

Park Junior School Newsletter



Newsletter Friday 6th March 2026

Our school newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest news from PJS.

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Headteacher's Latest News

World Book Day – A Fantastic Celebration

The highlight of this week without doubt was a superb World Book Day. It was the very best day, filled with amazing and creative costumes. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the children with their outfits.

We have shared a full group of photos on Facebook so you can enjoy everyone's incredible creativity.

The day was made even more special by a visit from Chip Colquhoun, a brilliant storyteller who captivated every child with his inspiring tales. Staff and children alike thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the book sale after school.

Thank You for Your Questionnaire Responses

A huge thank you for all the questionnaire responses we have received from you.

We are incredibly proud of our school and are always striving to improve.

If you haven't had the chance to complete the questionnaire yet, there is still time to return it.

Year 6 Secondary School Allocations

Monday was a big day for our Year 6 children as they received their secondary school allocations. As always, our children will be attending a combination of Wrenn, Sir Christopher Hatton, Northampton School for Boys, Wollaston and Weavers.

If you have any questions regarding the transition to secondary school, please do not hesitate to contact us—we are here to support where needed.

Parents' Evening via Arbor

Our transition to communicating with you through Arbor has been very successful.

We hope you found the booking system for parents' evening smooth and easy to use.

A reminder that parents' evenings are on:

- **Tuesday 17th March (3:40pm - 6:00pm)**
- **Wednesday 18th March (3:40pm – 6:00pm)**

Please make every effort to attend, as strong home–school communication is vital to your child’s education.

Year 5 – Midsummer Night’s Dream Performance

Preparations for the Year 5 performance of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* are going extremely well, and we are sure it will be a brilliant evening.

Tickets for the **24th March** performance are available from the Derngate. Tickets are selling fast, so please book early.

All Year 5 children have also been completing an excellent art project that will be displayed at the Derngate. Great photos of their creative journey are available on Facebook.

Comic Relief – Red Noses on Sale

From Monday next week, we will be selling **red noses** in preparation for **Comic Relief Day on Friday 20th March**.

Red noses are a **minimum contribution of £2.00**, and we have a limited number available—please purchase early if you’d like one.

On the day itself, children may **wear red (or mufti)**. All donations for this charity will be gratefully received.

Wishing You a Wonderful Weekend

We hope you all enjoy the weekend with the improved, spring-like weather.

Kind regards,

David Tebbutt

Dates for this term

Monday 9th March

Red Noses go on sale - minimum donation £2.00

Tuesday 10th March

Local Governing Body meeting 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th March

Parents Evening 3.40pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 18th March

Parents Evening 3.40pm-6.00pm

Book Fair arrives until Tuesday 24th March

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief Red Nose Day - wear red / mufti for a donation

Tuesday 24th March

Year 4 Building Club finishes

RSC 'A Midsummers Night's Dream' at Royal and Derngate, Northampton

Thursday 26th March

Year 4 Swimming finishes

Friday 27th March

Mufti Day

School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Monday 13th April

School opens at 8.50am

Wednesday 15th April

Tempest Class Photographs

Headteachers Awards

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 27th February 2026

3JW – Xavier for KINDNESS - is a truly delightful member of our class and consistently demonstrates exceptional kindness, politeness, and consideration for others. He approaches each day with a positive attitude and always shows genuine care towards both classmates and adults. He is a true gentleman!

3JW – Emerald for AMBITION - Emerald is an ambitious, motivated pupil who approaches all aspects of school life with determination and enthusiasm. She is consistently diligent in her work, taking pride in everything, she does and always striving to achieve her very best and this was also apparent when representing year 3 in the athletics tournament.

3KY – George for KINDNESS - George always looks out for his friends, making sure everyone is happy and included, and he is eager to help in any way he can. Whether it's sharing his things, offering a helping hand, or cheering someone up, George shows kindness every day. Recently, he has been especially warm and welcoming to a new member of 3KY in his class, helping them feel included, comfortable, and right at home. Well done George, I am very proud of you!

3KY – Grace for RESPONSIBILITY - Grace is a hardworking and determined member of 3KY. She has a fantastic attitude in class, always listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and confidently sharing her ideas. Grace is curious and enjoys questioning to deepen her understanding. She consistently tries her best in everything she does and is always looking for ways to improve herself. Her positive approach to learning makes her a wonderful role model for others. Keep working hard Grace!

4VdB – Surraya for KINDNESS – It is an absolute pleasure having Surraya in my class. She is always supportive towards her peers and shows kindness in everything thing that she does. A fabulous role model in class!

