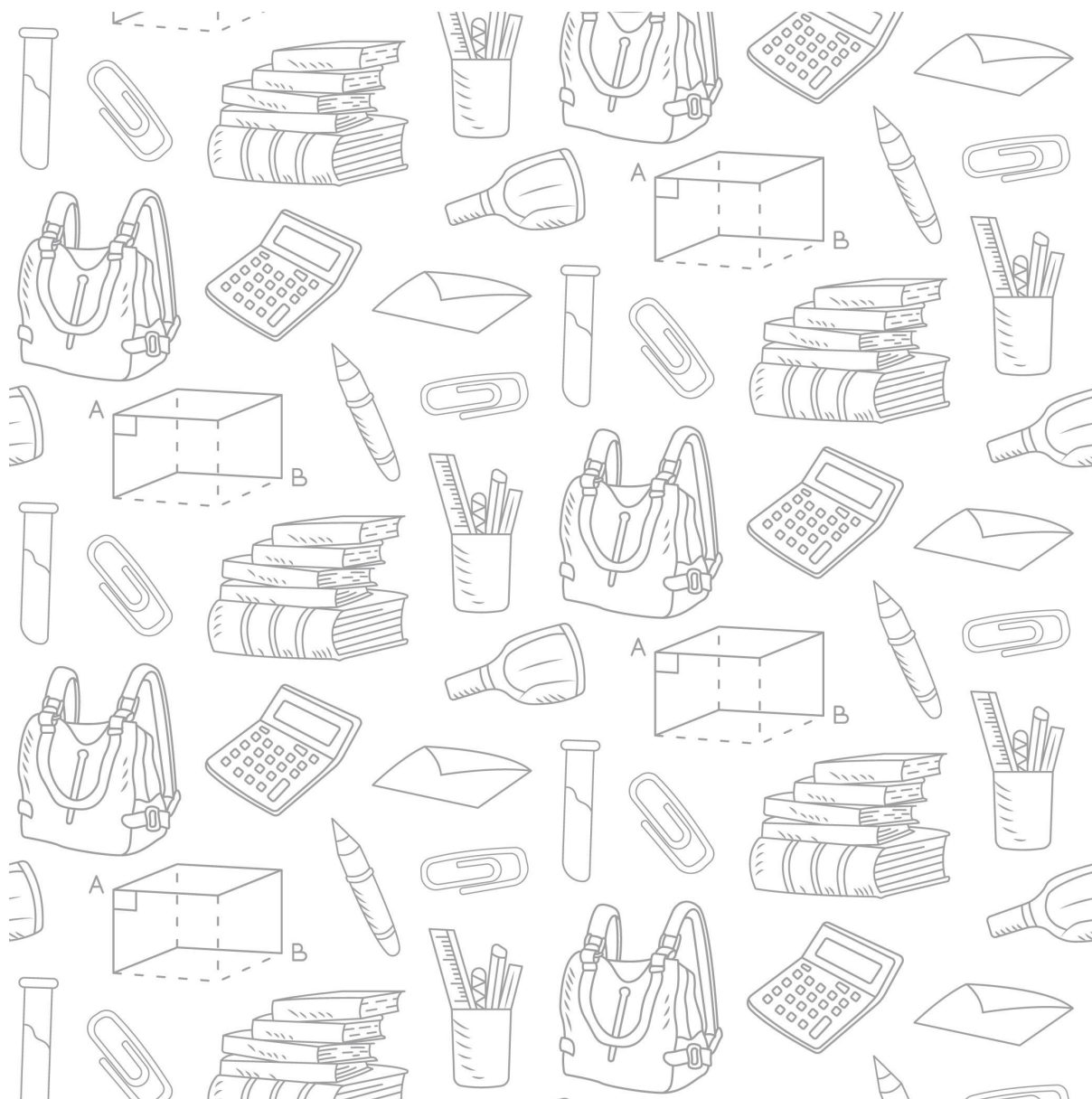




Park Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 2026



'Working together to empower children to become aspirational, global citizens'

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Message from Executive Headteachers



A very warm welcome back to all our children and families as we begin another exciting school year. It has been wonderful to see everyone returning this week, and we cannot believe how much many of the children have grown over the summer break! Last term, we said a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they moved on to the next stage of their education. We are incredibly proud of all they achieved during their time with us and wish them every success for the future. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families into our school community. We feel privileged to be

part of your child's learning journey and look forward to watching them grow, learn and flourish in the years ahead. We are excited for the year to come and for all the opportunities, achievements and memorable moments it will bring. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your children throughout the year.

Mr Rowsell and Mrs Waller

Message from the Head of School



It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to the new school year as the Head of School at The Park Primary School. I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the fantastic weather we have had.

