

Park Junior School Newsletter



Newsletter Friday 1st May 2026

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

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Headteacher's Latest News



Summer Weather & School Reminders

It has been a beautiful week this week and we can't believe it is already May in the school year. The school remains full in all year groups and places are very much at a premium at our school. With the better weather could I remind parents and carers to send a hat to school with the children and a good bottle of water. Also please ensure all jumpers are labelled as they will be taking them off more around school.

Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities

We really hope the children have enjoyed all of their extra-curricular clubs this week. We have had over 180 children taking part in the wide range of clubs this week which is excellent and delighted the children are taking up every opportunity offered to them.

Bikeability & Musical Visitors

Congratulations to all the Year 3 children who took part in Bikeability this week. Well done to all and the children who successfully passed their 'Learn to Ride' training.

It was great to welcome a rock and pop band to our school on Tuesday to play to the children. They played a range of well known songs to the children and explained how all their instruments worked.

Residential Trips & Competitions

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the Ilam Hall meeting this week. I am sure the Year 4 children are very excited about their 3 day residential visit to the Peak District in a couple of weeks. We are sure they will have a very memorable time.

We welcomed the Rotary Club to a special assembly today to present awards to the children who did a writing competition earlier in the year. Well done to all the children who took part and a special mention to Bani, Aldiniah, Om and Grace who came first, second, third and forth respectively.

Class Updates & Staff Farewells

3JW had their first swimming lesson on the year this week and all the teachers were very impressed by their focus and determination.

We said goodbye to two of our cleaners today. We are so grateful to both Karen Smith and Siddika Jahan for their years of service and dedication to our school. They will be missed by everyone within the PJS Team. We wish them both a successful future although we will still see Mrs Jahan as she continues in her lunchtime supervisor role. We wish Karen Smith a wonderful and enjoyable retirement.

Bank Holiday & Upcoming Events

Just a reminder it is May Day (bank holiday) on Monday so school is not open. We look forward to seeing all the children on Tuesday 5th May. Our Year 6 children just have one more school week until their SATs tests starting on Monday 11th May. They have worked incredibly hard and all deserve to do so very well. I know Year 5 are excited about their visit to Holdenby House next Thursday. It is always a tremendous learning experience there and I am sure the children will have a great day.

We wish you all a most enjoyable weekend and thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

David Tebbutt

Dates for this term

Monday 4th May

Bank holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5th May

School opens at 8.50am

Local Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 7th July

Year 5 Holdenby House visit

Year 5 /6 Boys Cricket Tournament at Wollaston Cricket Club

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May

SATS Week

Friday 15th May

Year 6 Cadbury World visit

Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May

Year 4 Ilam Hall Residential

Cricket Festival at Wellingborough School

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Monday 1st June

School opens at 8.50am

Attendance

April 2026

3JW - 94.6%

3KY - 96.5%

4VdB - 96.8%

4JD - 98.2%

5VT - 92.1%

5LL - 97.0%

6HM/6JM - 95.6%

6SM - 96.0%

Average - 95.8%

1ST - 4JD - 98.2% - AMAZING!

2ND - 5LL - 97.0% - FANTASTIC!

3RD - 4VdB - 96.8% - BRILLIANT!

Headteachers Awards

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 24th April 2026

3JW – Paisley for RESPONSIBILITY - Paisley has shown a wonderful improvement in her attitude towards her learning by coming into school smiling and ready to engage in all tasks of the day. She is now taking much greater responsibility for her work and consistently approaches her lessons with a positive mindset. It is lovely to see her radiant smile and engagement in all activities with enthusiasm.

3JW – Nico for AMBITION – Nico has made an excellent start since joining the school, showing real ambition and a positive attitude towards his new environment. He has settled in quickly, building strong relationships by engaging confidently with both pupils, staff, and his learning. Keep it up Nico!

3KY – Aadesh for RESPONSIBILITY - Aadesh has been putting in increasing effort and his focus in lessons has noticeably improved. He is starting to work more independently and will ask questions when he is unsure about something. This positive attitude is helping him make progress and become a more confident learner. Well done Aadesh, I am very proud of you!

3KY – Souley for AMBITION - Souley is receiving this recognition for his ambition in maths. He consistently gives his absolute best in every lesson, always pushing himself to complete as much work as he can. Souley has been focusing especially on reasoning and problem-solving questions, showing great determination to challenge himself and grow his skills. His positive attitude and willingness to stretch his thinking are helping him to develop into a very capable mathematician. Well done Souley, keep working hard!