4VdB - Olivia for RESPONSIBILITY – Olivia has shown huge responsibility, care and thought in developing and improving her handwriting and presentation. As a result of this, the presentation of work in all her books is always impeccable and is lovely to read and mark.

4JD – Jaxon for PERSEVERANCE- Jaxon is an exceptional athlete who gives 100% to everything he does, and he now applies that same dedication to his classroom learning. He has grown from strength to strength this year, proving himself to be a champion both in the class and on the sports field.

4JD - Faith for KINDNESS - Faith is a wonderful presence in our class, known for always having her friends' backs and providing strong, assertive support to her work partners. Her impressive work ethic ensures that whoever she is paired with benefits from her dedication and positive attitude.

5VT – James for PERSEVERANCE - He has been working so very hard of the last few weeks. The perseverance he demonstrates, particularly in maths is commendable. I am very proud of him.

5VT – Afnan for AMBITION -He has really been engaging in the lessons lately and has demonstrated an increased ambition in her learning. Keep up the great work Afnan.

5LL – Ruby for PERSEVERANCE- For outstanding perseverance in Maths. Ruby tackles challenges with determination, listens carefully, and always tries her best — even when learning gets tough. Well done, Ruby.

5LL – Ismaeel for AMBITION - For growing in confidence and volunteering more in class. Ismaeel showing great courage in sharing his ideas and contributing to discussions.

6HM / 6JM - Jasper for PERSEVERANCE - For outstanding perseverance and enthusiasm in your writing. Your action paragraph about escaping a zombie horde was gripping and full of tension. Your eagerness to begin — you could hardly wait to start writing — shows real determination and passion. Keep it up! Well done — we are very proud of you!

6HM / 6JM - Teddy for AMBITION - For showing fantastic ambition in your writing. Your action paragraph was exciting and vividly written, capturing everyone’s attention. You

demonstrated real confidence and courage by reading your work aloud to the class. That determination to challenge yourself and share your ideas is something to be very proud of. Well done — keep aiming high!

6SM – Tiana for KINDNESS– Tiana is a gentle and thoughtful member of our class. She only ever speaks to people in a considerate way and is helpful and kind towards adults in school as well as her peers. She is a genuine pleasure to have in class.

6SM - Leo for PERSEVERANCE – Leo continually strives to better his work, he works incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum to be the best he can and his determination is certainly paying off. The improvements he is making across all lessons is phenomenal. Well done Leo.

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 6th March 2026

3JW – Faris for RESPONSIBILITY - During our recent geographical walk, Faris demonstrated a highly responsible and mature attitude throughout the activity. He followed instructions carefully, remained aware of his surroundings, and behaved in a manner that reflected positively on both him and year 3.

3JW – Qairi for KINDNESS - Qairi consistently demonstrates kindness towards others and treats everyone with respect and consideration. He is a thoughtful, dependable, and courteous boy who consistently models the values we, as a school, encourage in all children. A lovely young man.

3KY – Paul Junior for AMBITION - Paul has taken a real interest in our new ICT topic all about coding and eagerly contributed to discussions, answering lots of questions with genuine enthusiasm. Paul explored the programme confidently and wasn't afraid to try new things, pushing himself to achieve the very best he could. His curiosity and determination really stood out! Well done Paul, I am very proud of you!

3KY – Charlotte for RESPONSIBILITY - Charlotte always works hard and approaches her learning with a positive attitude, but recently she has impressed me even more by becoming increasingly independent in English. Charlotte is trying hard to produce more work and challenge herself to complete more work. She takes pride in what she does and shows that she can be trusted to stay focused and give her full effort—well done, Charlotte!

4VdB –Shyam for PERSEVERANCE – Shyam showed an incredible amount of perseverance in his piece of artwork for our hall display. He took his time and was really precise to ensure that his mosaic pieces were of equal sizes and placed on his picture neatly and carefully.

4VdB - Alyssa for KINDNESS – Alyssa always shows kindness and care towards her peers. She was really kind and helpful recently in the classroom, helping to tidy away the small pieces of paper that we made whilst creating our hall display pictures.

4JD – Harley for PERSEVERANCE - Harley doesn't do bad days! Reliable as clockwork, bringing a consistent focus and high quality to every single lesson. Her maths work in particular shows a deep level of understanding, with first-class problem-solving and immaculate presentation.

4JD – Albie for RESPONSIBILITY - Albie has impressed me all year with his maturity and his ability to stay focused on achieving great things regardless of distractions. He has also made great strides with his presentation and demonstrated sportsmanship in the Pancake Race, showing that participation and having fun are what truly matter.

