



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



20
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2025

WEEKLY UPDATE



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
* Lunch Menu week 1 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks	* Y4/5 Swimming * 3.15 - 4.15 pm R,1,2,3 Performing Arts * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rounders KS2	* Y2 to Foxhowl * Y6 to Winmarleigh * NO Y3 Gardening * NO Y5/6 Crochet	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir Y4, 5, 6 * NO Ball Games R, 1, 2	* Y2 return * Y6 return * NO Athletics R, 1,2

School Value: Collaborate HPL Value: Agile

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

What a lovely end—to a very sunny week—we have had in school! Last night was the school disco and for those who attended, I am sure you will agree it was a huge success and a hit with the children. This year the PFA booked TJ the DJ who was just amazing with all of his games and dance offs whilst playing all of the hits! I must say a huge thank you to the PFA and all of the volunteers who helped last night. The organisation was perfect and the amount of work that went into putting it on really can't be underestimated. I know at the heart of everything the PFA do is providing wonderful opportunities and experiences for the children—something they 100% achieved last night. Well done and thank you to every member and volunteer.

This week, some Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a cricket competition. Miss Shirley and Miss Harding accompanied the children and said their determination, resilience and sportsmanship was outstanding. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly.

Year 5 also visited Thurstaston Beach this week as part of their learning around coastal erosion. They were a credit to the school and also had the perfect weather for a beach trip. Well done Year 5.

Finally, on Monday, we have a visiting Headteacher joining us as part of our HPL accreditation. The Pupil Team have been working hard planning and leading the school tour and talking about everything they have developed this year. The team, alongside Miss Harding, have launched the HPL lunchtime zone, the HPL playtime stickers recognising pupils showing strong values and also continued to implement our learning characters to help everyone understand how we learn and how our behaviours develop us as people. I am so proud of the team and all of their hard work, and know that the visiting Headteacher will be blown away by their knowledge and dedication. Well done to the team and thank you to Miss Harding for supporting them.

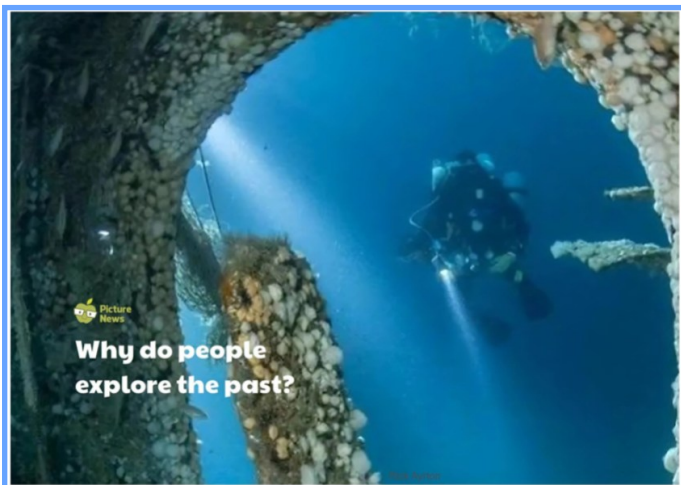
The weather forecast is currently to remain warm next week, although not quite the temperatures we have had these last couple of days. Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle, as although we have emergency spares, we do not have enough for large numbers of pupils. This week we have noticed that we have been using our emergency spares a lot. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Have a lovely weekend as always and see you on Monday!
Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'Why do people explore the past?'



Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

The divers found a broken plate on the seabed and the symbol of the Cunard Steamship company was on it, the company that operated the SS Nante. Historian Dr Harry Bennett helped to confirm the ship's identity using the plate, the wreck's structure, its technology and cargo.

The SS Nante was a steamship that collided with a German sailing boat. The crew used mattresses to plug the hull and it drifted for hours.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck
- * If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?
- * Do you believe it is important to learn about the past? Why? What do others at home say?

Whole School Showcase

We are very pleased to share further information about our Summer Showcase. As mentioned on the Dates for the Diary at the beginning of the year, we will be holding our whole school event on Tuesday 15 July in the afternoon.

This year's Summer Showcase theme is

"This is Me!"

The showcase will celebrate uniqueness and diversity. Each class will be performing a song and/or dance using music by unique artists, unusual songs or songs linked to the theme.

There has been or will be a message on Seesaw from class teachers about any costumes that are needed for the day. These are to be worn on the day, so please remember that children have to be able to perform in them and it might be warm!

The KS2 Gate will open at 1.15 pm and close at 1.30 pm so please arrive promptly so you don't miss the show!