4VdB – Junaid for RESPONSIBILITY – I have been really impressed with Junaid's attitude towards his work over the past few weeks. He is taking more responsibility towards his learning, particularly in maths, to ensure his work is accurate and correct.

4VdB - Fawzan for PERSEVERANCE – Fawzan has been producing some lovely work in his writing, and I have seen a really big improvement in his writing skills. He tries hard to create some imaginative sentences using well-chosen vocabulary.

4JD - Amelia for RESPONSIBILITY - Amelia has demonstrated a fantastic mindset and a genuine desire to reach her potential across the entire curriculum. By listening intently and

asking insightful questions at exactly the right times, she consistently produces work of an excellent standard.

4JD - Jayant for PERSEVERANCE - Jayant's hard work and extra diligence at home have added a brilliant new dimension to his learning this year. He is an astute speller and a talented problem solver who has also made impressive progress as a reader. An excellent year.

5VT – Tommy for RESPONSIBILITY - Tommy has worked so hard this year and consistently demonstrates the increased responsibility he is taking for his learning. He is a pleasure to teach, keep going Tommy.

5VT – Jessica for PERSEVERANCE – Jessica works hard in all lessons and demonstrates great perseverance. No matter how tricky some areas might feel, she never gives up. Well done Jessica, keep up the good work.

5LL – Hannah for KINDNESS - For always showing kindness to everyone and getting along so well with all, making our classroom a happier place.

5LL – Rebecca for RESPONSIBILITY - For demonstrating excellent responsibility in her role as a Reading Ambassador. She is always caring for and organising our classroom reading books and we are very grateful to her.

6HM / 6JM - Guy for AMBITION - This award goes to a student who continues to impress with his excellent attitude to all his work. He is determined to always do his very best and shows great ambition every day.

6HM / 6JM - Isabel for AMBITION - This award goes to a student who shows ambition in all of her lessons. Her attitude to learning is fantastic, and she always strives to do her very best.

6SM - Bartek for PERSEVERANCE – Bartek knuckles down and gets on with all the work asked of him, he is becoming more diligent and taking greater care to check his work carefully and never gives up.

6SM – Oliwia for RESPONSIBILITY – Oliwia is kind, helpful and hard-working, she takes any job I ask her to do, incredibly seriously and is reliable and dependable, two fantastic qualities.

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 1st May 2026

3JW – Zhenya for AMBITION - Zhenya is a highly motivated and conscientious learner who consistently strives to achieve her best across all of her subjects. She approaches all of her work with determination and resilience, often pushing herself to exceed expectations and tackle challenges with confidence.

3JW – Iyaaz for RESPONSIBILITY – Iyaaz demonstrates a responsible and mature attitude both in and around school and with his learning. He conducts himself in a respectful and thoughtful manner, showing reliability in his actions and a clear understanding of expectations. Keep it up Iyaaz

3KY – Sammy-Jane for RESPONSIBILITY - Sammy Jane has shown great responsibility in her learning recently. During our lessons on the Anglo Saxons, she has listened carefully, contributed positively by speaking with her partner when prompted, and demonstrated good understanding by recalling key information. This award is truly well deserved, and I am very proud of her. Well done Sammy Jane!

3KY – Nyota for AMBITION - Nyota is being given this award for her amazing ambition and determination. She has always worked hard and tried her best, but recently she has taken this to the next level. Nyota is contributing more frequently in lessons, demonstrating a fantastic understanding of what we have been learning, and showing superb focus when completing her work. Her positive attitude and drive to improve make her worthy of this. Great work Nyota, keep it up!

4VdB – Aadhya for KINDNESS – Aadhiya has been really supportive and helpful within her table group in class. She has shown kindness and patience towards her peers in many of her work tasks.

4VdB - Lola-May for PERSEVERANCE – I have been really impressed with Lola-May's attitude and effort within her work recently, particularly with regards to her spellings. She is using the strategies that have been suggested to her and she is showing lots of pride in her work.

4JD – Mehreen for KINDNESS - Mehreen will be missed by all for her wonderful, kind demeanor and her desire to help others. Her bright smile and our morning chats have been a highlight of every day, leaving a lasting positive impact on me.

4JD - Linh Nhi for AMBITION – Linh Nhi has impressed everyone this term with her focus and ambition in every task she undertakes. She takes great pride in her beautifully presented work and is consistently producing superb work as a confident, independent learner.