5VT – Harper for PERSEVERANCE – Harper has demonstrated in all work, but particularly maths. Even when she finds it tricky at first, she will not give up until she understands. She has celebrated so many moments of understanding due to pure determination and keeping going.

5VT – Lyla for KINDNESS - Lyla shows the most amount of kindness to absolutely everyone at all times. She is always willing to help others and constantly puts their needs before her own. She is a wonderfully unique young lady.

5LL – Jake for KINDNESS - Jake for consistently showing outstanding kindness and cooperation. You have a wonderful ability to work happily with anyone in the class, always making others feel included, valued, and supported. Your positive attitude, friendly nature, and willingness to collaborate with everyone set a fantastic example for others.

5LL – Maryam for KINDNESS - Maryam for always being ready to help both adults and classmates. You show kindness through your actions every day — offering support without being asked and taking pride in keeping our classroom tidy and organised.

6HM / 6JM - Lexie for RESPONSIBILITY - For consistently taking responsibility for her learning. She actively seeks help when needed, demonstrates maturity in recognising how to improve, and willingly chooses to act on feedback to improve her work to achieve her very best. Her dedication, resilience and commitment to growth are truly commendable.

6HM / 6JM - Guy for PERSEVERANCE - For demonstrating outstanding perseverance in his learning. He has responded positively to feedback during Maths Booster sessions, applying it thoughtfully to strengthen his understanding. As a result, he has excelled and consistently gone beyond the standard expected of him. His determination and commitment to improvement are truly commendable.

6SM – Jayden for AMBITION – Jayden is really pushing himself within lessons to work to the best of his ability, he puts in a lot of effort in his work and is taking on board ways to improve it even further, keep it up Jayden, you are fantastic.

6SM - Megan for PERSEVERANCE – In any lesson, Megan will be using every second she has to continue her work, she will be writing away until the last possible moment (sometimes longer!), she writes a paragraph when I ask for a sentence or two, if she needs to do 10

questions, she will be pushing to do 12, this is just what she is like, always striving to do her very best work, this attitude towards her work will set her up very well in the future, well done Megan, keep being you.

Monthly Attendance

FEBRUARY 2026

3JW 95.8%

3KY 88.9%

4VdB 97.0%

4JD 97.3%

5VT 93.7%

5LL 93.9%

6HM/JM 92.8%

6SM 96.7%

1st 4JD 97.3% Amazing

2nd 4VdB 97.0% Fabulous

3rd 6SM 96.7% Brilliant

Average 94.5%

PE Days

Year 3 Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday (swimming starts Thursday 15th January until Thursday 26th March 2026)

Year 5 5VT -Tuesday and Thursday

5LL - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 6HM/JM - Monday and Thursday

6SM - Thursday (x2)

Achievements

Well done to the 8 children (one from each class) who successfully won a book voucher from Chip for one of his books. We held a super assembly on Thursday morning where all the children showed off their book characters.



We all thoroughly enjoyed holding our annual pancake races last week. Great fun was had by all. It was a challenging course and children became experts in flipping their pancakes. A special mention to Aldiniah who was the winner for this year and even beat Mr Draper in the pupil/teacher race. He had his trophy presented to him by previous winners.



















We had the joy of having Chip Colquhoun, a professional storyteller, in school yesterday to inspire and entertain the children with his magical stories. The children were absolutely enthralled by his stories and was a truly captivating inspiration.





An absolutely magical World Book Day at PJS. The children have been so very creative with their favourite book characters. Amazing results and such a diverse range of books and characters. Thank you to the families for all their support with dressing up.





















Super Work

Year 5 have loved working with a range of materials to create their different collages of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

They created their own designs, put them onto the calico and then used fabric dye to paint them. Once this was done, they had to colour the background, which everyone had a hand in.

Following this, children created their own stencils and used paints to add them to the design, the use of lighter colours meant they would really stand out.

Finally, they will embellish their own designs using glitter, coloured card and coloured wool. The final pieces will be displayed at the Derngate during the upcoming performance by the drama club.



















Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed the spring like weather this week to start their athletics work. Focus was on the shot putt and here are 3JW in action.








Year 3 have had a great morning exploring their local area as part of their new geography topic. We explored our local street and park.





Musician of the Month



HOME INFORMATION





March's Musician of the Month

SPOTIFY




About: Freddie Mercury (born Farrokh Bulsara) was a British singer and songwriter who achieved worldwide fame as the lead vocalist and pianist of the rock band Queen. Regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music, he was known for his flamboyant stage persona and four-octave vocal range. Mercury defied the conventions of a rock frontman with his theatrical style, influencing the artistic direction of Queen.

Genres: Rock and Pop
Active from: 1969-1991
Origin: Zanzibar, Tanzania

Books to read...



