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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has felt like it has sped by and we hope you all have had a great half term break. What super weather we have had.

We are so proud of our pupils, Year 6 have been amazing all through their end of key stage assessments (SATs). Results will be sent to school in July and will hopefully come out with the end of year reports. Our Year 4 class have their multiplication check coming up in June - so don't forget to get some practice in on TTRockstars. Our Year 1 class will have their phonic screening check, where they read a selection of real and nonsense words using their blending skills.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome three new friends to our school this term, Jamal, Harper and Ezekiel.

Thank you

A great disco was had last half term, thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. Without your support these events can't run. All money made goes back to providing events for our pupils and providing other resources/gifts such as reducing the cost of trips, purchasing a new rug and balance bikes for Reception, purchasing leaver's hoodies for Year 6 and funding visitors like the 'Animal Man'.

Vacancies

We have three jobs advertised currently, Mrs Hopkins' maternity cover, a midday supervisor role and also Mrs Ellis' pastoral role. The jobs can be found here: [Derbyshire - Jobs and careers](#)

School Timings and Appointments

Just a quick reminder that school opens to pupils from 8.40am and the gates are closed at 8.55am, registers close at 9am and pupils arriving after this time will receive late marks. Reception finish at 3.25pm and the rest of school at 3.30pm. We open the gates for parents at 3.20pm.

Please can we ask that dental and non-urgent appointments are made outside of school times where possible. We do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable, but it does cause disruption for classes where pupils are coming and going. When you are aware of an appointment which falls in school hours, please send the office a dojo of the appointment and time you wish to collect your child. When teaching, Teachers are unable to see or respond to messages and these are best sent to the school office.

Year 5 and Year 6 Performance

The Year 5 and Year 6 performance will be on Tuesday 14th July at 2pm and Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm. A ticket for each performance will be sent home to parents in a few weeks, you are welcome to swap between yourselves if you wish to attend just one performance. We do

require both classes for both performances please. We will let you know if and when spare tickets are available, these will be bookable on ParentPay on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to 1 per family.

Sports Day

We have a provisional date for Sports Day of **Friday 10th July at 1pm**. This date is weather dependent and may be subject to moving should we have adverse weather (if it is too hot we may move it to the morning). For those families who haven't experienced our sports day, pupils should wear their house team colour PE shirt, shorts and have a sun hat and water bottle. Please ensure they come to school wearing sun cream. We will put out chairs, however you are welcome to bring your own camping chairs. We do ask that parents/grandparents watching, stay behind the cordon so you don't get run over! Pupils put themselves forward for races they would like to compete in, they then compete against each other in classes but collect points for their house team, with the winning team securing the Sports Day Cup!

Summer Fair plea for help

On **Friday 3rd July**, we need some helpers to put up the marquees kindly loaned to us by Pilsley Parish Council. Each marquee needs between 6 to 8 people to help put it together and put it up. It is likely to take all morning to put them up, so the more help the better. If you are free for the morning and can offer your services, please let me know via dojo.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

Buildings Update



Investigatory Works at our School

Further to the investigatory works carried out around our school and grounds over the Easter holidays, it is expected that further works will take place over Spring Bank holiday week and over the end of term/summer holidays.

You may see machinery and contractors on site but please be assured these works are being managed safely and there is no risk to pupils or staff while they are taking place.

The investigations aim to try to find the root cause of cracks that have developed in some internal walls, to ensure these are rectified properly before any repairs are carried out. As I'm sure you can understand, we do not want to repair cracks for them to reappear sometime later due to not dealing with the root cause.

Specialist contractors who have carried out detailed structural surveys have advised that the school remains safe for use, with no immediate concerns, while further investigations continue.

I will keep you up to date of findings following the next investigations and the plan for any rectification works to take place.

IT suite

Our IT infrastructure in school was rapidly becoming outdated and we have decided to remove the IT suite and move to more mobile technology. We have purchased a class set of

Chromebooks which will be used in the classroom and will compliment the use of Ipads. The IT suite was removed over the holidays and has given us a space to use for group work. We have some work to still do in there, to make it appealing and engaging for pupils to use longer term.

Roof leak

Just before we broke up a roof leak was found above the ceiling in Year 4, this is unrelated to the investigation works. This leak has been repaired over half term and the finishing off of the work will run into Monday 1st June. Year 4 will be taught in the Year 6 classroom for a little bit longer and Year 6 will be using the IT suite as a base for the day. Hopefully the two classes will return to their own classrooms for Tuesday.

Autoglass

Autoglass have very kindly donated free labour to help improve our Reception garden. **A big thank you to Luke's parents (from Reception) for arranging this.** At the time of writing a team are removing the old greenhouse, repainting the fence, removing the rubber chippings and repainting the climbing frame. Autoglass have a community scheme where employees are encouraged to do something to give back to the community and we are very grateful for their support.

Summer Holiday Camp



We will be holding the summer holiday camp on:

- **28th-30th July, 9am to 3pm.**
- **4th-6th August, 9am to 3pm.**
- **11th-13th August, 9am to 3pm.**

Cost will be £15 per day, per pupil. They will need a packed lunch and non-fizzy drinks. The camp is **strictly a nut free** camp and request that no nuts or nut products, like peanut butter,

are sent into the camp. The camp is run by coaches from Premier Education but there will be a school staff member on site.

Activities will include a variety of sports, crafts and quizzes.

Pupils need to be 5 years and older to attend. Booking is via ParentPay, there are only 30 spaces per day, so don't miss out and book your sessions now.