Although this is a new role for me, The Park is certainly not a new place. I have had the privilege of working here for many years, and during that time I have come to know our children, families and wider school community extremely well.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a warm, dedicated and supportive school community, and at the heart of everything we do is for our children, and my commitment is

to ensure that every child at The Park feels happy, safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.

I am looking forward to working closely with our families. Your support, encouragement and partnerships are such an important part of our children's success, and I want to continue to build these strong and positive relationships between home and school.

As we begin this new chapter together, I am excited about the opportunities ahead. Whilst there may be some changes recently, our core values and our commitment to providing the very best for our children will remain at the heart of The Park.

Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. I look forward to seeing many of you around school, and working together to continue making The Park a place where children feel safe and thrive.

Mr Gamble

Staffing Update



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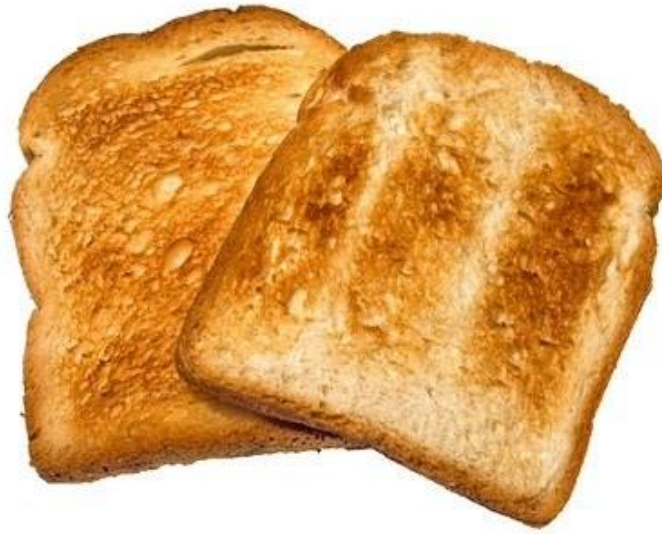
Miss Brockwell joins us after teaching at one of our Mosaic Partnership Trust schools and has been busy welcoming our new Reception children. We are confident that she will be a warm, caring and supportive addition to our school.

Mrs Hanlon joins us from another school within the Mosaic Partnership Trust and will be taking over from Mrs Thornton as our SENDCo at The Park. This has allowed us to work closely with her during Term 6, supporting a smooth transition at the start of the new academic year. Mrs Hanlon is an experienced teacher and SENDCo, and we are delighted to welcome her to the team.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Riden and Miss Perry on the newest additions to their families over the summer. All are well and enjoying precious time together as they settle into life with their new arrivals. We send them our very best wishes.



Wrap Around Care



Breakfast Club

A reminder to parents that our **Breakfast Club** runs every school day from **7:30am**, with **last entry at 8:20am**. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast, a drink, and a range of activities to keep them entertained and help them start the day positively. Places can be booked quickly and easily via **Arbor**. We look forward to welcoming your child to Breakfast Club!

After School Club Update

Our After School Club runs from straight after school until **6pm**, and is available to all children. Children are provided with toast in the afternoon and have a range of both indoor and outdoor activities to keep them busy and active. Please collect an induction pack from the school office to complete. the ASC team will then be in contact to discuss further.

If you have any questions on the above please visit our school office where they will be more than happy to support you.

Our Learning This Term



We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term of learning.

It is an exciting time of the Year as children rise to the challenges of their new year groups and build on their prior knowledge. Our 'Big Questions' are designed to help teach the importance of sustainability and our impact in an ever changing world. This term we will be exploring:

Reception: Who am I?

Year 1: What has made our local area special?

Year 2: What put Bristol on the map?

Year 3: Why is nature Important?

Year 4: Is education the same for everyone?

Year 5: Why is it important to respect people and the planet?

Year 6: Is water a treasure?

If you would like to know more about the curriculum your children will be learning this term, please visit our school website. <https://www.parkprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-overview/>

Inclusion Update

Our Inclusion Team is delighted to welcome Mrs Hanlon to Park Primary School as our acting SENDCo, while Mrs Thornton enjoys her maternity leave. Mrs Hanlon brings a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting children with additional needs, ensuring that every pupil feels valued, included and able to achieve their full potential. We are excited to have her join our team and know she will be a wonderful support for our children, families and staff throughout the year. We are sure you will join us in giving Mrs Hanlon a very warm Park

Primary welcome, while also sending our very best wishes to Mrs Thornton and her family during this special time.