5VT – Charani for AMBITION – Charani shows her great ambition at all times, but especially when working on the fluent in five, morning challenge. She works on some of the most complex maths problems with apparent ease and if she isn't sure will ask sensible questions to help her.

5VT – Chloe for RESPONSIBILITY – Chloe has taken full responsibility for her learning and is fully active within lessons. This is demonstrated in the work she is now able to produce and the amazing articulation of answers.

5LL – Jaden for AMBITION - For perfecting his javelin technique and achieving some amazing distances as a result.

5LL – Kash for KINDNESS - Kash is one of the most considerate children I have ever taught. He was particularly thoughtful this week when discussing ideas with a partner and explaining his understanding to help his partner grasp a concept.

6HM / 6JM - Alice for PERSEVERANCE - We'd like to recognise a student who shows real resilience and determination. She comes to school each day ready to try her best, even when things outside of school may be challenging. She never gives up, and her perseverance is something we can all learn from. We are very proud of her effort and her strength of character.

6HM / 6JM - Teddy for RESPONSIBILITY - for showing excellent responsibility for learning. He listens carefully in lessons and always acts on feedback to improve his work. A well-deserved recognition of his positive attitude and commitment.

6SM - Jessie-Mae for RESPONSIBILITY - Jessie-Mae is always amongst the first people to offer to help with any job or task, she is kind and considerate to her peers alongside being helpful. She shows a fantastic maturity and responsibility and is an asset to our class.

6SM – Marcie for KINDNESS - Marcie is a good friend to others, she is kind, fun and often thinks about others before herself, a lovely quality to possess. Well done Marcie.

Parental E-Safety Newsletter

Roblox - update

What is Roblox?
Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.



New Age-Based Accounts
From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5-8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls
As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here: <https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information
<https://www.ewff.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Screen time guidance for under 5s

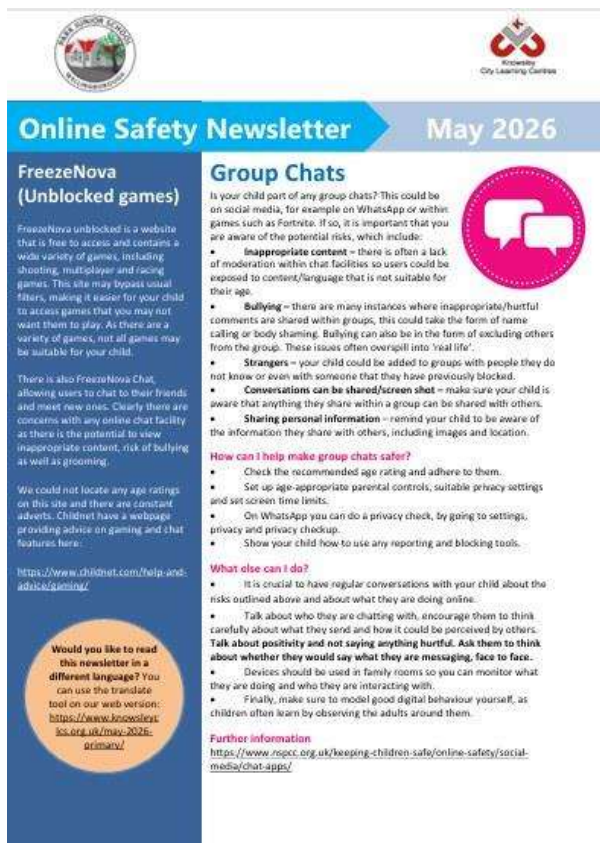
The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. *Best Start for Life* have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screen time affects your child and how screen time can affect your child's development. Find out more here: <https://beststartforlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. *Internet Matters* have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere): <https://www.internetmatters.org/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing." Find out more here: <https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>