You are welcome to bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on for the performance and there will be extra seats provided by school.

There is no restriction on the number of family members who can attend.

Safeguarding Alert

We have been advised by Warrington Borough Council that there are reports of a male acting suspiciously in the Warrington area. Although this is not in our immediate area, please could you remind children about the possible dangers of speaking to strangers and report any suspicious incidents to the police.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

This week, the Midday Assistants have chosen the following children, who have demonstrated good manners and our school values at lunchtimes to join Mrs Quigley next week (or as soon after if that is not possible) for hot chocolate and cake:

Reception	William H
Year 1	Zoe B
Year 2	Carter C
Year 3	Kane F and Caleb C
Year 4	Thomas S
Year 5	Joe K and Alfie F
Year 6	William C and Marcus H

Chicken and Guinea Pig Plea for Help

If you would be able to help to look after our chickens and guinea pigs over the summer holidays, please could you let the school office know your availability so we can pull together a rota.

We will give full training for what needs to be done (letting the chickens out, cleaning the coop and guinea pig hut, collecting the eggs, topping up food, water etc). As a thank you, you can keep any eggs that are laid during your duty!

With permission, we will create a Seesaw group of everyone on the rota so that if anything comes up unexpectedly, you will be able to contact each other and rearrange dates. We will also provide contact details of staff in case you need additional help.

Kwik Cricket

Well done to the group of Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Kwik Cricket competition this week.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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Cheshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service urges caution ahead of hot weekend weather

As temperatures are forecast to reach around 27°C this weekend, Cheshire firefighters are urging residents to take extra care to prevent outdoor fires occurring and for people to stay safe in and around open water.

The warm, dry conditions significantly increase the risk of outdoor fires. So, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking the public to act responsibly to help reduce the number of calls to avoidable incidents.

Firefighters are reminding residents not to light any kind of fire in gardens or rural areas and to ensure that all smoking materials are properly extinguished and safely disposed of. Throwing cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows can easily lead to a fire starting under the current dry conditions.



There is also an increased risk of garden fires, particularly when using barbecues, chimeneas, or weed burners. If these are used near dry grass or during breezy conditions, even the smallest flame or ember can start a fire and quickly spread to hedges, fences, and nearby buildings. Any fires should never be left unattended, even for a moment.

Steve McCormick, Head of Prevention at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said "With the ground being so dry currently, it won't take much for a fire to start, and for it to quickly spread, due to an accidental or reckless act. We've all seen how devastating wildfires can be and how they can quickly get out of hand and spread, but all those fires were started by an ignition source of some kind."



In addition to fire safety, the Service is also issuing a warning about the dangers of swimming in open water. **With rising temperatures, people may be tempted to cool off in our lakes, rivers, or reservoirs, however, this can be extremely dangerous.** Cold water shock is a real and potentially deadly risk that can affect anyone, regardless of fitness or swimming ability. Sudden exposure to cold water can cause panic, disorientation, and a loss of muscle control, making it difficult to stay afloat or call for help.

Anyone planning to swim in any open water this weekend needs to understand the risks they are taking and know what to do to keep themselves and others safe in an emergency. Steve McCormick added "We all want to enjoy the sunshine while we can, but we are asking people to please do so safely. Think carefully about your actions, whether around fire or water, and help keep yourself and others safe this weekend."


For more information on staying safe, please visit the your safety section of their website <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/>

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Girls from reception to Year 6



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Summer TECH CLUBS

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Paid sessions Funded Sessions

NEW Childcare Voucher, Tax Free Childcare and UC Childcare payments now available.

Join us to embark on a fun-filled journey into the world of coding, gaming, and creativity! This special program is designed to ignite your child's passion for tech and foster their problem-solving skills, all while having a blast during the school break! Both paid and funded places are available to book for kids aged 5+.

***FREE places-** are available to eligible Warrington resident children in receipt of benefit related free school meals as part of the Holiday Activities and food scheme

FREE PLACES*

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CAMPS 2025 INFORMATION

SUMMER CAMPS

WEEK 1: 21st - 25th July
AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL

WEEK 2: 28th July - 1st August
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL
Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW
Anderton Primary School, PR6 9NN

WEEK 3: 4th - 8th August
Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
St Pius X Prep School, PR2 8RD
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL

WEEK 4: 11th - 15th August
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL
Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW

WEEK 5: 18th - 22nd August
Appleton Scout Hall, WA4 5EQ
Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School, L34 2QN
Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW

WEEK 6: 26th - 29th August (4-day week)
AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
Alderley Edge School for Girls SK9 7QE

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