



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



5
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2025



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
* Lunch Menu week 2** see pg 2 for changes	* Brunch**	*	* Roast Dinner**	* Deadline for signing up for clubs

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Welcome Back! We've had such a wonderful start to the new school year here at Park Road. It's been lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their new uniforms and settling straight back into school life. Our new Reception children have made a fantastic start and are already beginning to feel at home in Park Road. Next week they will be in school full-time – a huge *well done* to them for doing so brilliantly this week!

Across the school, teachers have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and hard work from all year groups. We've even had some of our leavers visit to tell us all about their new adventures at high school – it's always so special to see them return. This week every class has completed a DT project, and the results have been fantastic – from waistcoats and hand puppets to moving vehicles and delicious wraps!

Over the summer, we also had some exciting improvements made to our school:

- brand new toilets for KS2
- new doors fitted to all classrooms
- a refreshed Early Years outdoor area with new equipment, play spaces and a new shelter

In our allotment, Mr Hirst has been working tirelessly to care for the grounds. The new fencing to protect the crops from our cheeky chickens is nearly complete – a huge thank you to him for all his hard work!

Clubs will be available to book next week on Parentpay—for details please see later in this update. Please note that bookings will only be open for **one week** this time so that clubs can begin promptly. This year, Choir moves to Tuesday as this will be the day Mr Wiebe is in school. The choir will be working towards Young Voices this year so if this is something your child wants to be part of, they need to join and attend choir all year.

I'm pleased to share that teacher release will continue to be covered by Mrs Thomas, Mr Wiebe, Mrs Oakes and Mrs Elstob. Class teachers will reach out, if they haven't already, to confirm PE days and which days other adults will be supporting in the classroom.

Finally, a big congratulations to one of our Park Road families – Mrs MacMichael, mum to Phoebe and Sophie, has illustrated a children's book which was published over the summer! She has kindly donated two copies to school, and they are already making their way around the classes. If you'd like to purchase a copy, details are available on our community page at the back of this newsletter. It's a wonderful story, beautifully illustrated, and we're so proud to share her success.

Just a quick reminder: The gates open at **8:35 am** and close promptly at **8:45 am**. **KS2 parents** – please drop your child at the gate. **KS1 and Reception parents** – you are welcome to come into and leave the playground via the KS1 gate only for drop off.

Thank you all for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

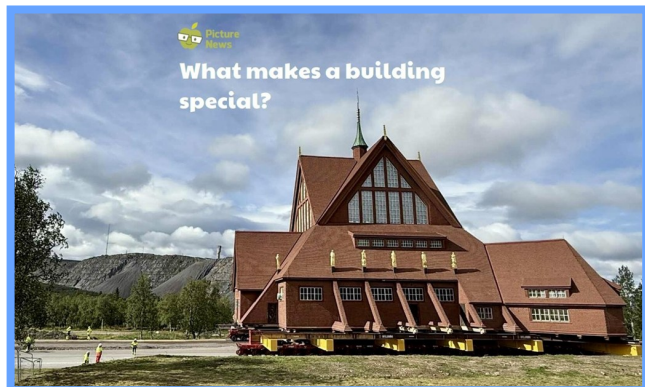
Mrs Quigley

Picture News

Each week, we share the Picture News topic that will be used in school the following week so that families can use it as a discussion point .

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

‘What makes a building special?’



A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle it and rebuild it?
- * Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- * What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important.

Change to Week 2 Menu w/c 8 September

Next week, there will be a slight variation to the Week 2 dinner menu where the meals will swap on Tuesday and Thursday due to availability of produce. This means that the all day brunch will be available on Tuesday and the roast dinner will be available on Thursday.

This is a change only for next week and it will revert to the usual Week 2 menu for future weeks.

Price increase for Meals from 1 October

Warrington Borough Council has informed us that the cost of school meals will rise to £3.05 from Wednesday 1 October, this will mean that a full week of meals will cost £15.25. We will add a reminder to the Weekly Update nearer the time, but please keep this in mind when topping up for meals in Parentpay.