PE Days

Year 3 Thursday (3JW swimming from 30th April) and Friday

Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 Wednesday and

5LL Tuesday

5VT Friday

Year 6 Monday and Thursday

Achievements

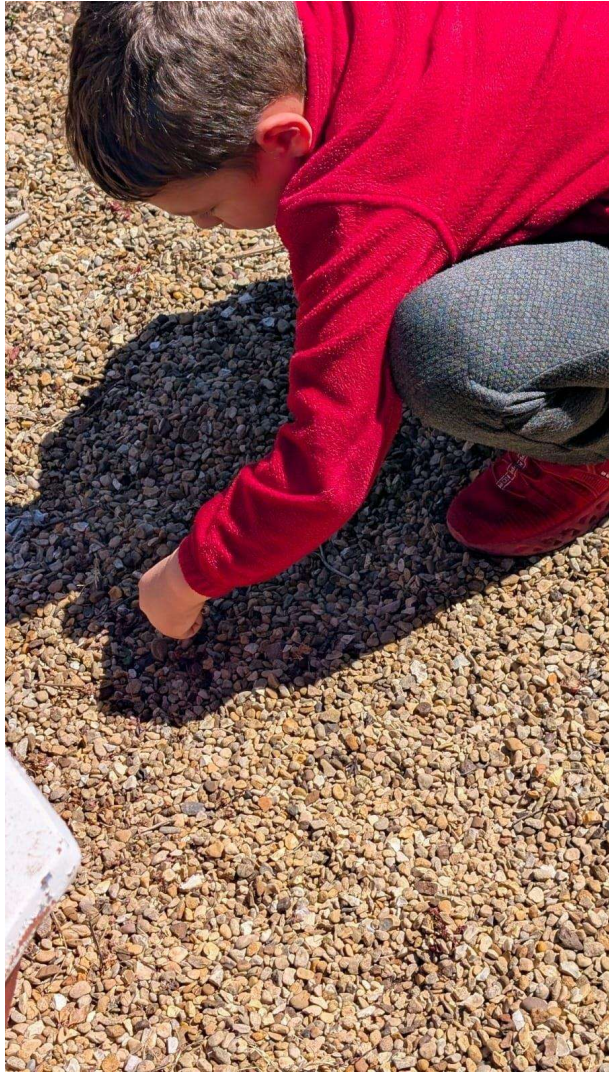
Many, many congratulations to the winners of the annual Wellingborough Rotary Club writing competition. With over 130 entries into the competition, a special mention to Bani as the overall winner. We are so grateful to the Rotary Club for their continued support, to the president, Mr Anderson, and the organiser, Mr Patrick, for coming along to today's special assembly.



The children from our Fun Club thoroughly enjoyed weeding and planting on our garden boats this week.

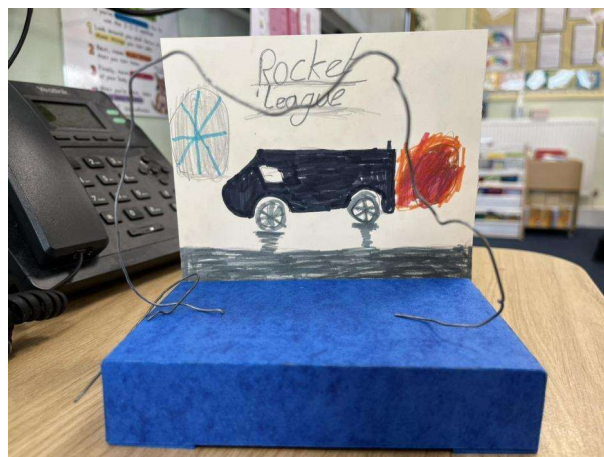
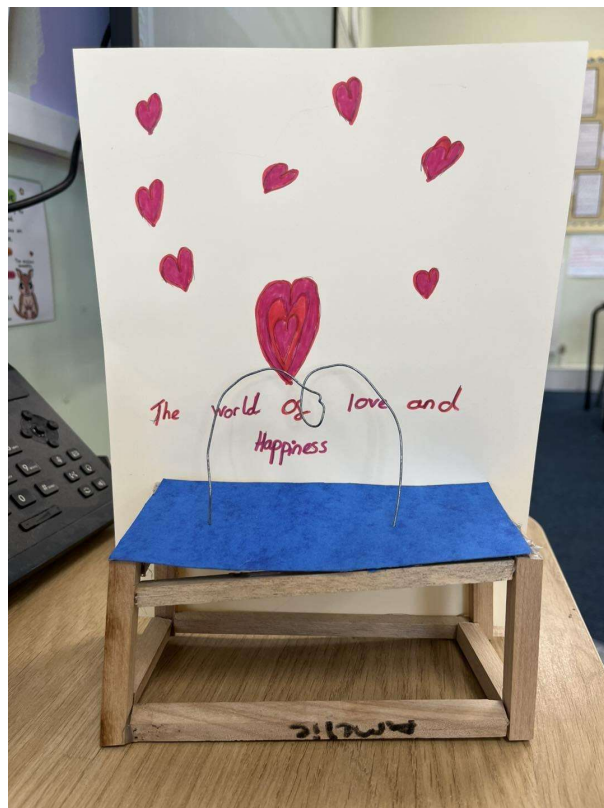


