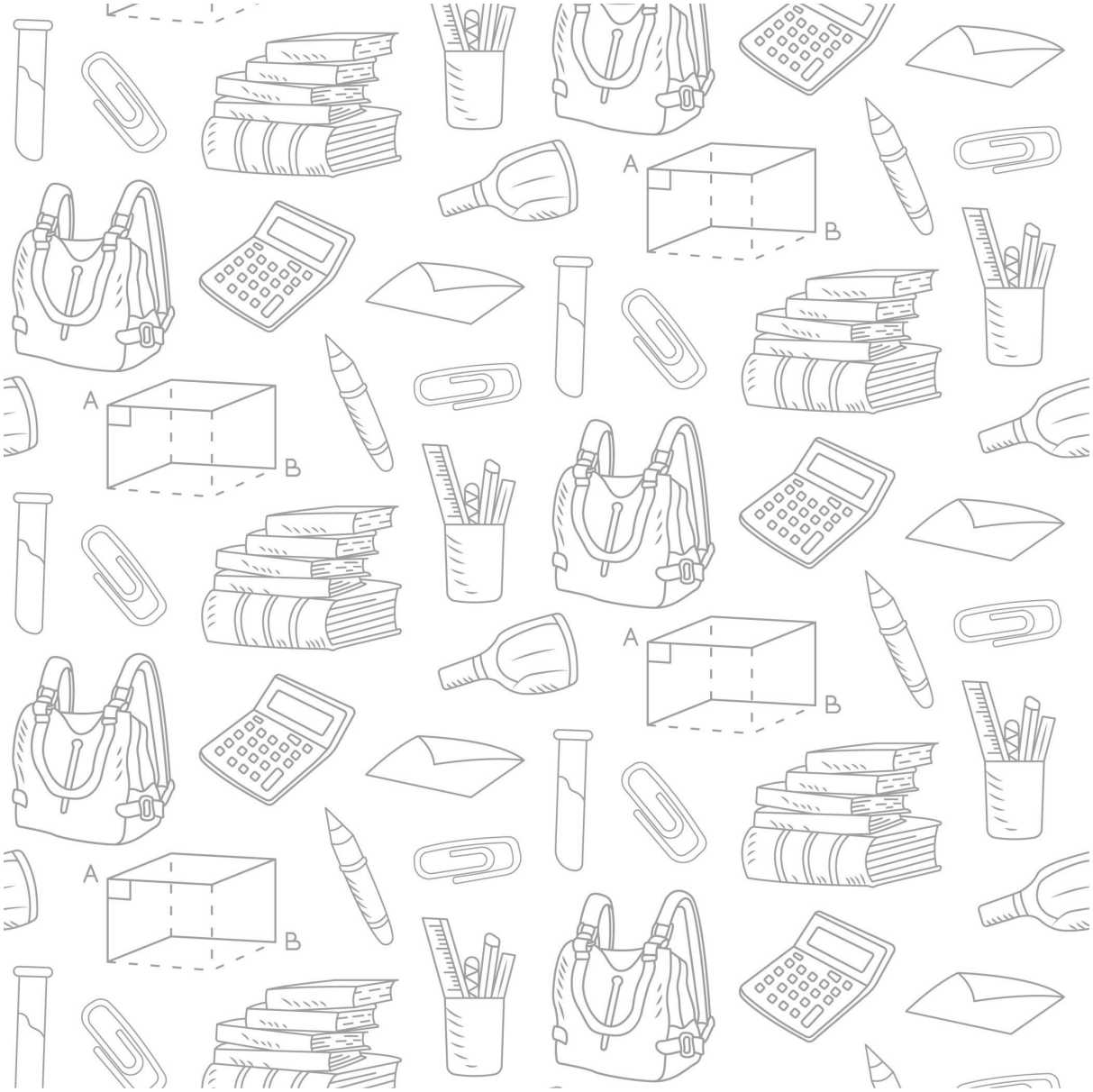

Park Primary School
Newsletter Term 2 2026

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

Resilience ~ Responsibility ~ Collaboration ~ Aspiration

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Message from Executive Headteachers



We hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable half term break. As we move into the colder months and the excitement of the festive season begins, we are looking forward to another busy and successful term ahead. One of the highlights of this time of year is welcoming families into school for the many events and opportunities to come together as a community. There is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, and we are excited to share these experiences with you and your children. We are incredibly proud of our

school community and cannot wait to celebrate the learning, achievements and special moments that this season brings.

