



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



24
October
2025



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
* Lunch Menu week 1 * NO CLUBS * 3.15 pm onwards Parents Evening (by appointment)	* 2.30 pm PFA AGM * NO CLUBS	* NO CLUBS * 3.15 pm onwards Parents Evening (by appointment)	* Y3 trip to Delamere * NO CLUBS	* NO CLUBS

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic start we've had together. The children have settled beautifully into their routines, working hard, enjoying their learning and showing real teamwork as part of our school community. It's been a joy to see their enthusiasm and kindness shine through each day.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Robinson, and some members of our brilliant Happiness Heroes team for running our Community Café. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, enjoying the atmosphere and supporting our school. Your presence made it a truly special event. We were overwhelmed by your generosity during our harvest collection. Lindsey from the WA5 Good Neighbours team was deeply moved by the kindness of our school community. Thank you for helping us make a real difference.

To all families who have been celebrating Diwali, we wish you a joyful and peaceful festival. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a time for reflection, celebration and togetherness. It marks the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, and is celebrated with beautiful lights, delicious food, and family gatherings. Some of our classes have celebrated this festival this week as part of their learning and enjoyed learning more about this. To our families who have been celebrating, we hope your celebrations are filled with happiness and love.

Next half term, we look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening. Please ensure you've booked your appointment via the email sent out. It's a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning and development since the start of term.

Our upcoming Open Day in November is nearly full! If you know anyone looking for a school place for September 2026, please do share our information via our social media channels. We'd love to welcome new families to our community.

A final reminder that our PFA AGM will take place on Tuesday 4 November at 2:30 pm. This important meeting will celebrate the achievements of the past year and elect key members for the year ahead. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone after the break. Please remember: gates open at 8:35 am and close promptly at 8:45 am.

Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'What makes someone worthy of a Nobel Prize?'



This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Maria Corina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature and peace. Machado has worked peacefully to make her country fairer and to protect people's rights. The award recognises her bravery in speaking out for fairness and freedom, and highlights the importance of non-violent action in creating change.

Alfred Nobel was an inventor, entrepreneur, scientist and businessman who also wrote poetry and drama. His varied interests are reflected in the prize he established and which he lay the foundation for in 1895 when he wrote his last will, leaving much of his wealth to the establishment of the prize.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Ask somebody older than you at home about their knowledge of Nobel Prizes. Can they recall any winners from the past?
- * Should children be able to win prizes like the Nobel Prize if they make a big difference? Discuss your response with someone at home.
- * If you could invent a new Nobel Prize, what would it be for?

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week for demonstrating good manners and our school values at lunchtime:

Reception	Darcey N
Year 1	Jacob CG
Year 2	Maggie C
Year 3	Charlotte G
Year 4	James B
Year 5	Isla H
Year 6	Zoe L

SAVE THE DATE - Class Musical Performances

Across the year, we will be holding performances where children can showcase their learning in music lessons. There will be 1 performance per term and each one will include 2 classes. Parents/carers for those classes are invited to come and watch the performances (all performances will be on a Tuesday).

The first performance is on Tuesday 11 November for Years 3 and 4. The timings will be as follows:

- 2.35 pm KS2 gate opens for parents/carers
- 2.40 pm promptly KS2 gate locked and performance starts
- 3.15 pm performance ends

Years 1 and 5 will be in the spring term (date tbc)

Reception, Years 2 and 6 will be in the summer term (date tbc)

We will send out the dates as soon as they are confirmed for the Spring and Summer terms.

Sickness and Appointment Notifications

Please could we ask for your help on a couple of matters. When you report a child sick or unwell, please could you let us know why they are sick as it allows us to identify patterns/trends and, if necessary, put extra measures in place such as additional cleaning.

When you let us know that your child has an appointment in school time, please could you send a copy of the appointment letter for our records - this could be a photograph on Seesaw or email, or you can pop into the office and we can take a copy of it.

Thank you for your help with this.

Royal Legion Items on Sale

Paper poppies	Any donation
Poppy sticker	20p
Poppy reflector	50p
Festival wristband	£1
Snapband/ruler	£1.50



Year 2 Diwali Celebration

Year 2 had an extra Diwali celebration, when Laasya's family sent in a gift bag for every child in the class.

Thank you to Laasya and her family for such a thoughtful gift. A number of families in the class shared that they had been lighting candles this week too.



Community Café

We wanted to share some photographs of the event and our wonderful Happiness Heroes helpers.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Community Café this week and made it so successful. We hope you enjoyed catching up with other members of our community as well as the drinks and cakes!



Harvest Festival

This week our Innov8 team delivered a whole school assembly linked to Harvest Around the World. They each shared what harvest looks like in a chosen country and children in the audience



contributed with their ideas too. They worked so hard to create and share this informative assembly and did such a wonderful job.

As you can see, here at Park Road we have collected a huge selection of food and toys to donate to the WA5 Good Neighbours charity. We have worked alongside this charity for many years and the donations this year have really blown them away. Our Head Boy and Girl worked alongside staff here to pack it all up and get it sent to the local hub ready for distribution.



Thank you so much to everyone in our school community for your kindness and generosity.

Recent Achievement

Neel in Year 6's dad has asked us to share that "Neel has successfully passed the 11 Plus exams for both The Blue Coat Grammar School in Liverpool and the Trafford Grammar Schools Consortium. Due to preference considerations, he will be joining The Blue Coat School next year.

Neel has worked incredibly hard over the past year to achieve his goal of securing a place at a selective grammar school. We are very proud of his effort and determination."

Well done Neel, what a great example of perseverance and what it can achieve!



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What Happens Next?

After the order deadline on 31st October, all submitted forms will be processed.
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Tree 60's Opening Weekend kicks off on Friday 28th November with hot chocolate, mulled wine, Christmas stalls and festive fun – families are warmly invited to visit and:

- Choose their perfect tree and take it away the same day,
- OR book a delivery slot for a designated day,
- OR choose a tree and return on a later date to collect.

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Delivery/Collection
To be arranged (families will be updated once dates are confirmed).

Payment details
☒ Bank Transfer: 20-82-13 23745252
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Parent/Guardian Name: _____
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Until
Friday 7
November**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

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YEAR 5 & 6

Sweet Science

Saturday 8th November

The Queens's School Saturday Series

'Sweet Science' will be a morning of science-themed activities for girls in **Years 5 and 6** who are interested in joining The Queen's Senior School for Year 7. You can secure your daughter's place at the session on **Saturday 8 November** by following the link below:

<https://www.thequeensschool.co.uk/admissions/open-events/the-saturday-series-transition-programme/>