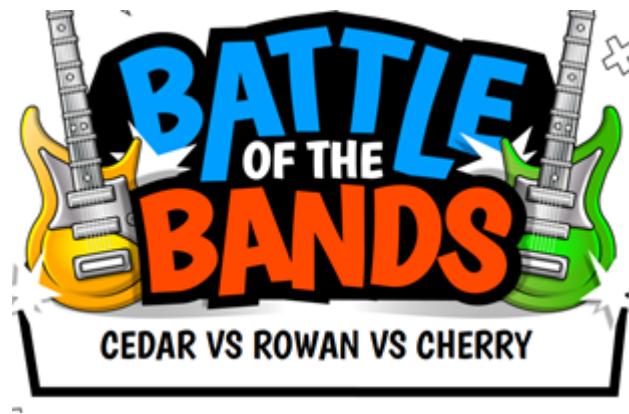
Playground

You may have noticed a large pool of water on the playground, this has been happening repeatedly when it rains heavily, we have now been told that as the drains were built in 1937 there is very little we can do about this without digging up the whole playground. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will continue to monitor the situation.

Year 5 and 6



TTRS: The Battle of the Bands between Cedar, Rowan and Cherry is on for one day only on Monday 5th January 2026. Please encourage your child to do it. Let's see which class wins! Will it be Rowan - the current champions - or can they be beaten?



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- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING GROUP WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PLAYER
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES





Charitable Donations

Thank you for all your generous donations throughout the year !

Children In Need we managed to raise £287.22!



Jeans for Genes we raised £89.90



Macmillan we raised £302.47



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](#)

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 owners.



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>

In the Spotlight

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 3



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

Swimming – Term 3



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

TIGERS are the Term 2 Team Point Winners!

Dress down day for the first Friday back after the Christmas holidays (Friday 9th January)



DIARY DATES

19th Dec

Last Day of Term 2 -MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILIES!

6th Jan

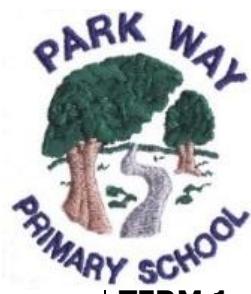
Children Return to School

9th Jan

Dress Down Day for Tigers (Yellow PE T shirt ONLY)

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	Option Two  Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread	Vegetables  Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Dessert  Cheese and Crackers	NEW Curried Chicken With Rice (Chicken Biryani)  Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy  Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread  Potato & Courgette Layer Bake	 Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Option One  Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta	Option Two  Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegetables  Sweetcorn & Peas	Dessert  NEW Gingerbread Cookie	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard  Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese	 Fruit Medley	 Syrup Sponge With Custard	 Jelly With Mandarins
		Option One  CHICKEN SHACK	Option Two  BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Vegetables  Carrots & Broccoli	Dessert  Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	 Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	 Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	 Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
		Option One  Macaroni Cheese	Option Two  NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Vegetables  Peas & Green Beans	Dessert  Oaty Cookie	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges  Tomato Pasta	 Fruit Salad	 Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard
		Option One  Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Option Two  Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Vegetables  Carrots & Cabbage	Dessert  Sweetcorn & Green Beans	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard  Fruit Crumble with Custard	 Fruit Salad	 Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	 Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Option One  Baked Beans & Peas	Option Two  Vanilla Shortbread	Vegetables  Sweetcorn & Peas	Dessert  Cornflake Tart	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	 Baked Beans & Peas	 Vanilla Shortbread
		Option One  Chef's Special	Option Two  Wholemeal	Vegetables  Vegan	Dessert  Chef's Special	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein	 Wholemeal	 Vegan	 Chef's Special	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.			
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt									



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 th 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 1 st 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](mailto: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.



 **mind** Mid Kent
Registered charity: 1167328

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.