



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



27  
June  
2025

# WEEKLY UPDATE



### Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 30	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4
	< -----Transition mornings ----->			
* Lunch Menu week 2** (** see page 2 for changes) * Y1 trip to Blue Planet * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks	* Y4/5 Swimming * <b>NO</b> R,1,2,3 Performing Arts * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rounders KS2	* <b>Y6 at High School</b> * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3 Gardening * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet	* <b>Y6 at High School</b> * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir Y4, 5, 6 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Ball Games R, 1, 2	* <b>NO</b> Athletics R, 1,2 * Flower Show 2:30 pm

School Value: Collaborate HPL Value: Agile

### Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

What a wonderful week we've had! This week has been busy with residential holidays for Year 2 and Year 6. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Year 2 enjoyed den building, minibeast hunting and pond dipping, whilst for Year 6 the hit was definitely the giant swing.

On Monday we had a visit from the HPL Accreditor. Some of the lovely snippets she shared were 'Your children are just wonderful and such a credit to the school', 'the children really know what they want to learn about and focus hard on learning', and 'teachers work hard to develop the whole child, not just academic outcomes, but also personal achievement'. The last snippet really sums up our school to me—personal development is so important and sits at the heart of everything we do, so I am pleased this was recognised.

Next week, our Flower Show will take place on Friday 4 July. Gates will open at 2:30 pm, with a welcome speech from our Eco Team to be delivered at 2:45 pm. We hope you can join us and see the wonderful flower bed entries each class has created during enrichment. There are some wonderful themes such as the ocean, Alice in Wonderland and even a bed to grow your own pizza ingredients! For those attending, we will ask you to pick up your child at the classroom door and then make your way to the centre of the playground - **please let us know if you are picking up your child by completing the electronic form**, details overleaf. The show will then be opened and you will have chance to view each bed, before voting for your favourite in each category. The gates will reopen at 3.05 pm as usual. This event was a huge hit last year, so let's hope for good weather again and I hope to see you all there.

Earlier today, you should have received news of our new class teams next year. Next week we will host transition mornings to enable children to get to know the new team and start to feel comfortable and excited for their next school year. We will also welcome our new Reception class into school and send most of our Year 6 class off to their new high school for transition so it's a busy week in Park Road.

One final reminder, please can I ask that at the end of the day you leave the playground promptly. Clubs cannot start outside until the playground is clear and gates are locked so this will support the teachers running the club. It's also important that children do not play on the play equipment, even with adult supervision, as we are still responsible for pupils safety at this time and cannot have a school employee supervise play at this time. Thank you for help and understanding.

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

## **Picture News**

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

### **'Are driverless taxis a good idea?'**



Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel. The UK government has changed the rules to let this happen sooner. Many believe the service could bring new jobs, but others are worried about human drivers losing work. The cars have performed well in tests, though checks are still needed to make sure they are safe. Some people have already tried riding in these cars to see how well they work.

In spring 2026, Uber will start testing their driverless taxis in London. They will be working with an AI (artificial intelligence) company called Wayve. They've said a human safety driver won't be needed during tests.

Driverless taxis are already used on public roads in the states of California, Texas and Arizona in America, they are being tested for several years in Singapore mainly in controlled areas and in certain areas in China.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Share your experience of public transport and whether you've used a taxi. Talk to someone at home about their experiences.
- \* How do you feel about using a driverless taxi? Would you use one? Why?
- \* Can you make a list of the pros and cons of driverless taxis?

## **Flower Show**

As Mrs Quigley mentioned in her weekly message, our Flower Show will take place on Friday 4 July.

If you are attending the Flower Show to be with your child, [please can you complete the short electronic form sent out on Seesaw with this Weekly Update by Wednesday 2 July](#), as it will help with the planning and implementation of the event.

The timetable for the event is:

2.30 pm	KS1 and KS2 gates open Parents collect children from classroom doors and assemble in
2.40 pm	KS1 and KS2 gates locked
2.45 pm	Eco Warrior Speech to open the Flower Show
3.05 pm	Gates reopen as usual

## **Change to Menu Monday 30 June**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, on Monday 30 June, the pizza option will not be available and it will be replaced by sausage rolls.

