



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



25
April
2025



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1	Friday 2
* Lunch Menu week 2 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks	* Year 4/5 Swimming * 3.15 - 4.15 pm R,1,2,3 Performing Arts	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y4 Gardening * NO Y5/6 Crochet * 4.30 pm Y6 Residential Meeting * 5.00 pm Y2 Residential Meeting	* NO Choir * 3.20 pm Community Café	*

School Value: Respect

HPL Value: Agile

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Welcome back to the Summer term! How have we arrived here already! Although a short week, we have had a wonderful start to the new term with lots of hard work and enjoyment in catching up with friends after the break.

Over the next couple of weeks we have a few events happening in school. The first is the Community Café, which is next Thursday. More details are on the next page, but please do join us if you can. Drinks, biscuits and cakes will be available and it's a great opportunity to have a chat and catch up with other families in our community.

On Thursday 8 May, we will be celebrating VE Day and staff are organising a wonderful celebration for the children where they will have the chance to enjoy many '1940s style' activities as well as learning a little about the event and its history. On this day we would love children to come in wearing either something red, white or blue, party clothes or something 1940s style. We have a range of ideas from staff already from costumes in the style of 'Land Girls' to the Andrews Sisters!

This week I had the huge privilege of attending the Warrington Guardian Inspiration Awards. Although I didn't win, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the nominations and also kind words and best wishes. I absolutely love our school and everything about Park Road and for me I am a winner everyday as I get to work with the best staff, watch our amazing children learn and grow and have the support from wonderful parents and the family community.

Finally, I cannot leave today without saying a huge thank you and goodbye to Mr Finch. He has worked at Park Road for the last 8 years and been such an asset to the whole school. He has led the Eco Team for those years, not to mention the impact he has had on school both from maintaining the grounds, and being that friendly face on the gates each day. He has also been a great help on numerous trips and visits. I'm sure you will all join me in saying 'Good Luck' - keep in touch Mr Finch and visit us often. Enjoy your retirement!

Have a lovely weekend, and see you Monday
Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'What qualities should a positive Role model have?'



Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since Tuesday 11 March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

The workers feel that their health and safety isn't always treated with importance, and that their pay isn't going up enough, given the responsibility they have in their roles. They also have concerns about job redundancies, where employees might lose their jobs in the future.

Some people in Birmingham are taking their own rubbish and recycling to landfill and recycling centres. For others, without transport, it is more difficult to move the waste.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about recycling.
- * Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

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 and they will join Mrs Quigley the next week in school (or as soon after if that is not possible) for hot chocolate and cake:

Reception	Everlyn G
Year 1	Archie M-C
Year 2	Ollie B
Year 3	Scarlett J
Year 4	George Mc
Year 5	Millie L
Year 6	Michael A

Park Road Community Café is Back

We would like to invite parents, carers, children and families to our Community Café, which will be run by school staff.

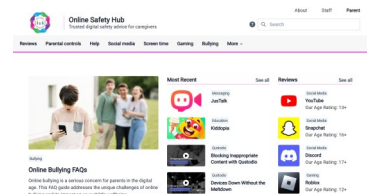


A member of WBC's Early Help Team will be available to explain services available from the Council to support families.

Why not come along for a drink and a piece of cake and get to know other people in our school community. We hope the café will offer a time to relax and have a break and enjoy the company. It will be held on Thursday 1 May from 3.15 pm - we hope you can join us.

Qustodio

The School Nurse service has asked us to share with you a new parent app, which allows parents to restrict and monitor children's social media.



There is a video on Warrington Online Safety Hub about it (link below) and we would highly recommend the Hub for giving trusted digital safety advice for caregivers - there are lots of valuable resources to support you in supporting our children.

<https://warrington.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/videos/locking-inappropriate-content-with-qustodio>

After School Clubs For Summer 2

Details of the After School clubs on offer for next half term can be found below. All of the clubs will be available to book via Parentpay across next week - **club registration will close on Friday 9 May**, so please make sure that you have signed up before that date, to allow time to create the registers - no additions can be made after this date..

