

# The Park Way Post



19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful break - Children are back to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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?



**07:05 5 JANUARY 2026 - 20:05 5 JANUARY 2026**

- 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 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

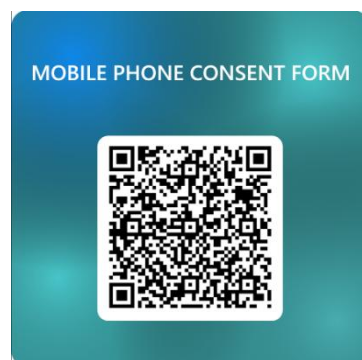
Football sessions at Park Way will be up and running again this term, run by Lily herself. Formally working for STS, Lily has now started up on her own and will be continuing to run fun football sessions for all. LKS2 and KS2 sessions will run on Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 and KS1 will run on Thursdays, 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>



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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> January)**



## DIARY DATES

19<sup>th</sup> Dec

6<sup>th</sup> Jan

9<sup>th</sup> Jan

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

Children Return to School

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
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>Option One</b>	<b>NEW</b> BBQ Veggie Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	<b>NEW</b> 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
	<b>Option Two</b>	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
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Swede	Sweetcorn & Pepper Mix	Baked Beans & Peas
	<b>Dessert</b>	Cheese and Crackers	<b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge With Custard	Jelly With Mandarins
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>Option One</b>	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta	Spaghetti Bolognaise	<b>CHICKEN SHACK</b> BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Veggie Spaghetti Bolognaise		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Peas	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas
	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese	<b>NEW</b> Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	<b>NEW</b> 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
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Peas & Green Beans	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas
	<b>Dessert</b>	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	<b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> 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.
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt.						
		 feeding the imagination				





# TERM DATES

2025/2026

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



# **Class Assemblies 2025-2026**



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

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	HALF TERM
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Oak
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Holly
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Ivy
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Apple & Pear
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Elm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	EASTER
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	EASTER
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	EASTER
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Maple
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Walnut
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	No class assembly – pre-SATs
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	No class assembly – SATs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Cedar
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	HALF TERM
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Rowan
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Cherry
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Oak
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Holly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Ivy
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Apple & Pear
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	No class assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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.kentadulthoodeducation.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](mailto: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](mailto:jessica.sturrock@serco.com)

### **Holiday Club - Maidstone YMCA**

Tel: 01622 749404 Email: [help@maidstoneymca.org.uk](mailto:help@maidstoneymca.org.uk)

## Activities and Days Out

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

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

13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January at Infozone, Maidstone  
9.30am to 11.30am.

Starting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.