

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I hope that everyone has had a good week. This week in school our literacy leads have been completing observations of lessons. They saw some excellent learning taking place and some really good ideas within the pupils work. Our focus for this year across the school is handwriting, and we will be launching a new whole school handwriting programme over the next week or so and be putting in place some additional interventions if needed. It was lovely to see all of our extra-curricular clubs start this week with lots of children taking part in multi-sports, football and our newly offered dance club. They all seemed to have a great time and the dancers especially enjoyed the new club that was on offer. There are lots of messages in the newsletter this week so please take the time to have a read through everything. A reminder that some of the Year 3 and 4 classes will be visiting Shrewsbury next week with the remaining classes the week after. I am sure that they will all have a great time and represent the school brilliantly. Have a good week.



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Thursday 25th September: 4W and 4S Shrewsbury trip

Friday 26th September: 4/P and 3F Shrewsbury trip

Friday 26th September: Full governing body meeting

Friday 26th September: Clarinet lessons start

Sporting fixtures (not all pupils involved)

Monday 22nd September: Year 5 and 6 Football

Tuesday 23rd September: Year 5 and 6 Football

Thursday 25th September: Netball development session

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: RFT, 12HC, 1G, 2B, 2K, 3C, 4W, 5CF.



A special well done to **12CH** for achieving the highest attendance across the school last week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you.

REMINDERS/EXPECTATIONS

Punctuality

A reminder that the classroom doors open every day at 8:40am, and pupils must be sat down in class completing their morning task by 8:55am. Anyone arriving from 8:55am onwards will be marked as late. This week we have had a large number of parents still coming into school from 8:55am onwards which means we are unable to lock the gates on time. Can you please ensure all parents/carers are off the playground by 8:55am. Many thanks for your support.

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 26th 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

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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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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LUNCH MENU - WEEK BEGINNING 15.09.25 IS WEEK 3

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Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

<p>Monday</p> <p>Pork Sausage Farm Assured Pork Sausage served with a Yorkshire Pudding</p> <p>Cheesy Pasta Bake Pasta served in a Chef's Creamy Cheese Sauce V</p> <p>Creamed Potato, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Cookie Selection</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Gammon Farm Assured Meat or Fish served with Parsley Sauce</p> <p>Vegetable Crumble Seasonal Vegetables and Mixed Beans topped with a Savoury Crumble V</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Meatballs Farm Assured Meatballs served with a Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Balls served with a Sauce V</p> <p>Pasta, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Cupcake</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Battered Fish White fillet of fish coated in a light batter</p> <p>Pasta Bake V</p> <p>Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Selection of Cakes and Biscuits</p>	
<p>Monday</p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza with various toppings</p> <p>Creamy Curry Quorn pieces in a Chef's Creamy Curry Sauce V</p> <p>Potato Wedges, Boiled Rice, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Flapjack or Shortbread</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Beef Burger Farm Assured Mince Beef Burger with a Cheese Slice in a Soft Bread Roll</p> <p>Vegetarian Burger with a Cheese Slice in a Soft Bread Roll V</p> <p>Potato Smiles, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Sponge and Custard</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Traditional Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Rich and Tasty Gravy</p> <p>Garlic Bake Seasonal Vegetables and Mixed Beans topped with French Bread Slices V</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Sausage Rolls Farm Assured Sausage Meat encased in Puff Pastry</p> <p>Pasta Bake V</p> <p>Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Sponge or Apple Crumble with Custard</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Battered Fish White fillet of fish coated in a light batter or Fishcake</p> <p>Cheese Bake Creamed Potato and Grated Cheese topped with Sliced Tomato V</p> <p>Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Cook's Choice of Dessert</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>Ham and Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza V</p> <p>Potato Smiles, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Shortbread or Vanilla Shortbread</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Spaghetti Bolognese Farm Assured Mince Beef in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Bolognese Quorn Mince in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce V</p> <p>Pasta, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Iced Sponge and Custard</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Traditional Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Rich and Tasty Gravy</p> <p>Quorn Fillet Quorn Fillet served with a Rich and Tasty Gravy V</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Jelly with a Swirl of Cream</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Farm Assured Chicken coated in a light batter and served with a Sauce</p> <p>Quorn Dunkers Quorn pieces coated in a light batter and served with a Sauce V</p> <p>Boiled Rice, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Sprinkle Cake and Custard</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Battered Fish White fillet of fish coated in a light batter or Sliced Turkey Farm Assured Sliced Meat</p> <p>Pasta Neapolitan Seasonal Vegetables and Pasta Twists in a Chef's Tomato Sauce topped with Grated Cheese V</p> <p>Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread</p> <p>Cook's Choice of Dessert</p>



The Eatwell project supports the Let's Dine ethos by cooking healthy, simple ingredients with the children.



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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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Old Park Primary School and Nursery

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We have spaces available at our nursery for 2, 3 and 4 year olds!
15-hour and 30-hour places

“Reaching for Success...”



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Telford & Wrekin
Cooperative Council

Protect, care and invest
to create a better borough

**Apply online
NOW**



Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2026

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2025**.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You must apply if your child was born between 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022.
- You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest school.
- Attending a nursery does not guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk

