



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEKLY UPDATE

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First Week Back in School at a Glance

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Lunch Menu Week 1 * 3.15 - 4.10 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm R/1/2 Baking * 3.15- 4.15 pm KS2 Mindfulness Monday * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Y5 Swimming * 3.15 - 4.15 pm R/1/2/3 Performing Arts * 3.15- 4.15 pm R/1/2 Baking * 3.15- 4.15 pm Y4/5/6 Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Y4 Swimming * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Gardening * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 3.15- 4.15 pm KS2 Baking * 3.15 - 4.15 pm R/1/2/3 Athletics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Own clothes day for Greeks

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Unique Individuals Learning Together

As we reach the end of a wonderfully successful term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate everything our children have achieved over the past few weeks. It has been a joy to see our school community come together and to watch our pupils shine in so many different ways.

Our showcase assemblies have been a real highlight, with every class taking to the stage to share their learning. The creativity, confidence and teamwork on display have been outstanding. From expressive acting and clear speaking-and-listening skills to the beautiful singing that filled the hall, every child played their part in creating something truly special.

On Tuesday evening, a group of our Year 4 and Year 5 children represented the school at the Primary Arts Network (PAN) performance at the Parr Hall. They were absolutely amazing - full of energy, enthusiasm and school spirit! They even led other classes in an impromptu disco during the break before families arrived, setting the tone for a joyful evening. A huge thank you to Miss Shirley, Miss Harding and Mrs Thomas for all their hard work preparing the children over the past few weeks. Their support helped make the performance unforgettable. You can see some photographs from the evening on the next page.

Looking ahead, next half term is always a busy one, but it is also one of my favourites. As we begin preparing for the Flower Show and see our school grounds coming alive again, there is always a wonderful buzz around the school. Please do take a moment to look at the dates for the term ahead (the diary dates are on our website) - summer is always full of events including the Flower Show, our Summer Concert and school trips for most classes.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break. Let's hope for some sunshine and the full arrival of spring.

I look forward to seeing you all in two weeks' time.

Warmest wishes for this half term holiday, Mrs Quigley

Y4/Y5 Pan Performance at The Parr Hall



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorfy and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis
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Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.

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**CROMDALE
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Open day :

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL
9-11.30am or 12-2pm

Contact 07752 030476 to book an appointment. If you can't make the open day, please get in touch to book your free taster session.

Calling all Jigsaw Enthusiasts

St Elphin's, St Barnabas & Holy Trinity Churches invite you to join them at St Elphin's Church, Church Street, Warrington, WA1 2TL for a

Jigsaw Day

Saturday

18th April 2026

10.00 - 2.00pm



Other Stalls include:

Refreshments	Cake Stall
Tombola	Jams Stall
Knitted goods	Wood
Stained Glass	Silk Arrangements
	Candles



Admission £1.00 - includes free raffle ticket
Proceeds to be split between the 3 churches