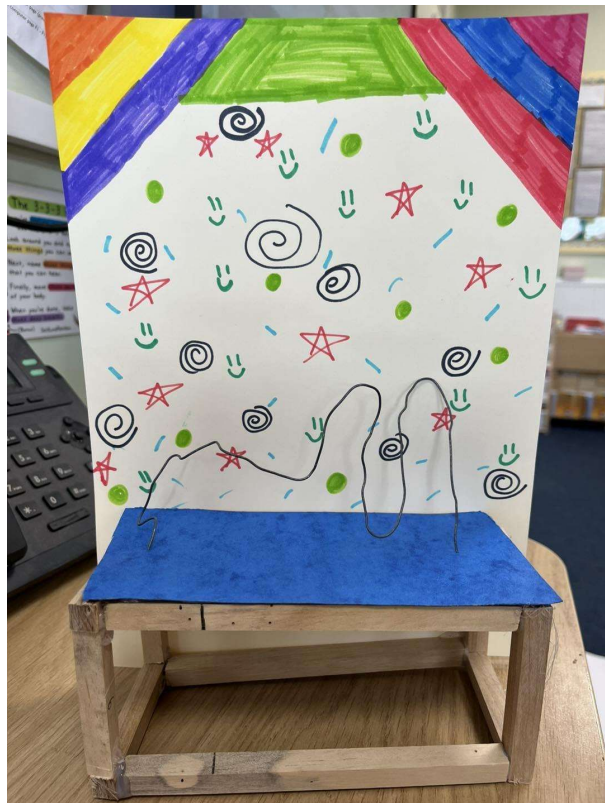
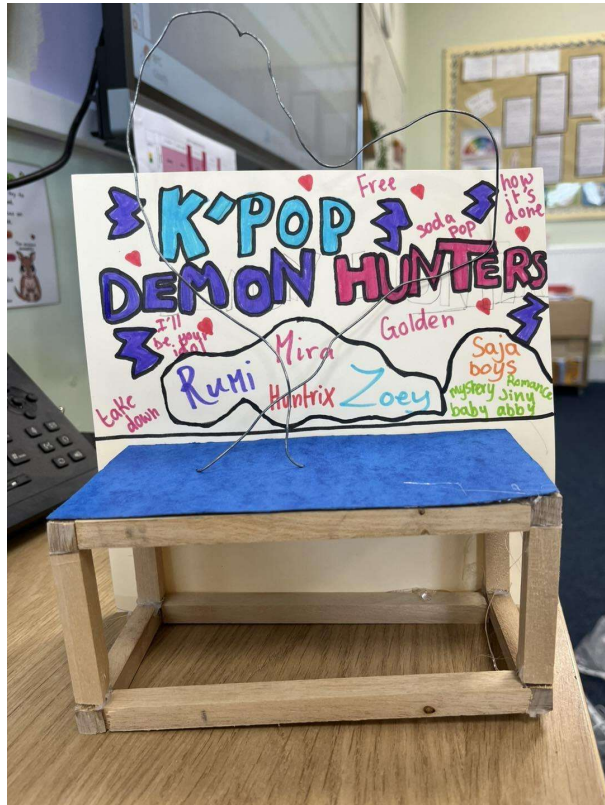




Super Work

A productive afternoon in 6HM/JM finishing off electrical buzz wire games.





5LL created an art piece for the classroom showing animals being destroyed by rubbish. We are so proud of the results!







We welcomed New Beats Rock and Pop group from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust - NMPAT¹ this week who performed a range of well known songs and introduced various instruments to the children.