If you like Freddie Mercury, try...

- Led Zeppelin
- Stevie Nicks
- Meat Loaf

Extra Curricular Clubs

We will always inform you by text message, in advance, if there are any changes. Our newsletter will always be up to date with relevant information.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly after clubs.

Club	Day	Year Group	Leader	Where	Time
Choir	Monday	3 - 6	KY	Hall	3.30pm-4.15pm
Art	Monday	3 and 4	JW	3JW classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Building	Tuesday	4	JM VdB	Group room/library	3.30pm-4.15pm
Drama	Tuesday	5	VT LL	Hall	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Wednesday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am
Basketball	Wednesday	All years	Titans	Playground	3.45pm-4.45pm
Football	Thursday	5 and 6	DT	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Book and Bake	Thursday	6	JMc	6HM JMc classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Table Tennis	Thursday	3	JD	Hall	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Friday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am

Music Lessons

We have a space for guitar lessons. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please contact the school office for more information.

School Lunches

We use Dolce Catering to provide all our hot school meals to the children.

Meals are ordered on SchoolGrid. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

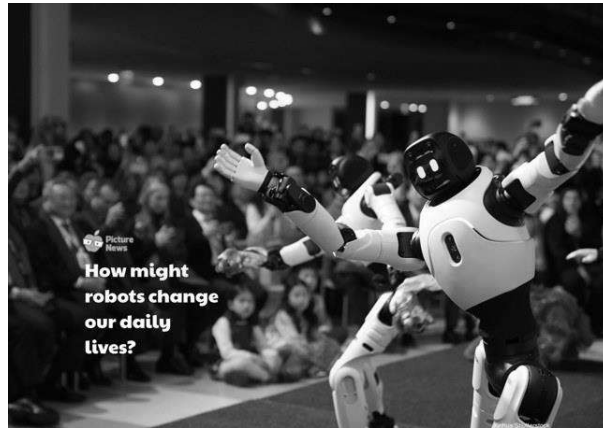
Please remember meals must be ordered and paid for in advance or we will be unable to provide a meal for your child.

	WEEK 1 WC: 26th Jan, 29th Jan 16th Feb, 19th Mar, 20th Mar	WEEK 2 WC: 27th Jan, 2nd Feb 23rd Feb, 26th Mar	WEEK 3 WC: 28th Jan, 5th Feb 2nd Mar, 7th Mar
MONDAY	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza & Garlic Olive Oil (V) Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamd Rice (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza (V) Cream Dipper (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza with Garlic Olive Oil (V) Veggie-Ball Curry & Steamd Rice (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)
TUESDAY	Oven Baked Meatloaf & Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Bread Based Soup Creamy Mashed Potatoes (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF) Mashed Sweet Potato & Creamed Curry (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	All Day Breakfast English Veggie Breakfast (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Spiced Potatoes (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Storage In-Pot Vegetable Pulbing Puree Based Storage In-Pot Vegetable Pulbing (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Roast Chicken (GF) Mashed Potatoes (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)
THURSDAY	Mini Chicken Korma (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	BBQ Hot Chicken & Steamd Rice (GF) Mashed Cheese (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Bolognaise Pasta Bake Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)
FRIDAY	Baked Fish Finger Fishless Dipper (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Baked Fish Finger Salmon & Sweet Potato Potcake Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)	Baked Fish Finger Salmon (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (GF) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (GF)

Picture News

Each week the children discuss the latest topical areas that are in the news.

Here is this week's debate.



Park Junior School Lottery

Park Junior School Lottery

Friends of Park Junior School have been running a school lottery for the last six years and any profits have allowed them to fund additional items for the children. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have continued to support the school and if you are interested in joining please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk¹ to register and play. Ticket sales are averaging 35 a week. We would very much like to improve this. More tickets sold means more profits to the school. The draw takes place on Saturdays. All of our profit goes to OUR school! A GUARANTEED prize to someone on our supporter list every week!

Start supporting *NOW* for only £1 a week!

A further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw every week.



¹<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

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EASTER HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

30TH MARCH - 10TH APRIL

<p>REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>9AM - 4PM £27.50 PER DAY</p> <p>MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Wellingborough. NN8 5LQ</p>	<p>ABINGTON PDC</p> <p>9AM - 4PM £27.50 PER DAY</p> <p>MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Northampton. NN1 5JS</p>
<p>SPRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>9AM - 4PM £27.50 PER DAY</p> <p>MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Northampton. NN6 8HY</p>	<p>HALL MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>9AM - 4PM £27.50 PER DAY</p> <p>MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Kettering. NN15 7RP</p>

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