

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a lovely weekend, and lets hope that it starts to get a bit warmer this week! We had a great first week of 2025 with the children settling back into the routine of school very quickly. We were all very impressed with how quickly they got back into routines and were able to remember the Old Park rules and expectations. On Tuesday 14th January the school will be being presented with our School of Sanctuary award, which we gained last academic year. We will be having some visitors to attend an assembly with some pupils in school to celebrate this brilliant achievement. You can learn more about what the School of Sanctuary award

means at the following website: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org>. Finally just to clarify that any sports events/competitions that are shown on the newsletter will not involve all the pupils in that year group. If your child has been selected to take part you will have been notified by one of the Crossbar staff. Good luck to everyone representing Old Park this week in the basketball and tennis events!



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday 13th January: Y4/5 Adams Grammar parent information session 2:30pm at Old Park

Tuesday 14th January: School of Sanctuary assembly

Friday 17th January: Full governors meeting

Sports competitions: Not all pupils involved

Tuesday 14th January: Y5/6 Basketball competition

Wednesday 15th January: Y3-6 Girls tennis

Thursday 16th January: Y3-6 Boys tennis

REMINDERS

Uniform: Please remember that children can wear black shoes or trainers for school and should only wear coloured trainers on their allocated PE day. On PE days they should wear a red or white t shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and have their school jumper/fleece.

Punctuality: A reminder that the doors to the classrooms open at 8:40am each day and the register for the morning session takes place at 8:55am. All pupils must be in class by this time else they will be marked as late (L code). Anyone that arrives after 9:30am is give a U code which means even though they are in school their attendance will not count for the morning session.

Unauthorised absence: If your child is not going to be in school due to illness or a medical appointment please ensure that you let the main office know so that we can code the absence in the correct way. If we do not hear from a parent or carer for the reason for an absence it means that the absence goes down as being unauthorised. Many thanks for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

A reminder that the whole school attendance target for each week is 96%.

The classes that met/exceeded the target for the week beginning 6th January 2025 were

FB, 2V, 3F, 3/4P, 5EF, 5W, 6A and 6W.



A special well done to **2V** who had the highest attendance across the school last week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you!

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SPRING 1 DATES

Friday 17th January: School governors meeting

Monday 20th January: In Harmony week 1

Monday 27th January: Parent workshop 'behaviour is communication (2:00-3:15pm) Information about this event has been sent via ParentPay.

Friday 14th February: Last day of the half term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February: Half term holiday



TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

Monday 6th January 25	Spring term 1 begins
17th - 21st February 25	Half term holiday
Monday 24th February 25	Spring term 2 begins
14th April - 25th April 2025	Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025	Summer term 1 begins
Monday 5th May 2025	May bank holiday
26th May - 30th May 25	Half term holiday
Monday 2nd June 25	Staff PD day (children not in school)
Tuesday 3rd June 25	Summer term 2 begins
Friday 18th July 25	Last day of the academic year

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Old Park Primary School VALUES



Belonging	Respect	Responsibility
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I am proud to be part of the Old Park family.2. I am a special and important part of our school.3. I feel happy and valued.4. I feel safe in school.5. I help others through my support and friendship.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I treat everyone the same.2. 'Everyone is awesome'.3. We are all allowed different views and opinions.4. I do not disturb the learning of others, and I help others to learn the best they can.5. I care for myself, the school, the community and the wider world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I always try my best with my learning.2. I make good choices.3. I am honest.4. I know that my actions will have consequences.5. I am a good role model to others.



Old Park Primary School BEHAVIOUR RULES



1. Follow instructions
2. To have kind words, kind hands and kind feet.
3. To show respect for everyone within the school community.



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**Parent
information
session**

***13th January 2025 - 2:30pm
at Old Park Primary School***



Parents & families of Year 4 and 5 pupils are invited to join Dr Hibbs, Head of Outreach to find out more about Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School, admissions process and entrance test

 <https://www.adamsgs.uk/join-us-year-7/>

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SOUTHWATER DROP IN



Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library – children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family hubs information



Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support

Our early help offer

Please see the early help section of our school website to see the things that we may be able to offer you in school if you need any support.

