

# Belonging Respect Responsibility

## OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Good afternoon. It is hard to believe that there are now only four weeks left till the end of the academic year. Even though that might not seem very long there is still a lot to fit in before we finish for the summer. This week saw the first of our sports days take place with Year 3, 4 and 6 taking to the field to compete. They all did a brilliant job having a go at a variety of races and trying their best. Thank you to all the parents/carers that came along to the children I know they all appreciate you cheering them on. This week will see 123V take to the track and the final sports days then take place later in the term. In preparation for our summer fayre on 9<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and we are asking for chocolate or sweets donation for our very popular tombola. Many thanks in advance for your support with this as when we have asked previously you have all been great with your generosity.

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys who competed in the Crossbar football cup this week, they all represented the school well in the matches and gave it their all. Finally a big well done to all the children in Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 who completed assessments this week in reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths. They were a great opportunity to show off what they have learnt this year and everyone really did give it their best shot. Teachers will now be using the results to make final judgements on end of year progress and also start to plan how we are going to address any gaps in knowledge next academic year. I hope everyone has a good weekend and enjoys the warm weather.



### THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Start of In Harmony week 6

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10:30:** 123V Sports day

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the summer fayre

Sports fixtures (not all pupils involved)

**Tuesday 23rd June:** Key stage 2: Tennis

### 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,123V, 1B, 1G, 2B, 2H, 3F, 5HW,

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



Just a reminder...



**Hot weather**  
is forecast in the  
**West Midlands**

There is hot weather and high levels of UV forecast next week.

Please ensure that children come to school with the following:

- **Water bottle** - to stay hydrated
- **Sun cream applied** - to protect their skin while playing outside
- **Sun hat** - to protect them from the sun and keep cool

Thanks for your support in allowing us all to enjoy the sun as safely as possible.

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### SUMMER 1 AND 2 DATES

\* More dates may be added below as the term progresses

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** In Harmony end of year concert (during the school day)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Year 6 Prom
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 3 and 4 Patshull Hall Farm Trip
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** New reception intake day 1
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Summer Fayre
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** End of year reports and new classes sent to parents/carers.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Old Park's Got Talent (parents/carers do not attend)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 end of year trip
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** New reception intake day 2
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Move up hour (move to new classes)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Last day of academic year for pupils
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** PD Day 6 (pupils not in school)



### TERM DATES FOR 2025/2026

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May bank holiday</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	<b>Half term break</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June PD Day</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July PD Day</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>

**Term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year** can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website and also our school website.

<https://www.telford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-term-dates/>

<https://www.oldparkprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=26>

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**Reception:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am

**Year 1 and 2:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30am

**Year 3 and 4:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

**Year 5:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm

**Year 6:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1:45pm

For all sports day events please access the field via the staff car park on Spout Lane.

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Prom at Casey's Donnington (5pm - 7pm)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Trip to Warner Brother's Studio (Harry Potter)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Special Leavers Lunch

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers Assembly (9am)

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## Old Park Primary School VALUES



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



## 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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### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

#### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

#### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

#### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

#### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

#### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

#### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

#### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

#### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

#### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

#### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RISS UK's accredited programme, "Water Smart Schools", which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

#### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RISS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



