

The Park Way Post



23rd Oct 2026

Enjoy half term - children return to school on Tuesday 3rd
November (Please check PE Days below) !

Trading Cards

Recently there have been a lot of incidents involving swapping and **trading football cards, Pokemon cards and similar**. These will now be banned from school and any child caught with them will have them confiscated until the end of the day. Please save them for outside of school.

Breakfast Club

Please do not bring “squishes” into breakfast club we do not want them to get lost or broken - save them for home please.

Parental Survey



If you have a few spare minutes, please can you complete our Parental Survey – Thank you!

Book Bingo!

This week, all students have been sent home with the Autumn Reading Bingo. Please add your child's name and class to the top of the sheet and tick each box as it is completed. Once completed, the bingo sheet can be handed in to the class teacher. Each child who completes the bingo will receive a certificate and be entered into a prize draw. Happy reading! 😊 Miss Pali



Park Way Football Team



Last Saturday, our football team and a carer were invited by Julie Palmer and Alex Nunn from Stones in the Community, to the Gallagher Stadium to watch Maidstone United play against Maidenhead. This was a fantastic opportunity for them. They were the guard of honour at the start of the game and during half time they went on the pitch where they had a penalty shoot out. At the end of the match, they got to shake hands with some of the players and get their T shirts signed.

It was a great day, the sun was shining, the children were buzzing and Maidstone Utd won 2-1.

Thank you to Mrs Morris and Lily for organising this and to Miss Hill and Mrs Rackley who came along to support with their families.

Poppy Appeal 2026



We will be selling poppies and merchandise after school after half term in aid of this year's poppy appeal. Please note this will be cash only and we have a limited supply.

Help!

We are collecting things for a playground project. If you are able to let us have any of the following we would be very grateful;

- Tyres
- Crates
- Gutters
- Cable reels
- Pots and pans
- Fabric
- Pallets
- Cardboard tubes
- Brooms and brushes
- Suitcases

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, including the correct shoes. If you are struggling with uniform please come and talk to our pastoral team.

PE Kit

Please remember that PE days are NOT non uniform days – your child should be wearing a plain t shirt in their team colour and plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms

Pirate Ship

Reminder! Children should not be on the pirate ship in the morning or after school.

After School Club

We now have a direct line to after school club which is open from 3.15pm everyday. This should only be used after office has closed and in case of an emergency. 01622 606474

Harvest

This year for Harvest Festival we will be supporting those who were affected by the floods in Nepal where 100's of people lost their lives, homes and livelihoods. Please bring in some loose change – please give any money to the class teacher on 16th October.

Secondary Schools..

Now is the time a lot of secondary schools start to have their open days and they begin their transition events (for both Years 5 & 6) to prepare children for the next stage of their academic journeys.

You must apply for your child's secondary school – we cannot do this for you but we are happy to try and answer any questions you may have.

You must apply by **Monday 2 November 2026. Further info can be found here**
Secondary school places - Kent County Council

Please let attendance know if you have booked any events during the school day.

Please have a look at websites and book visits to get a feel for the schools you are applying for - some of our local schools are:

[Welcome to Valley Park School](#)

[Welcome to School of Science & Technology Maidstone](#)

[Welcome to Invicta Grammar School](#)

[Home - Maidstone Grammar School](#)

[Home - Maidstone Grammar School for Girls](#)

[Welcome to The Maplesden Noakes School](#)

[New Line Learning Academy - Home](#)

[Cornwallis Academy - Home](#)

[Welcome to St Augustine Academy](#)

[Oakwood Park Grammar School - Home](#)



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!

PE Term



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

Week 8

Well done Leopards who had a dress down day today!