The charge per session is **75p** per child per club, except for Kids with Bricks (external provider) which is £4.79 per session. The total cost of the club depends on the number of weeks the club is running. Please only sign up if you can attend each week as there will be no refunds if your child is unable to attend- any refunds for external clubs should be requested directly to the club provider. There is no charge for Choir but we do ask that your child commits to attending every week. **Please take care when booking as we are unable to refund mistakes.**

**** For safeguarding reasons, if a child can't stay for a club, please let the OFFICE know in advance so that they can update the registers and your child is dismissed as usual, rather than going to the club ****

Please make a note of the details below for any of your clubs or take a photograph so you have it available on your phone - you can always look back on the Weekly Updates on our website if you do forget.

Day	Clubs	Years	Time	Collect from	Dates
Monday	Disney Stars by invitation only	Various	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	2/6 - 7/7
	Kids with Bricks**	Years 1 - 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	2/6 - 7/7
Tuesday	Performing Arts	R, 1, 2, 3	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	3/6 - 8/7
	Rounders	Years 3 - 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	3/6 - 8/7
Wednesday	Crochet (only for children who have already done the club this year)	5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	4/6 - 9/7 (not on 25/6)
	Gardening	3	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS1 Gate	4/6 - 9/7 (not on 25/6)
Thursday	Choir	4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	5/6 - 10/7 (not on 5/6 or 19/6)
	Ball Games	R, 1, 2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	5/6 - 10/7 (not on 19/6, 26/6)
Friday	Athletics	R, 1, 2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	6/6 - 11/7 (not on 13/6, 27/6, 4/7)

Kids with Bricks - to book onto this club, please follow the link below**

<https://kwbclubs.ecwid.com/Park-Road-Community-Primary-Warrington-Summer-Term-2-2025-Monday-p720764503>

Fantastic Gymnastics

Over the Easter holidays, several children from Park Road took part in a gymnastic competition. The children from Reception to Year 2 did very well and won lots of medals including golds!

Well done girls for demonstrating so many of our HPL values of perseverance, practice and risk taking - we are very proud of you all!



Primary Arts Network Performance

As promised in a previous update, we are very pleased to share some of the photographs from Year 5's Primary Arts Network performance at the Parr Hall.



ONLINE SAFETY

Navigating the online world safely is difficult enough for adults and it is even more complicated when it comes to our children. We want to help by providing you with information that we think may be useful to you, either now or for the future. We have chosen a couple of topics for this week and will share further information each week, we hope you find it useful. We highly recommend using Warrington Safeguarding Partnership's fantastic new website to keep your child safe online <https://warrington.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sextortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.

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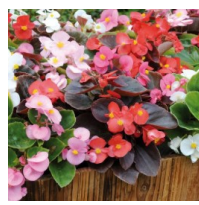
Spring Plant Sale



Warrington West Scouts are selling high quality bedding plants and hanging baskets again for delivery later in May. Orders must be received by them no later than Sunday 4 May 2025 and the link is below.

<https://www.warringtonwestscouts.org.uk/shop/>

School has purchased plants from Warrington West Scouts for years and can vouch for their quality. Not only that, but it also supports a really good cause, our local scouting groups.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING 2025

APRIL 28 & 29
16:00 - 18:00

Mental Health and Wellbeing Event 2025 is for anyone who wants to learn more about mental health, what support is available in Warrington and how to look after their wellbeing.

There will be stalls with a variety of organisations including CAMHS, BabyZone, Creative Remedies, The Living Well Hub and so many more.

Mindfulness activities will be available to try out on both evenings.

We hope to see you there!

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Ticket Fraud

Ticket fraud is on the rise, please read the below to protect yourself.

With another packed summer of gigs and festivals ahead, it's vital that fans don't let fraudsters cash in on the excitement. Scammers are getting smarter, but so can consumers. By following Action Fraud's advice and sticking to safe, verified sources, you can make sure your ticket leads to the real experience - not a costly disappointment.

Of the reports made to Action Fraud last year, 38% of reports (3771) mentioned concert tickets, 23% (2351) mentioned travel and 16% (1617) mentioned sporting events.

How to protect yourself from ticket fraud:

- * Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known ticketing website.
- * Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Using a credit card gives you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud.
- * The password you use for your email account, as well as any other accounts you use to purchase tickets, should be different from all your other passwords. Use three random words to create a strong and memorable password, and enable 2-step verification (2SV).
- * Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets.
- * Is the vendor a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information visit star.org.uk/buysafe.

If you receive a suspicious email, report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk. For more advice on how to stay secure online, please visit cyberaware.gov.uk.

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you have been a victim of fraud, report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040

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