

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I hope that everyone has had a good week. There have been lots of tired children around school today as we come to the end of the first full week of the academic year. The children have continued to settle into their new classes well and are getting to know their teachers and teaching assistants more and more each day. A big thank you goes to all the staff at Old Park for their hard work since our return from the summer break in supporting the children back into the routines and expectations of school. I had the pleasure of attending the reward assembly for our new Reception classes today, where we celebrated all the great work they have done since starting with us. They were all very excited to share each other's successes and demonstrated an excellent sense of belonging.

Our new fully funded breakfast club has continued to increase in popularity this week, with over 100 children now attending every morning. It is great to see so many children enjoying their breakfast and taking part in our daily Wake Up, Shake Up session at 8:30am. This week also saw the start of our whole-school safeguarding assemblies. Each week, a member of our safeguarding team will deliver an assembly focused on a specific safeguarding topic. This week's focus was online safety and digital footprints, helping children to understand the importance of making safe and responsible choices online. Next week, we will be opening applications for our School Council. The School Council meets throughout the year to support the leadership and development of the school, and I am looking forward to reading the applications and working alongside the successful candidates.



CROSSBAR PE DAYS

A final reminder that PE days for this year are below. Please ensure pupils wear PE kit on these days.

Monday: Reception and Year 5

Tuesday: Year 6

Wednesday: Year 3 and 4

Friday: Year 1 and 2



Punctuality:

The classroom doors open each day at 8:40am and all pupils need to be in class and sat down ready for learning by 8:55am. Any pupils arriving after 8:55am will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9:25am is coded as U (absent for the morning session). **It is vital that pupils are in school and on time every day as being late has a big impact on settling in to the school day and learning.**

School uniform:

1. All pupils should wear black or navy shoes or black trainers.
2. For PE days pupils can wear any coloured trainers.
3. For PE pupils should wear a red or white t-shirt with their school jumper or fleece. They are not allowed to wear football shirts.
4. Please ensure your child has a water bottle.
5. Please label or items of clothing with pupils names.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target for attendance is **96%**. The following classes achieved the target this week:

RB, RW, 12/B, 2FC, 2H, 4S, 4W, 5C, 5F, 5W, 6HW, 6P and 6W.

A special well done to **5F** who had the highest attendance across the school this week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you!

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AUTUMN 1 DATES

* More dates may be added below as the term progresses

Monday 21st September: Reception class: Read Write Inc Parent workshop

Monday 28th September: Start of In Harmony week 1

Friday 9th October: Full governors meeting

Monday 12th October: Local authority PPG review

Thursday 22nd October: Last day of half term

Friday 23rd October: PD Day 2

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October: Half term holidays



TERM DATES FOR 2026/2027

September '26							October '26							November '26						
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December '26							January '27							February '27						
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March '27							April '27							May '27						
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June '27							July '27							August '27						
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Holidays

Staff PD Day (school is closed to pupils)

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Starting from 2nd September 2026

1 **Traditional Breakfast Club**
7.40am to 8.10am
£2
Book via our online system

2 **Soft Start Option**
Arrive at 8.10am
through main school office
wake up and shake up at 8.30am
No booking required!

3 **Grab and Go**
Arrive at 8.40am
ready to register
at 8.55am
No booking required!

Make friends, have fun, start your day the right way!



Old Park Primary School VALUES



Belonging

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.



Respect

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.



Responsibility

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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WEEK BEGINNING 14.09.26 WEEK 3

Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Halal

Week 1

Monday Pizza Bar - Cheese and Tomato V or Chicken Pizza with a selection of toppings Cheese and Tomato Pizza V Jacket Wedgies, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread Cookie Selection	Wednesday Pasta and Jacket Potato Day with a selection of fillings including Bolognese, Cheese and Beans V Quorn Bolognese Mixed Vegetables and Quorn in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce V Jacket Potato, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Chocolate Sponge and Custard
Tuesday Chicken Dunkers Firm Assured Chicken coated in Natural Bread crumbs served with a choice of Sauces Tomato and Quorn Pasta Bake Quorn pieces, and Pasta in a Chef's Tomato Sauce V Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Iced Sponge and Custard	Thursday Spaghetti Bolognese Firm Assured Beef in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce Vegetable and Bean Pasta Bake Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Beans and Pasta in a Chef's Tomato Sauce V Pasta, Sweetcorn, Green Beans, Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread Strawberry Mousse or Chocolate Mousse