Mrs Waller & Mr Rowsell

Message from the Head of School



As I look back over Term 1, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our children, families, and colleagues for such a positive start to the school year. It has been fantastic to see the children settling so well into their new classes, building friendships, embracing new challenges, and demonstrating our school values every day.

Looking ahead to Term 2, I am incredibly excited about all the festive events and celebrations we have planned. The coming weeks are always a special time in school, filled with opportunities for learning, creativity, and making lasting memories together.

I am particularly looking forward to seeing the excitement that the festive season brings and, of course, having the chance to show off my ever-growing collection of Christmas jumpers!

Thank you for your continued support. I wish everyone a happy and successful Term 2, and I look forward to sharing the season's festivities with you all.

Mr Gamble

Head of School 🎄✨

Staffing Update

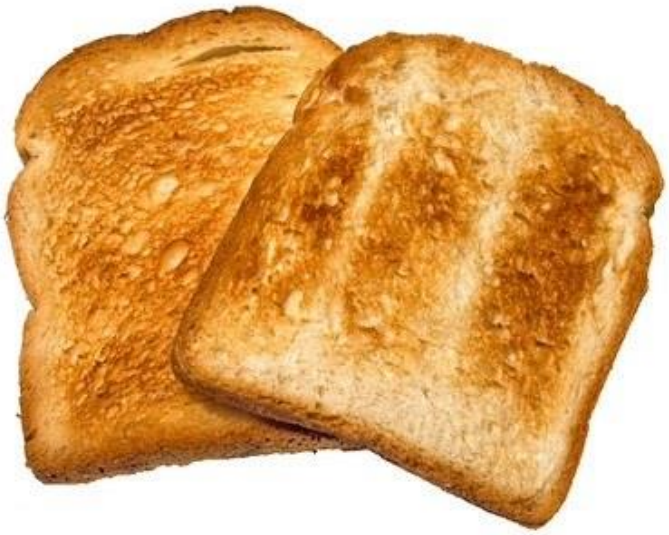


We are delighted to welcome Ms Brady to our school community for Term 2. Ms Brady has been and will be teaching in Year 2, and we know she will be a wonderful addition to the team.

Ms Brady brings enthusiasm, experience, and a passion for helping children learn and thrive. We are excited for our Year 2 pupils to work with her and are confident they will enjoy the opportunities and experiences she will bring to the classroom.

Please join us in giving Ms Brady a very warm welcome to our school. We look forward to the positive impact she will have during her time with us.

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 busing 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: how do we celebrate differently?

Year 1: What are things made from?

Year 2: What put Bristol on the map?

Year 3: Are all rocks the same?

Year 4: Is water always wet?

Year 5: Can we change materials?

Year 6: How do we light up our world?

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

Hi all,

Parent coffee, Winter Wellbeing led by Education Mental Health Practitioner on the 23rd November

What is a Support Plan?

At The Park Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive. When a child demonstrates needs that require support beyond the school's universal offer and quality first teaching, a Support Plan may be put in place.

What is the purpose of a Support Plan?

A Support Plan helps identify a child's specific areas of need and outlines the additional strategies, interventions and adjustments that will be provided to support them. It ensures that everyone involved in the child's education works towards the same outcomes and monitors progress over time.