## **Help with Chickens/Guinea Pigs**

Thank you to those who have offered to help in the summer, we are still in need of more help so if you would be willing to spare a few days over the summer to help to look after the class pets, we would really appreciate it.





# EdTech

## SUMMER HOLIDAY GUIDE

It can be challenging to find holiday activities for digitally savvy young ones. There are plenty of edtech (educational technology) avenues to explore this summer, however, and we've compiled a rundown of our favourites...

### For the gamer

There are some excellent free (or cheap) platforms out there which let budding programmers create their own games and characters. Children can discover the basics of game design as they learn how to build characters and make them speak, move and interact with each other. Young ones can construct a game from scratch and then share it with their friends.

Try: Play Lab at [code.org](https://code.org) • Toca Builders

### For the photographer

If your child is an aspiring photographer or loves fine-tuning images before posting them on social media, there are options which young people may find less daunting than Photoshop. As well as editing and adjusting photos, making illustrations or converting between image formats, some packages are geared towards illustration while others let you work with raster and vector graphics.

Try: Photopea • Sumopaint • PhotoGrid

### For the sports fan

Video games are usually seen as reducing the time young people spend exercising. However, there is a genre that encourages physical activity: from music-based games that get users up and dancing, to sports simulators where the controller becomes a tennis racket. Devices' ability to track movement in real time and translate it into a game can make physical activity less of a chore.

Try: Runkeeper • Strava • Zombies, Run! (12+)

### For the coder

Online, you can find a selection of programming environments where users can learn to make simple apps. Young people can design an app, code it in JavaScript or work in text-based language, then share their newly created app with friends. With millions of aspiring coders in the world, the internet has an abundance of tutorials to get young ones started.

Try: App Lab at [code.org](https://code.org) • Dance Party at [code.org](https://code.org) • Flappy Code at [code.org](https://code.org) • Hour of Code

### For the explorer

Young adventurers can discover the world from new perspectives – strolling Tokyo's streets or soaring over Yosemite. For those with virtual reality headsets, Google Earth VR puts the whole planet within reach, while – even further afield – youngsters can use their device to delve into the wonders of our solar system with virtual tours of NASA's labs and mission control centres.

Try: Google Maps Treks • Google Earth VR • NASA at Home: Virtual Tours

### For the avid reader

Your child's smartphone or tablet can become an inspirational learning tool that fires their imagination while improving their reading, vocabulary, spelling and comprehension. Mobile reading apps and audiobook libraries are worth setting some screen time aside for. As well as developing young ones' language skills, they also encourage the unbridled bliss of enjoying a good story.

Try: Hoopla • Epic • Audible

### For the musician

Learning to play an instrument and creating music electronically has become much easier thanks to technology. As the field keeps advancing, more software is being created – and there are many applications which are compatible with various devices, including mobile phones. For example, your child could start their journey to becoming a superstar DJ with real-time mixing and editing tools.

Try: Let's Play Kids Music: Summer Musical • GarageBand • Transitions DJ • YouTube music tutorials

### For the historian

Virtual tourism boomed when the pandemic cancelled everyone's travel plans. Let technology transport you to jaw-dropping historical sites or inside some of the world's most inspiring museums. Explore the Colosseum or the Amazon rainforest in VR, take a virtual tour of the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park or step inside the British Museum without leaving your living room!

Try: HistoryView Virtual Library • The British Museum – Google Street View • The National Museum of Computing 3D Virtual Tour

### For the artist

Unleash your child's creative streak over the holidays with these arts and craft activity ideas! Most are quick and easy to make with materials you'll probably already have at home. There are ideas for young artists of all abilities, so you're sure to find a few exciting projects to try out. Children could also take a virtual tour of some stunning galleries and art installations.

Try: Artist at [code.org](https://code.org) • Summer crafts for kids at Activity Village • Summer arts and crafts at Projects with Kids • Google Arts and Culture – virtual reality tours you'll love

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Reddin is Leader of the Virtual Curriculum at Alt Bridge School, a specialist provision school in Liverpool. He has supported the integration of technology into the teaching practice across the curriculum to empower young people to reach their academic potential and prepare for life beyond school.



