



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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WEEKLY UPDATE



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Lunch Menu week 2* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks (Lego) Y1-6* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Baking Y5, 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Performing Arts Y1, 2, 3* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir Y4, 5, 6* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Baking Y3, 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Dinner cost increases to £3.05* Individual photographs* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Crochet Y6* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Gardening Y4, 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Warrington Guardian Reception photograph* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Cross Country Y4, 5, 6* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Baking Y1, 2	

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week has seen a return of the sun, so although cold in the mornings, it's been lovely by snack and lunchtime. The sunshine definitely brings happy vibes across school. We're delighted with how our Reception children have settled into school life - their confidence is growing each day, and it's been heartwarming to see the strong bonds forming with their Year 6 buddies. I've also been so happy to see how older pupils are doing a *fantastic* job supporting the younger children during lunchtimes - playing games, helping them navigate the playground and being kind, caring role models. It's a joy to witness such collaborative play and friendship across year groups and it just shows how special our school community is.

A big thank you to everyone who has completed the form last week and expressed interest in attending our **PFA AGM** on **Tuesday 3 November**. Your involvement is vital to keeping our Parent and Friends Association thriving. We do still need a few more attendees for the AGM to go ahead, and for the committee to be elected for the coming year. To make it easy, I reshared the form to confirm attendance yesterday, along with the information leaflet outlining the different roles available. Whether you're new to the school or a familiar face, it's a great time to get involved! Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts last year, the PFA have now organised the next stage of our Forest School development - the refurbishment of our school pond! This exciting project will enrich outdoor learning opportunities for all children. A huge thanks to the committee for coordinating this, and to all of our families for your continued support. Joining the PFA is a wonderful way to help shape the future of our school and create memorable experiences for our children and yes, if you attend the AGM, I'll be bringing along some delicious cakes and treats to enjoy!

Next week, the photographers will be in school to take pupil photographs. - please see the next page for details.

As a school, we share lots of Seesaw posts for you to stay connected with your child's day-to-day learning. However, don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates, photos and news from around the school. It's a great way to stay informed and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our community.

We are now accepting applications for September 2026 admissions. If you know of any families who may be interested, please do share our posts or let us know if you can display a poster in your workplace or community space. Your help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated!

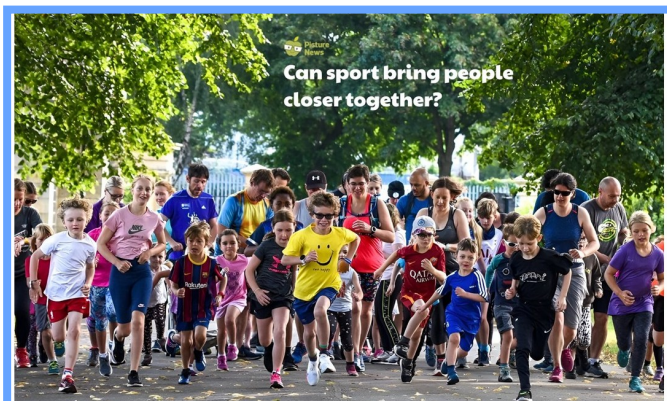
Thank you again for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. It's been a brilliant start to the term and we're looking forward to all the exciting things ahead. As always, have a wonderful weekend and I'll see you at 8:35am when the gates open on Monday.

Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'Can sport bring people closer together?'



Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free and inclusive way. Organisers say it is not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence and life skills in their local community.

Every Sunday morning, children aged 4 to 14 can take part in junior parkrun, a free 2 km event. It takes place in local parks in the UK, Ireland and Australia and is run completely by volunteers. There are around 500 junior parkruns in the UK! Children can walk, jog or run and families can join in by volunteering or cheering. Organisers say it is a great way to be active outdoors and enjoy time together as a community.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- * What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- * Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

PFA Non Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the non-uniform day. We have raised £148.50 for the PFA so far - donations can still be made on Parentpay direct to the PFA.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

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

Reception	Emma C
Year 1	Everlyn G
Year 2	Connor SC
Year 3	Emma K
Year 4	Jasmine L
Year 5	Alaina B
Year 6	Logan C

Individual Photographs Information

On Wednesday 1 October, the photographer will be in school for individual and, where requested by Sunday, sibling photographs.

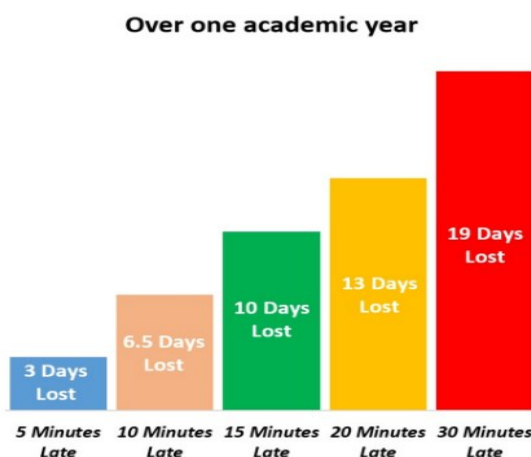
All children should be **wearing their school uniform, NOT their PE kits**. If they have PE on Wednesday, the teachers will adapt their lessons to accommodate the fact that they are wearing their uniform.

School Meals Price Increase

As promised, here is a reminder of the price increase to school meals. From Wednesday 1 October, the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.05 per meal. There is no change to the cost of snacks.

Giving your Child the Best Start

Ensuring your child is here every day on time is vital to supporting their academic development and ensuring they start the day with a positive and healthy mindset. The chart below shows how the minutes lost add up to huge amounts of time missing from learning across the school year.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shared by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarming, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk



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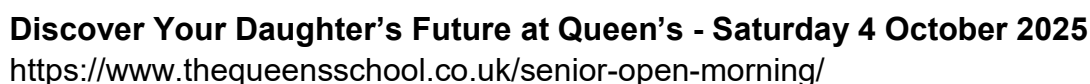
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