Sun Safety



We have had lovely weather over half term and although we are returning to a forecast of rain, we hope that the nicer weather will return.

In preparation, please consider supporting us in keeping your child/ren safe in the sun and heat.

Pupils should have a named sunhat (bucket/legionnaire hats offer more protection than baseball caps) in school, come wearing sun cream which should they need to, can be reapplied at lunch time and a water bottle which can be refilled in school.

Please do not send pupils wearing open toed shoes or crocs as these pose a health and safety risk when running about/climbing at break times. We have included a photo of styles suitable for school.



Poster Competition Winners



Well done to Thiyaanika and Charlie who won the poster competition. They have received their prizes from the Friends of Park House and you will see these posters going up around school and on social media soon!



Community Summer Fair

Saturday 4th July
12pm - 3pm



! DJ! !



FREE ENTRY



PILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Community Summer Fair

Saturday 4th July
12pm - 3pm



Community Summer Fair Meeting - 9th June 2pm

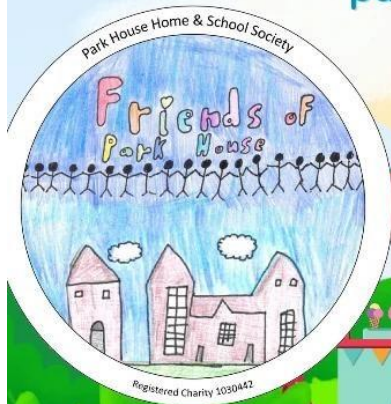
COMMUNITY SUMMER FAIR

Would you like a stall at our community fair?
contact us today...

If you would like to take part in our community
fair this year and could host your own stall
please get in touch today!

We are only asking for a £15.00 fee per stall!
Please note we are unable to host stalls that are
food, drink, cakes, and games.

But for anything else please contact us via our
socials or email us to discuss further.
parkhouseschoolpta@gmail.com



SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
12:00PM TO 15:00PM

Hosted by...
Friends of Park House &
Pilsley Parish Council

Free Entry



We are holding our next meeting for the planning of the Community Summer Fair on **Tuesday 9th June at 2pm** at school - all are welcome to attend (parents, grandparents and extended family members)!

Can you spare some time to help behind the scenes such as email around requesting prizes, folding raffle tickets, making up raffle prizes, collecting items from shops or can you help on the day? Can you help share the social media posts from the Friends of Park House?

Want to offer your help? We have a sign up sheet in the baking kitchen, you can email the PTA, return the slip sent home before the holidays or just drop the office or Mrs Kavanagh a dojo message.

Why do we run the summer fair and other events?

- To give our pupils and families a great experience.
- To bring together our community.
- To raise funds which go back to school and our pupils.

What does the money go towards?

- Reception are getting a new rug and bikes to enhance their provision.
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies.
- A Christmas gift for all pupils.
- Contributions to each class for trip costs.
- Funding the whole school panto and the 'Animal Man' workshops.

#TeamParkHouse #communityspirit

#FriendsofParkHouse

Parking



Parking is always tricky around school and we know how busy it gets. We have had reports from local residents of parking blocking visibility of drives or on double yellow lines. We are also aware of other road users not taking care when driving near the park and vehicles parking so close to others that they can't get pushchairs out of their boots.

We have spoken to pupils about safe crossing of the road, especially around the park. Please take care when walking to and from school.

Key Dates For Your Diary



2025/26 Term Dates:

8.9.25 School starts back.

24.10.25 Last day of half term

3.11.25 School reopens

19.12.25 Last day of term

5.1.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

6.1.26 School reopens

13.2.26 last day of half term

23.2.26 School reopens

27.3.26 Last day of term

13.4.26 School reopens

16.4.26 Year 3 Swimming starts back

W/C 20.4.26 Art Project

23.4.26 Full Governors Meeting

1.5.26 Tennis lessons across school start

4.5.26 Bank holiday - school closed

11-14.5.26 KS2 SATs

15.5.26 Disco

18-20.5.26 Year 6 residential to Dukes Barn

21.5.26 Year 5 ukulele concert to parents in the morning

21.5.26 Last day of half term

22.5.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

1.6.26 School reopens

10.6.26 New Reception Starter parent meeting 4pm

15.6.26 Year 6 trip to Bestwood Environmental Centre

16.6.26 New starter Reception transition session 4pm

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24.6.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

19.6.26 Qualitas Football Finals 10am -12.30 Derby Training Ground

22.6.26-25.6.26 Tibshelf Transition Days

29.6.26 Year 2 and Year 6 Qualitas sports day

1-3.7.26 Tupton Hall Transition Days

1.7.26 Move Up Day

2.7.26 Full Governors Meeting

4.7.26 Community Summer Fayre 12-3pm

W/C 6.7.26 End of year reports to be sent home

10.7.26 Sports Day - 1pm (weather dependent - reserve sports day is 17.7.26)

14.7.26 Year 5 and Year 6 end of year performance 2.00pm

15.7.26 Year 5 and Year 6 end of year performance 5.30pm

13.7.26-17.7.26 Brookfield Transition

14.7.26 Year 3 trip

23.7.26 Year 6 leavers assembly (2pm)

23.7.26 Last day of term

2025/26 Inset Days:

- Thursday 4th September 2025 - completed
- Friday 5th September 2025 - completed
- Monday 5th January 2026 - completed
- Friday 22nd May 2026 - completed

- **Wednesday 24th June 2026**

2026/27 Inset Days:

- Friday 4th September
- Friday 18th December
- Monday 7th June
- Wednesday 23rd June
- Monday 26th July