



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



4  
July  
2025

# WEEKLY UPDATE



### Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Lunch Menu week 3</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks (<b>last one</b>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Y4/5 Swimming (<b>last one</b>),</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm R,1,2,3 Performing Arts (<b>last one</b>), <b>performance for parents 4.00 pm</b></li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rounders KS2 (<b>last one</b>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 8.15 am Happiness and Animal Welfare, HPL, team meetings (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* <b>Y3 trip to Liverpool museum</b></li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3 Gardening (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet (<b>last one</b>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 8.15 am Innov8 and Sports Crew (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir Y4, 5, 6 (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Ball Games R, 1, 2 (<b>last one</b>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Athletics R, 1,2 (<b>last one</b>)</li><li>* <b>Reports being sent home</b></li></ul>

School Value: Collaborate HPL Value: Agile

### Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

I know many amongst us have faced challenges in light of the devastating news we received earlier this week. However I wanted to take a moment to reflect. In moments like this, the true strength, compassion and caring character of our community shines through and I am honoured to be able to be a part of it. Thank you to everyone who has offered support this week, either in school or outside of school. As a school we remain, as ever, committed to providing a safe and supportive space, so if we can help in any way as we navigate our way through this time, please do contact me.

This afternoon, school was filled with joy during the Flower Show. The children and their teachers have worked so hard to create a wonderful area with many different themes; such as under the ocean, a garden of reflection and the Wizard of Oz to name a few. Thank you to everyone who was able to come, and please don't forget to vote using the QR code at the Flower Show or using the link shared along with this Weekly Update. The category winners will be announced in Monday's assembly.

This week, we also welcomed our new Reception children, whilst the rest of the school enjoyed transition week. The teachers are all looking forward to September and to working with their new classes. I also received feedback from the high schools who hosted some of our Year 6 children on their transition this week - they said that their manners, kindness and enthusiasm really stood out and I couldn't be prouder of them. I want to say a huge well done to all of our children as change can be tricky sometimes, but they embraced it and I know had enjoyable times in their new classrooms.

As we begin to bring the year to a close, we still have lovely events to enjoy in school, some of which are community events with parents invited. The summer concert is on Tuesday 15 July with gates opening at 1.15 pm and closing at 1.30 pm, where children will share songs and dances linked to the theme 'This is Me', celebrating our uniqueness and individuality. It would be lovely to see you there if you are able to make it. Meet the Teacher details were also shared last week and again it would be lovely to see you and work in partnership to support effective transition into the next year group.

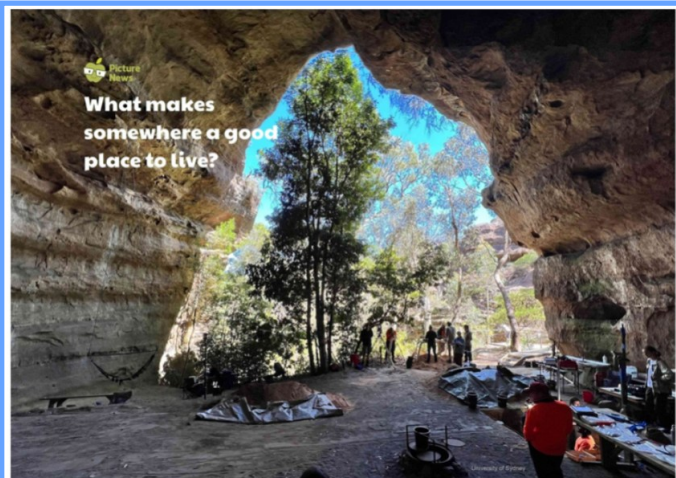
For now, I wish you all a restful weekend, with hopefully some sun, and I will see you all Monday.

Mrs Quigley

## Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

**'What makes somewhere a good place to live?'**



Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

The Blue Mountains were originally thought to be too harsh for human settlement - it is very cold and vegetation was much sparser. Water sources were frozen through winter and there was little firewood available in the area. It is thought that it may actually have played a crucial role in the early history of Australia's indigenous population.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it is important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- \* Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time.

## Flower Show

Here are some photographs of our lovely event - we hope you enjoyed it.





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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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.

**Cheshire Police**  
**ALERT**



[VPX on the Road](#)



**Cheshire**  
**Constabulary**

VPX is an event that takes place in Warrington over the summer holidays for families to attend and it is totally FREE to attend and all activities are also FREE.

VPX will take place every Wednesday in August starting from Wednesday 6 August at Bank Park (next to the Town Hall) from 11.00 am - until 4.00 pm (see poster for more details)

all activities are aimed to get kids active or creative and will hopefully lead them into finding new hobbies



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## Award winning French classes

for babies to teens







**Baby class (4 - 17 months)**  
- opening little minds to a new language through sensory fun, songs, stories and play

**Toddler /pre-school class (18 months - 4 years)**  
- inspiring children to love languages through songs, stories, crafts and play

**After school fun (3.5 - 8 years)**  
-All the fun of the pre-school class, with extra themes and French phonics

**Super peas (ages 9+)**  
- immersive sessions to accelerate language learning



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# FUN DAY

We are holding our yearly fun day and what better way to do so than inviting everyone to join us!  
Our fun day will be at the centre on

**Sunday 6th July 2025**  
10am - 3pm

Raffle – Draw starts 2pm  
Tombola  
Fairground Games  
Face Painting / Tattoos  
Bouncy Castle  
Hot dogs / Burgers  
Chips  
Police van & Fire Engine – dependent on needs  
Craft Activities

Entrance fee 50p per person

We hope to see you there!

Hall Road, Woolston, Warrington, WA1 4PN



## Run For #TeamMiniRoccos

### Warrington Running Festival 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025



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Junior race –  
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### Minimum age - 4 years

We have free Charity places in  
the Junior Race for our younger  
supporters. In return we ask  
that you raise a minimum  
sponsorship of £30.

A parent/guardian can  
run alongside for support.

Junior runner will  
receive a medal



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