SEND Graduated Response: How We Support Children

At Park and Parkwall Federation, we use a graduated approach to support children who may have additional needs in areas such as learning, communication, social and emotional development, or physical and sensory needs.

Step 1: Universal Support If a parent, carer or member of staff has concerns, the class teacher will meet with parents to discuss these and implement appropriate classroom strategies and interventions. A Record of Concern is completed by the class teacher and triaged by the Inclusion team. Progress is carefully monitored over time to assess the impact of support.

Step 2: Targeted Support If concerns continue, the teacher, parents and SENDCo will work together to review needs and introduce more personalised support. This may include a Support Plan or Pastoral Support Plan, and the child may be added to the school's SEND Register. Progress is reviewed regularly to ensure support is effective.

Step 3: Specialist Support Where additional support is required, advice may be sought from external professionals, such as Educational Psychologists or specialist support teams. In exceptional cases, where a child has significant and long-term needs despite targeted interventions, the school may consider applying for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in partnership with families and the Local Authority.

We value working closely with parents and carers throughout this process and encourage families to speak to their child's class teacher if they have any concerns about their child's progress or development.

Coffee Mornings

We look forward to welcoming families for a Coffee morning on **Thursday 24th September at 9am**. This is an opportunity to meet the Inclusion team and understand how support in school is adapted and targeted to children.

External support:

SEND And You provide the information, advice and support service for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs/ Disabilities and their families in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset (SENDIASS).

They are a free, confidential and impartial service.

<https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/>

You can contact them by contact form: <https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/contact-us/>

By telephone: 0117 9926009

Or by email: support@sendandyou.org.uk

South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) is the local parent carer forum for families of children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They provide information, workshops, support groups, signposting and opportunities for families to share their experiences and shape local services. No formal diagnosis is needed to access their support.

Contact South Glos Parent Carers

- Website: www.sgpc.org.uk [sgpc.org.uk]¹
- Email: team@sglospc.org.uk [sgpc.org.uk]²
- Follow them on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for information, updates and upcoming events **South Glos Parent and Carers Courses**. Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/south-glos-parent-carers-33451038563>
- **Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences** Wednesday 30th September 10:00am - 1:00pm
- **Understanding Emotional Development and Mental Health** Tuesday 13th October 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- **AuDHD (Autism and ADHD combined)** Thursday 19th November, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Understanding and Supporting Communication** Wednesday 9th December 10:00am - 1:00pm
- **Understanding Masking** Thursday 14th January 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- **Understanding and Supporting Behaviour** Monday 8th February 10:00am - 1:00pm **School Nurse** If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please contact us using the details below: South Gloucestershire: 0300 125 5151 <https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/> We look forward to working together to ensure every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

¹<https://sgpc.org.uk/>

²<https://sgpc.org.uk/contact>

School lunches



Just a friendly reminder, please ensure you use Arbor to book your child's meals, this includes pack lunch from home.

In order to book a hot meal you will need a balance on your meals account, (unless your child is entitled to Universal FSM (Rec-Year 2) or Free School Meals. You can order in well in advance or the night before.

If children arrive after 9am and a meal hasn't been ordered for them, then they will only be able to have a jacket potato on this day as the registers would have already been taken and numbers finalised.

If you require any help with ordering lunches, please come to the office and we can help.

If you haven't checked yet then please follow this link to see if you qualify for pupil premium funding which also includes free school meals.

South Glos LIFE | School meals³

³<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#free>

Statutory Assessments



Reception Baseline

Over the next few weeks, children in Reception will take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment, a short and informal activity carried out with their teacher. It is designed to help teachers build a picture of each child's early communication, language, literacy and mathematical skills when they start school. The assessment is completed one-to-one and includes age-appropriate activities that feel much more like games than tests.

The Reception Baseline Assessment is statutory for all children in Reception and is used to provide a starting point for measuring progress throughout primary school. Children cannot pass or fail, and there is no need to prepare beforehand. Most children simply enjoy spending some special time with their teacher, and the information gathered helps us ensure that every child receives the support and challenge they need to thrive.

Term Dates including 2026-2027

School opening hours

Reception and KS1: 8:45am – 3:10pm

KS2: 8:45am – 3:15pm

September 2026 – July 2027 Term Dates

- **Autumn – Term 1** Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 23 October 2026
- **Autumn – Term 2** Monday 2 November 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026
- **Spring – Term 3** Monday 4 January 2027 – Friday 12 February 2027
- **Spring – Term 4** Monday 22 February 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027
- **Summer – Term 5** Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 28 May 2027
- **Summer – Term 6** Monday 07 June 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027

Inset Days 2026-2027 (school closed to pupils)

- 1st September 2026
- 12th October 2026
- 4th January 2027
- 12th February 2027
- 28th May 2027
- 21st July 2027

Term 6 Events



- - **Friday 11th:** Friends uniform sale
- - **Monday 14th September:** Year 6 Camp Information Meeting
- - **Monday 21st - 25th September:** Year 6 Camp Week
- - **Wednesday 14th October:** Reception 2027 open Evening

Reception Open Evening

Play
Learn
Grow
Belong

Park
School

A great
start for
a bright
future!