Attendance

Please do not email the office – we have 100s of emails everyday and yours 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

DIARY DATES

23rd Oct

2nd Nov

3rd Nov

Last Day of Term 1

Applications Close For Secondary School Places

Staff Development Day

First Day of Term 2

New Menu From Caterlink Begins

KENT AUTUMN / WINTER MENU 2026-2027

caterlink
feeding the imagination

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE	Option One	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Pork Hot Dog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Tortilla Stack with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread	Veggie Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Peas	Carrots & Swede	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	Apple Crumble with Cream	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge With Custard	Jelly With Mandarins	
WEEK TWO	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Veggie Sausage with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Baked Beans & Peas	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Cabbage & Carrots	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Golden Syrup Snap	
WEEK THREE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Wrap with Paprika Wedges	Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Crushed Potatoes & Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Rice	Vegetable Wrap with Paprika Wedges	Veggie Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cheese & Bean Puff with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Cabbage	Peas & Swede	Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	Ginger Cake with Custard	Jelly with Mandarins	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

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

2026/2027

TERM 1	
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff Development Day
Thursday 3 rd September	First Day Term 1
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day Term 1
OCTOBER HOLIDAY	
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October	Holiday – No School
TERM 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Staff Development day
Tuesday 3 rd November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 2
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 21 st December to Monday 4 th January	Holiday – No School
TERM 3	
Monday 4 th January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Term 3
FEBRUARY HOLIDAY	
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	Holiday – No School
TERM 4	
Monday 22 nd February	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term 4
EASTER HOLIDAY	
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Holiday – No School
TERM 5	
Monday 12 th April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – No School
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Term 5
MAY HOLIDAY	
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Holiday – No School
TERM 6	
Monday 7 th June	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 8 th June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6

Class assemblies listed below – parents and carers are more than welcome to come and watch – please make your way to the back of the hall after drop off!



Class Assemblies 2026-2027



Friday 4 th September 2026	No class assembly
Friday 11 th September 2026	No class assembly
Friday 18 th September 2026	Cedar
Friday 25 th September 2026	Rowan
Friday 2 nd October 2026	Cherry
Friday 9 th October 2026	Elm
Friday 16 th October 2026	Maple
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Walnut
Friday 30 th October 2026	HALF TERM
Friday 6 th November 2026	Oak
Friday 13 th November 2026	Holly
Friday 20 th November 2026	Ivy
Friday 27 th November 2026	Apple & Pear
Friday 4 th December 2026	No class assembly
Friday 11 th December 2026	No class assembly
Friday 18 th December 2026	No class assembly
Friday 25 th December 2026	CHRISTMAS
Friday 1 st January 2027	CHRISTMAS
Friday 8 th January 2027	Cedar
Friday 15 th January 2027	Rowan
Friday 22 nd January 2027	Cherry
Friday 29 th January 2027	Elm
Friday 5 th February 2027	Maple
Friday 12 th February 2027	Walnut

Friday 19 th February 2027	HALF TERM
Friday 26 th February 2027	Oak
Friday 5 th March 2027	Holly
Friday 12 th March 2027	Ivy
Friday 19 th March 2027	Apple & Pear
Friday 26 th March 2027	EASTER
Friday 2 nd April 2027	EASTER
Friday 9 th April 2027	EASTER
Friday 16 th April 2027	Elm
Friday 23 rd April 2027	Maple
Friday 30 th April 2027	Walnut
Friday 7 th May 2027	No class assembly – pre-SATs
Friday 14 th May 2027	No class assembly – SATs
Friday 21 st May 2027	Apple & Pear
Friday 28 th May 2027	Ivy
Friday 4 th June 2027	HALF TERM
Friday 11 th June 2027	Oak
Friday 18 th June 2027	Holly
Friday 25 th June 2027	Cedar
Friday 2 nd July 2027	Rowan
Friday 9 th July 2027	Cherry
Friday 16 th July 2027	No class assembly
Friday 23 rd July 2027	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and 31 August 2016,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2027

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 <u>www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</u>. 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 Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026. Other LA deadlines may differ. 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 1 March 2027) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 15 March 2027. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email. 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 are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to <u>www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</u> to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <u>kentonlinedmissions@kent.gov.uk</u>
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th March 2027	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.
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</u> . 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.

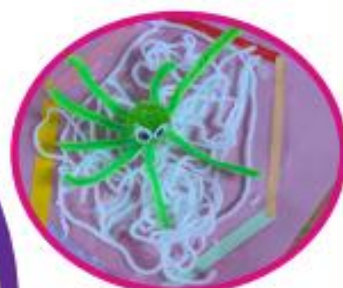
Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



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