¹[https://www.facebook.com/NMPAT?_cft__\[0\]=AZavExyaiTofMYXeHKIf656xl4yJXmzdTVw8uGnRiHod2BXO9Fkd-fON0x0fi9moBOzBo6-cCIXpl-sE70c-JyivySnliNqt9JTC6AtXcGosMWsw-R9uj2rSh66RSCdGmigcQ2oaZTn8R_n214rkOWpn7zFRMTyIOwLt6u6OQPNat0SrKaZMPMkTMJqUKp8ulGE&_tn=-\]\[K-R](https://www.facebook.com/NMPAT?_cft__[0]=AZavExyaiTofMYXeHKIf656xl4yJXmzdTVw8uGnRiHod2BXO9Fkd-fON0x0fi9moBOzBo6-cCIXpl-sE70c-JyivySnliNqt9JTC6AtXcGosMWsw-R9uj2rSh66RSCdGmigcQ2oaZTn8R_n214rkOWpn7zFRMTyIOwLt6u6OQPNat0SrKaZMPMkTMJqUKp8ulGE&_tn=-][K-R)



Our Year 3 children completed their 'Learn to Ride' Bikeability this week. Well done to all the children who had a great day.



5LL had a successful PE session this week learning the triple jump. They mastered the hop, step, jump sequence and achieved some excellent distances!









Great to hear the Year 3 children doing so well in their first recorder club this week. Well done to all. They were even treated to a special recorder rendition by Mrs M and Mrs W!!







Year 3 had great fun celebrating Earth Day with a whole range of activities.



5LL have been studying World War One in both History and English lessons. They created Blackout Poems by choosing key words in the text to keep, and omitting the words around it to create a new poem about war. We are really proud of them.



Musician of the Month


HOME INFORMATION


May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar



SPOTIFY






About: Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s. The first public performance was in December 1915 at a gamelan gong competition in Jagaraga, North Bali. It is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

Genres: Traditional Indonesian Music

Began: Early 1900s

Origin: Indonesia, Asia

Books to read...





If you like Gamelan gong kebyar, try...

- Le group Anklung
- Gamelan Son of Lion
- Edi Bud

Extra Curricular Clubs

Club	Day	Year Group	Leader	Where	Time
Choir	Monday	3 - 6	KY	Hall	3.30pm-4.15pm
Rounders	Monday	3 and 4	JW	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Rounders	Monday	5 and 6	SM	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Building	Tuesday	5	JM VdB	Group room/library	3.30pm-4.15pm
Writing	Tuesday	4	VT	VT classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Recorder	Tuesday	3	LL	LL classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Wednesday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am
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Cricknet	Thursday	5 and 6	DT	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Tennis	Thursday	4	JD	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Friday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am

Music Lessons





We have one 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.

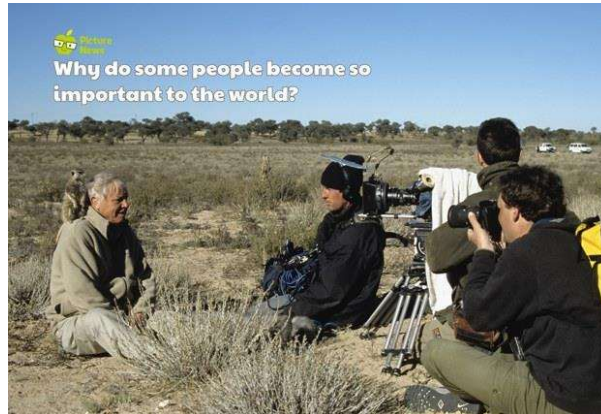
Please remember meals must be ordered and paid for in advance or we will be unable to provide a meal for your child.

SPRING SERVERY BREAD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE DAILY			
	WEEK 1 WC: 26th Jan, 28th Jan 16th Feb, 18th Mar, 20th Mar	WEEK 2 WC: 12th Jan, 2nd Feb 22nd Feb, 16th Mar	WEEK 3 WC: 26th Jan, 9th Feb 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar
MONDAY	Deep Pan Mashed Potato & Garlic Sauce (V) Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamy Rice (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Deep Pan Mashed Potato (V) Creamy Chicken (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Deep Pan Mashed Potato with Garlic Sauce (V) Veggie-Ball Curry & Steamy Rice (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)
TUESDAY	Oven Baked Sausages & Creamy Mashed Potatoes Roast Beef & Potatoes (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Mashed Potato & Tomato Sauce (GF) All London Sweet Potato & Corned Beef (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	All Day Breakfast English Veggie Breakfast (V) (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Quail (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Stuffed Potato & Tomato Filling (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Quail (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)
THURSDAY	Mashed Potato & Tomato Sauce (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Stuffed Potato & Tomato Filling (V) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)	Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Quail (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (V) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (V) (V) (GF)
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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

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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.uk² 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.



²<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

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26TH - 29TH MAY

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

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