Support Plans:

- Identify a child's strengths and areas of need.
- Set clear, achievable targets.
- Outline the support and strategies that will be used.
- Monitor progress and evaluate the effectiveness of support.
- Ensure parents, school staff and the child work together to achieve positive outcomes.

How are targets set and reviewed?

Support Plan targets are set three times per year:

- **September**
- **January**

- **April**

Each Support Plan is then formally reviewed:

- **December**
- **March**
- **July**

During reviews, progress towards targets is discussed, achievements are celebrated, and new targets or support strategies may be identified where necessary.

Working in Partnership with Parents

Parents and carers are invited to discuss their child's Support Plan during Parents' Evenings as part of the review process. This provides an opportunity to share successes, discuss progress and agree next steps together.

Pupil Voice Children are actively involved in their Support Plan. Their views, experiences and aspirations help shape targets and support strategies, ensuring they feel listened to and involved in decisions about their learning and wellbeing.

When does a child have a Support Plan?A child may have a Support Plan when school identifies a level of need that requires provision beyond what is ordinarily available for all pupils through high-quality classroom teaching and universal support. The plan helps ensure that additional support is carefully planned, monitored and reviewed to maximise progress and wellbeing.By working together with families and pupils, we aim to provide the right support at the right time so that every child can achieve their potential.

Friends of The Park (FOTP) – Get Involved!

FOTP is a small, friendly group of parents and carers who work together to organise events and raise funds for the school. There is no minimum commitment, just support whenever you can. New members are always welcome!

Last year, FOTP funded **8 iPads**, helped subsidise the **Christmas trip**, provided **class gifts and resources**, organised the **Year 6 Leavers' Party**, and ran two popular school discos.

There are many ways to help, from planning events and sourcing raffle prizes to helping at discos and fundraising activities. Volunteering is a great way to meet other families, support our school community, and create memorable experiences for all our children.

Planned Events for 2026/27

- **Term 1:** Halloween Disco
- **Term 2:** Christmas Event (TBC)

- **Term 3:** School Disco
- **Term 4:** Easter Raffle
- **Term 5:** Summer Funday
- **Term 6:** Year 6 Leavers' Party, Sports Day & Colour Run Refreshments

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact FOTP. Every little bit of help makes a difference!

Together, we can continue to provide fantastic experiences and opportunities for our children.

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 meals

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 2 Events



Week 1, 2nd - 6th November:

- Thursday 5th : Themed lunch

Week 2, 9th - 13th November:

- Friday 13th: Children in Need
- Tuesday 10th: Parents Evening
- Wednesday 11th: Parents Evening

Week 3, 16th - 20th November:

- Wednesday 18th: Year 6 Health Check
- Friday 20th: Friends Uniform Sale

Week 4, 23rd - 27th November:

- Monday 23rd: Parent coffee, Winter Wellbeing led by Education Mental Health Practitioner
- Monday 23rd: School Photos
- Year 6 Mock SATs Week

Week 5, 30th November - 4th December:

- Monday 30th: Nasal Flu Vaccine
- Wednesday 2nd: Year 3 & 4 Church Christmas Concert
- Friday 4th: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert

Week 6, 7th - 11th December:

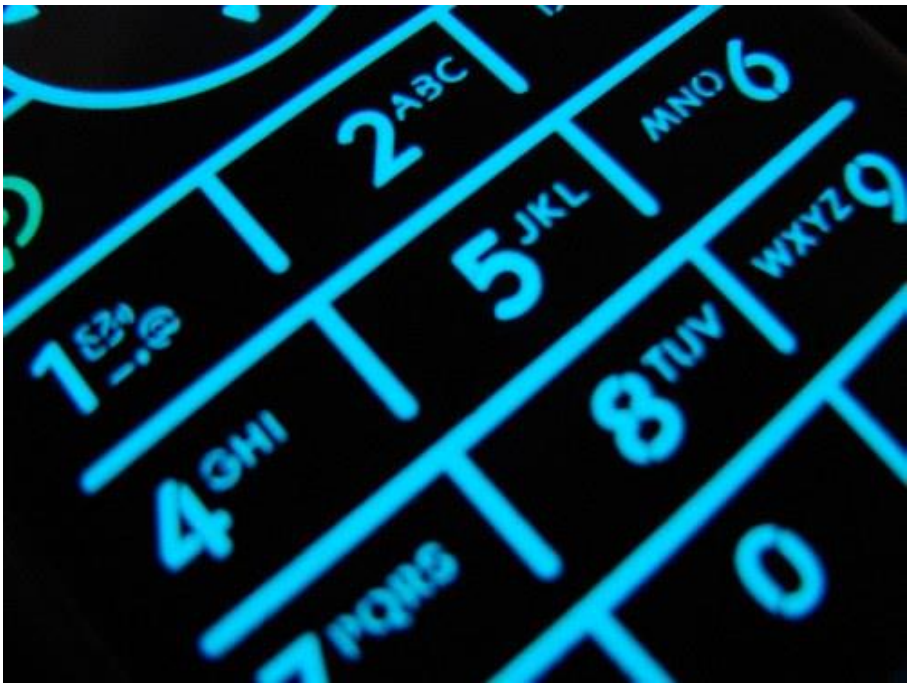
- Tuesday 8th: Reception & Key Stage 1 Afternoon Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 9th: Reception & Key Stage 1 Morning Nativity
- Wednesday 9th: Year 6 Christmas Church Concert
- Wednesday 9th: Christmas Lunch Day

- Thursday 10th: Santa Run & Christmas Fayre
- Friday 11th: Christmas Jumper Day
- Performance Book Fair

Week 7 14th - 18th December:

- Thursday 17th: Rock Steady Concert
- Friday 18th: Final day of Term

Safeguarding and Drills



The safety and wellbeing of our pupils remains our highest priority. This term, we successfully carried out both a **whole-school lockdown drill** and a **fire evacuation drill**. These practices are an important part of our safeguarding procedures and help ensure that children and staff know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency.

We were extremely proud of all our pupils, who listened carefully, followed instructions promptly, and behaved responsibly throughout both exercises. The drills were completed successfully and provided a valuable opportunity to review our procedures and reinforce key safety messages.

By regularly practising these routines, we can ensure that our school community is well prepared and that everyone feels safe, secure, and confident in an emergency situation. Thank you to our pupils and staff for their excellent cooperation and support.

Attendance & Punctuality



Attendance Matters

We know that children will sometimes have coughs, colds, and minor illnesses, especially during the winter months. However, good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning opportunities, build friendships, and develop positive routines. We kindly ask parents and carers to send their child to school whenever they are well enough to attend. In many cases, children with a mild cough, cold, or runny nose can still take part fully in the school day. Every day in school counts, and even occasional absences can mean children miss important learning experiences. If your child has an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain off school until 48 hours after their last episode before returning.

If your child attends school but becomes too unwell during the day, we will always contact you and make appropriate arrangements for them to be collected. Our staff will monitor children carefully and ensure their wellbeing remains our priority.

Arriving at School on Time and Ready to Learn

We kindly ask that all children arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.45am, ready to line up and meet their teacher before going into class. By 8.50am, all children should be in their classrooms, settled and ready to begin their learning. If you arrive at 8.50am or later, please report to the school office.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school every day. Children will continue to enjoy outdoor playtimes and learning opportunities throughout the winter months, and having a warm, waterproof coat helps ensure they can stay comfortable, dry and ready to enjoy their time outside. Please also make sure that coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Working Together to Improve Attendance

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, penalty notices may be considered when a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. This can include unauthorised absences resulting from arriving after the register has closed.

We are here to support all families and will always seek to work with you to overcome any barriers to regular attendance.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every child is in school, on time, appropriately dressed for the weather and ready to learn. Together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Critical Incidents



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. We will always inform you when we have had a drill so you are both aware and can support your child in understanding these processes.

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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