Week 2

Monday Pizza Bar - Cheese and Tomato V or Chicken Pizza with a selection of toppings Cheese and Tomato Pizza V Pasta Twists, Roasted Sweet Potato, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Chocolate Shortbread	Thursday Beef Burger Firm Assured Minced Beef Burger with a Cheese Slice in a Soft Bread Roll Vegetarian Burger with a Cheese Slice in a Soft Bread Roll V Potato Smiles, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Chocolate Sponge and Custard
Tuesday Sausage Rolls Firm Assured Sausage Meat encased in Pastry Tomato and Quorn Pasta Bake Assured Minced Beef in a Chef's Tomato Sauce V Jacket Wedgies, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread Iced Sponge and Custard	Wednesday Pasta and Jacket Potato Day with a selection of fillings including Bolognese, Cheese and Beans V Vegetable and Bean Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Beans in a Chef's Tomato Sauce V Jacket Potato, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Ice Cream

Week 3

Monday Pizza Bar - Cheese and Tomato V or Chicken Pizza with a selection of toppings Cheese and Tomato Pizza V Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Cookie Selection	Thursday Chicken Curry Firm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Curry Sauce or Meatballs Firm Assured Pork Meatballs served with a Rich and Tasty Tomato Sauce or Gravy Mixed Bean and Vegetable Curry in a Chef's Curry Sauce V Boiled Rice, Pasta Twists, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Chocolate Sponge and Custard
Tuesday Chicken Nuggets Firm Assured Chicken coated in a light batter and served with a Sauce or Sweet 'n' Sour Chicken Firm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Sweet n' Sour Sauce Quorn Dunkers Quorn pieces coated in a light batter and served with a Sauce V Boiled Rice, Jacket Wedgies, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread Iced Sponge and Custard	Wednesday Pasta and Jacket Potato Day with a selection of fillings including Bolognese, Cheese and Beans V Quorn Bolognese Mixed Vegetables and Quorn in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce V Jacket Potato, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread Fruit Cheesecake

FUN FOOD FACT

ripe cranberries bounce like rubber balls.

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broccoli contains more protein per calorie than steak, but you would have to eat a lot more broccoli!

Fresh Fruit available daily. Cheese and Crackers available Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Individual Yoghurts available Tuesday and Thursday. All items subject to availability.

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Read Write Inc.

Workshop

For Reception Parents



**Monday 21st
September
at 9am**

In the workshop we will
share our phonics scheme,
how it is taught and
expectations throughout
the year.



♥ We look forward
to seeing you!



What is Read Write Inc.?



How it is taught
in Reception



Phonics progression
throughout the year



How you can support
your child at home

Together we can build strong
reading foundations for their future



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New Reception Intake 2027

OPEN EVENING

Come and see what makes our school special!



Starting primary school is a significant milestone for your child's learning and development. Children usually start the reception year at primary school at the start of September following their fourth birthday.



Children born between
**1 September 2022 and
31 August 2023** will start primary
school from **September 2027**.



Parents need to apply for a
reception place by
15 January 2027.



You are strongly advised to
apply to **four local schools**
including your nearest or catchment
area school. You can use our [Catchment Area
School Finder Tool](#) to check which school
are your nearest or catchment area schools.



If a child has an Education,
Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the
application closing date is
31 October 2026.



Please read the [Guide to Primary
School Admissions](#) booklet for more
information on the process of applying
for a primary school place and to understand
how places are offered.

Our Open Evening Dates



Wednesday
16th September
at 3:30pm



Wednesday
14th October
at 3:30pm



Wednesday
18th November
at 3:30pm



Wednesday
9th December
at 3:30pm



For further information, please contact
the school office on **01952 387250**

We look forward
to meeting you!



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