

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. Firstly I would like to give a warm welcome back to all of our pupils and parents/carers, especially to those that are joining the Old Park community/family for the first time. It has been lovely to see all of the pupils back in school this week with lots of energy, looking smart and looking forward to the year ahead. I know that starting school after a long break is a challenging time for many of our children, however they have all done a brilliant job this week and I am very proud of how they have all settled back in. As always if you have any concerns please share these with the class teacher/teaching assistant so that we can support you as much as possible. We have also welcomed some new staff to the Old Park family this academic year. Mr Clarke is our new deputy headteacher (you can read more about him within the newsletter), Mrs Smith (Year 4) who is covering maternity leave for Ms Cooke and Mrs Woodhall who is our new Year 5 class teacher. As always please read the newsletter for important updates and news. Have a great week.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs starting week beginning 8th September

Tuesday: Year 3 and 4 Multi-Sports

Wednesday: Year 5 and 6 Multi-Sports

After school clubs starting week beginning 15th September

Monday: Crossbar Year 1 and 2 Multi-sports

Tuesday: Crossbar Year 5 and 6 Football

Thursday: Crossbar Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Dance club

Friday: Crossbar Year 3 and 4 Football

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

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

The classes that met/exceeded the target this week were: **RW, R/1J, 1G, 3F, 3/4P, 4S, 4W, 5W, 5CF, 6P and 6W.**

A special well done to **5W** for achieving the highest attendance across the school last week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you this week.

REMINDERS/EXPECTATIONS

Attendance

1. The classroom doors open each day at 8:40am and all pupils need to be in class by 8:55am.
2. Any pupil arriving after 8:55am will need to arrive through main reception and will be marked as late.
3. Pupils who arrive after 9:30am are given a U code which means they have arrived after the registers have closed, resulting in them being marked absent for the morning session.
4. If you child is not going to be in school please call the main office on 01952 387250

School uniform

1. Pupils should wear black or navy shoes or plain back trainers.
2. For PE days pupils can wear other coloured trainers.
3. For PE pupils should wear a red or white t-shirt with their school jumper or fleece and should not wear football shirts or hoodies.

PE Days

- Monday: Reception (RW/RJ) and Year 5
Tuesday: Reception (RFT/RJ) and Year 2
Wednesday: Year 3 and 4
Friday: Year 1 +12HC and Year 6



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AUTUMN 1 DATES

- Friday 27th September:** Full governors meeting
- Monday 29th September:** Start of In Harmony music lessons
- Thursday 2nd October:** Local Authority quality assurance visit
- Thursday 23rd October:** End of autumn 1 term
- Friday 24th October:** PD Day 2
- Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October:** Half term break
- Monday 3rd November:** Pupils return to school for Autumn 2 term



TERM DATES FOR 2025/2026

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| Tuesday 2 nd September - Thursday 23 rd October 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 PD Day | Autumn 1 |
| Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October 2025 | Half term break |
| Monday 3 rd November - Friday 19 th December 2025 | Autumn 2 |
| Monday 22 nd December 2025 - Friday 2 nd January 2026 | Christmas break |
| Monday 5th January 2026 PD Day Tuesday 6 th January - Friday 13 th February 2026 | Spring 1 |
| Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026 | Half term break |
| Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March 2026 | Spring 2 |
| Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April 2026 | Easter break |
| Monday 13 th April - Friday 22 nd May 2026 Monday 4th May bank holiday | Summer 1 |
| Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026 | Half term break |
| Monday 1st June PD Day Tuesday 2 nd June - Thursday 16 th July Friday 17th July PD Day | Summer 2 |

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Meet the Deputy Headteacher



Mr Clarke

Thing I like:

- ✓ Running
- ✓ Cycling
- ✓ Fixing classic motorcycles
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Travelling

Hello, I am Mr Clarke the new Deputy Headteacher at Old Park Primary School. I have been a teacher for over ten years and have taught from Reception to Year 6. I have taught within Telford and Wrekin as I am eager to work in the area I grew up in as a child. I am looking forward to working with everyone at Old Park!

My Family:

I have two wonderful children who keep me very busy!

My favourite book is Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo.



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ATTENDANCE

Why is school attendance important? (Taken from gov.uk website)

- Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.
- Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.
- Attendance at school is crucial to prepare young people for successful transition to adulthood, and to support their longer term economic and social participation in society.
- There is also evidence that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A level results.

Information on penalty notices for parents

1. The fixed penalty notice for 5 days unauthorised absence is £160 per parent per child, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. If there is a second occasion of 5 days unauthorised absence within 3 years a penalty notice of £160 is issued, this time it is not reduced if paid early.
3. On the third occasion of 5 days of unauthorised absence within 3 years no penalty notice will be issued, instead alternative legal actions will be utilised with possible prosecution and fines of up to £2500.
4. A fixed penalty notice can also be issued to a pupil who has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week rolling period. This period can also go across terms and does not reset after a holiday.

Attendance Ladder



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| <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.