Reception Open Evening

Come and see what makes our school such a special place!



Meet our
friendly staff



Explore our
learning spaces



Find out about
life in Reception



Wednesday 14th October
at 5:30pm



Please call the main office on
01454 866536
to book a place.

If you are unable to make the evening,
please still call as we would be happy to help.



Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027? Join us on our open evening on Wednesday 14th October. Call the main office for more details and to book a slot.

Uniform and PE Kits



PE Kits: Children in Years 3 to 6 **can** to come to school wearing their PE kit on their **PE days only**. This change has been made to improve efficiency and maximise learning time, reducing the need for children to change during the school day. Children should wear suitable trainers, PE shorts or joggers, and the Team Parkwall PE top. If your child does not have a PE top, a plain white T-shirt may be worn instead. **Children should also wear their school jumper as part of their PE uniform not hoodies or sports jumpers.**

Jewellery in School

A gentle reminder that jewellery should not be worn in school. Children may wear one pair of small stud earrings and a watch (non-smart), but bracelets, necklaces, rings, and hoop or dangly earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. Stud earrings must be removed by your child for PE lessons, or if newly pierced, they should be securely taped during the healing period.

Logo Uniform

Logo school uniform and PE tops can be purchased directly from Printsetters. Items can be delivered for a small fee or can be collected from store free of charge OC. (Two Mile Hill Road Kingswood).

Remember to look in the lost property if your child has misplaced any of their uniform. Please remember to label all uniform.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear the school uniform. The uniform consists of:

- White or royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue fleece with or without school logo or
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with or without school logo
- Black or grey trousers / Black/dark grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Black, Grey or White socks
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Black or Grey shorts or Blue/White checked short sleeve dresses

Safeguarding and Updates on Phones and Smart Devices



Keeping our children safe is our highest priority at The Park. If you ever have any concerns, please do let us know – we take every concern seriously and will follow up to ensure children are safe and supported.

Our Safeguarding team is: Mr Rowsell, Mr Gamble, Mr Nicholls, Mrs Phelon and Mrs Hanlon. If you have any concerns they will be able to meet you regarding these.

Important Information for Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, it is now a legal requirement that pupils do not have mobile phones or smart devices, including smart watches, in school.

If your child travels to and from school independently:

They may bring a phone or smart device to school.

It must be handed to a member of staff on arrival.

The device will be stored safely and returned at the end of the school day.

If a pupil is found with a phone or smart device during the school day:

- The device will be taken to the school office.
- A parent or carer will be required to collect it.

This measure has been introduced to help safeguard both children and adults whilst in school.

Medical or Special Requirements

If your child requires a smart device for medical or other agreed reasons, please contact the school office so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe learning environment for everyone.

Attendance & Punctuality



Attendance Matters

The safety of our children and staff is always our top priority. To make sure everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency, we carry out regular drills throughout the year. These include fire drills and lockdown drills, and they are an important part of our safeguarding procedures.

Good attendance and punctuality are very important. Arriving on time helps children feel calm, settled, and ready to learn, and it also supports their confidence and friendships. We ask that all children arrive promptly so they do not miss valuable learning at the start of the day.

If a child arrives late, they must come to the school office to be signed in. Frequent lateness can quickly add up and lead to lost learning time. Lateness after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence, and this is monitored closely.

Under both South Gloucestershire guidance and the national attendance rules, schools and local authorities must work together to support families to improve attendance. However, where attendance or punctuality does not improve, further action may be taken. This can include a penalty notice (fine). Across England, fines can be issued when a child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, and this can include repeated lateness.

We are here to support all families and will always work with you first to help improve attendance. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends every day and arrives on time.

Critical Incidents



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We talk to the children before and after each drill so they understand what's happening and why. Our aim is to keep these experiences calm and positive, helping children feel confident and prepared rather than worried. Practising means that, if an emergency ever did occur, everyone would know how to respond quickly and safely.

In the event of a real incident, children's safety would be our first priority, and parents and carers would be asked to remain off site so that the emergency services can do their work. Communication would be shared promptly through Arbor by our Trust, Mosaic Partnership Trust. For more information, please see our Critical Incidents Policy on the school website.

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