Dates for the Diary

Our Dates for the Diary will be sent out on Seesaw shortly and a hard copy will be sent home for every child. These are all of the key dates for the year so that you can plan ahead. Wherever possible, we try to keep to these dates but there may be occasions beyond our control where they may need to change. Where this happens, we will give you as much notice as we can.

Clubs

Our clubs offer for this half term is shown on the next page. The clubs will go live from Monday - they will go on as soon as we can, but it will depend on the workload in the office so please bear with us - we won't be able to give you exact timings of when this will be. We do not offer clubs to Reception class until the Spring term (after Christmas), so they have time to settle in and get used to being in school all week.

For Choir, it is the start of a new academic year so we are not carrying over any members and will be starting from new. As Mrs Quigley mentioned, school is taking part in Young Voices, where our choir will join many other choirs at the Co Op Arena to perform in January. If parents/carers would like to watch their child perform at this event, they will need to purchase tickets and details for this will be available nearer the time.

The baking clubs will only be made available to the children who signed up last time and were unable to attend because Miss Taylor was off school for a period of time. If the places are not taken up by these children, we will offer them out to the remaining classes. As it is very popular, a child will only be able to do baking once in the year.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Please remember to use the designated footpaths to access school as there is no pedestrian access through the car park. Please could we also ask that bikes, scooters etc are not ridden on school premises to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Thank you.

Clubs - Autumn 1—please read carefully

Details of the after school clubs on offer for this half term can be found below—please see the notes on page 2 of the update as well. With the exception of the Kids with Bricks club which is an outside provider, the clubs will be available to book via Parentpay across next week. Kids with Bricks will be available from 9 am on Monday 8 September. Club registration will close on Friday 12 September to allow time to create the registers, although the clubs are popular with limited availability and are often booked up within a couple of days.

The costs of the clubs have increased slightly and for clubs where we need to purchase resources, such as Crochet and Baking clubs, the cost is higher to cover the cost of materials. The total cost of the club depends on the number of weeks the club is running.

As the Choir will be working towards the Young Voices concert, the sign up is for the whole of the Autumn term.

Please only sign up if you can attend each week as there will be no refunds if your child is unable to attend a session and **please take care when booking as we are unable to refund mistakes.**

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING REQUEST: If a child can't stay for a club, please remember to let the **OFFICE** (not the teaching staff) know in advance so that the registers can be updated and your child will be able to leave as usual rather than going to the club. The office must follow up any child not attending a club (where they haven't been notified in advance) to ensure they are safe and it could delay them identifying a serious safeguarding issue if they have a lot of children to follow up.

Finally, 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 on the Weekly Updates on our website if you do lose it.

Day	Clubs	Years	Collect from	Dates	Details
Mon	Kids with Bricks (Lego)	1 - 6	Main entrance	22/9 - 20/10	£4.79 per session, 5 sessions, book via www.kidswithbricks.com
	Baking	5, 6	KS1 Gate	22/9 - 20/10	£2.00 per session, 5 sessions
Tue	Performing Arts	1, 2, 3	Main entrance	23/9 - 21/10	£1.25 per session, 5 sessions
	Choir	4, 5, 6	KS2 Gate	23/9 - 4/12 (not on 4/11)	£1.25 per session, 9 sessions
	Baking	3, 4	KS1 Gate	23/9 - 21/10	£2.00 per session, 5 sessions
Wed	Crochet	6	Main entrance	24/9 - 22/10	£1.75 per session, 5 sessions
	Gardening	4, 5	KS1 Gate	24/9 - 22/10	£1.25 per session, 5 sessions
Thu	Cross Country	4, 5, 6	Main Entrance	25/9 - 16/10 (not on 23/10)	£1.25 per session, 4 sessions
	Baking	1, 2	KS1 Gate	24/9 - 16/10 (not on 23/10)	£2.00 per session, 4 sessions

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

Age rating:
12+ App Store
Teen Google Play
However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

Meet Our Expert

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