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### Penketh Fire Station Open Day Saturday 5 July



Penketh Fire Station are hosting an Open Day on Saturday 5 July 2025 and visitors will be welcome to join them from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

They have set aside a special time slot for our SEN (Special Educational Needs) visitors from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm, offering a more relaxed environment for those who may benefit from additional support.

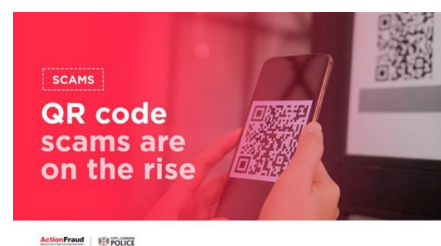
The open day is an excellent opportunity for the community to visit the fire station, learn more about the vital work of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, and discover potential career opportunities within the service. They will be showcasing some of the emergencies they respond to, as well as providing educational demonstrations to give an insight into the day-to-day operations of the firefighters.

But it's not all about work! The event is designed to be a fun and family-friendly day out. They have a variety of children's entertainment, including music, lights, games, sweets, prizes, balloons, and much more.

### New quishing alert: £3.5 million lost last year to fraudulent QR codes

A new alert has been issued by Action Fraud, warning about quishing, a form of phishing where a fraudulent QR code is scanned, designed to steal personal and financial information. The warning encourages people to stay vigilant and double check QR codes to see if they are malicious, or have been tampered with, before scanning them online or in public spaces.

Action Fraud can reveal that quishing happens most frequently in car parks, with criminals using stickers to tamper with QR codes on parking machines. Quishing also occurred on online shopping platforms, where sellers received a QR code via email to either verify accounts or to receive payment for sold items.



### What can you do avoid being a victim of quishing?

- \* QR codes used in pubs or restaurants are usually safe to scan.
- \* Scanning QR codes in open spaces (like stations and car parks) might pose a greater risk. Check for signs that codes may have been tampered with (usually by a sticker placed over the legitimate QR code). If in doubt, do not scan them: use a search engine to find the official website or app for the organisation you need to make a payment to.
- \* If you receive an email with a QR code in it, and you're asked to scan it, you should be cautious due to an increase in these types of 'quishing' attacks.
- \* Finally, we recommend that you use the QR-scanner that comes with your phone, rather than using an app downloaded from an app store.

If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to [phishing@report.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@report.gov.uk)  
Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you've been a victim of fraud, report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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# Chester Festival of Ideas



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Chester

Bookings are now open for the University of Chester's Festival of Ideas 2025! The Festival will be held from Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 July 2025 and all of the 90+ events are FREE to the public. The Festival is for everyone and this year there are even more events aimed specifically at children and families.

Highlights include a dedicated family fun day at the University's Exton Park site on Saturday 5 July; the Incredible Oceans team's ocean dome, which will be in Chester for the first time; and – suitable for older primary children – Hannah Cockroft will be talking about her journey from not being involved in any sport at school to becoming one of Great Britain's most successful Paralympians, and the difference one teacher can make. There are lots of events aimed at young children and you can find out more about them at <https://festivalofideas.chester.ac.uk/>

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SUMMER SCHOOL

**YOU CHOOSE**

**5 DAY**  
FILM CHALLENGE  
Write and make a film in 5 days  
AGES 6-18

**SHOW**  
IN A WEEK  
Learn, rehearse and perform a junior musical in a week!  
AGES 6-18

28TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST 2025  
Bridgewater High School (lower school), WA4 5JL

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

To book, please contact [claire.oxlee@pqacademy.com](mailto:claire.oxlee@pqacademy.com)

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**BOOK SALE**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
11am until 2pm

St Elphin's Church,  
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Pre-loved CDs, DVDs and  
Jigsaws also for sale

Refreshments available

Raffle tickets for sale  
for assorted prizes

### The Queen's School - Tuesday 1 July

The Queen's School Year 5 Discovery Day is specially designed to give your daughter a real taste of the adventure, curiosity, and confidence that life at Queen's Senior School brings. From stepping into the shoes of a scientist to exploring new languages and unleashing creativity through art and drama, your daughter will take part in a vibrant mix of hands-on workshops. For more information, please visit

<https://www.thequeensschool.co.uk/admissions/open-events/year-5-senior-school-discovery-day/>.