

Park Junior School Newsletter



Newsletter Friday 18th September 2026

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

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Headteacher's Latest News

A Marvellous Start to the Term!

What a marvellous start to the term we have had!

Thank you to our whole school community for your support during these first few weeks. The children have all looked incredibly smart in their new school uniforms and have shown such great pride in their school.

Attendance

We are absolutely delighted with our school attendance already, and long may it continue!

We have been averaging around **97% attendance each day**, which is fantastic and well above the national average. Regular attendance is so important in enabling children to make excellent progress and get the very best from their education.

The early signs of another strong attendance year are really positive. Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day.

Behaviour and Our School Values

The behaviour in school has been **absolutely exceptional**. The children are demonstrating excellent standards of manners, politeness and respect, and we are incredibly proud of them.

In this week's assemblies, we have been talking about our school values:

- **Proud**
- **Accepting**
- **Resilience**
- **Knowledgeable**

We have been delighted with the children's understanding of these values and how they are putting them into practice around school.

Just a reminder that toys, including Squishies, are not permitted in school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted with the range of extra-curricular opportunities available to our children. We are currently able to offer **11 different clubs throughout the week**.

You will have received information about these clubs, and I am extremely grateful to all the members of staff who give up their time so generously to provide these additional opportunities.

All clubs start during the week beginning 28th September.

Year 6 Residential to Wales

I am sure our Year 6 children who are travelling to Wales are now very excited!

We are taking a group of Year 6 children on a residential trip near Harlech for a week of exciting activities, including canoeing, kayaking and gorge walking.

I am sure they will make some wonderful lifelong memories. They leave on Monday morning, and we will keep everyone updated through Facebook about their adventures.

We wish the whole group a fantastic time!

Year 5 Ukulele and Swimming

Year 5 have had an enjoyable week, beginning their ukulele lessons with NMPAT as well as their swimming sessions.

Thank you to everyone for your support with swimming kit. If you have any questions regarding swimming hats, please contact the school office.

Please Take Care Around School

Please could we ask everyone to drive with care and consideration around our school.

Great Park Street is particularly busy at the end of the school day. We would encourage parents and carers to park away from Great Park Street and walk a short distance to school where possible.

If you do need to drive along Great Park Street at 3.30pm, please take extra care as our children will be crossing the roads.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

Seasonal Concert

Our Year 4–6 school choir will shortly be starting rehearsals for their annual Seasonal Concert at The Castle Theatre.

It is always a wonderful occasion, with around 50 children performing on stage with the support of Miss Love and Mrs Young.

This year's concert will take place on:

Monday 16th November

Further details about tickets will be available shortly.

Achievement Assemblies

Achievement Assemblies take place every **Friday at 1.00pm**.

During these assemblies, Headteacher's Awards are presented to children selected by their teachers. Parents and carers of award winners are warmly invited to attend, and it is always lovely when you are able to join us and celebrate the children's achievements.

Our first Achievement Assembly of the year will be on Friday 25th September – 1.00pm

Basketball

A huge thank you to Titans Basketball Club for giving the children such an enjoyable taster session on Tuesday.

As you may know, Titans run Basketball Breakfast Clubs as well as an after-school club for us. They still have a couple of places available, so please contact the school office if your child would be interested.

Reading Café – 3JW

We are holding a Reading Café on Thursday 24th September for all parents and carers in 3JW.

This will be a lovely opportunity to meet key members of the school staff and hear a presentation from Miss Townson about useful strategies for reading at home.

Refreshments will be available, and these events are always very popular. All classes will have the opportunity to take part in Reading Cafés throughout the year.

Have a Wonderful Weekend!

Thank you once again for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are incredibly proud of our children and the way they have settled into the new term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and let's hope this beautiful weather continues!

Kind regards,

David Tebbutt (Headteacher)

Dates for this term

Monday 21st September

Year 6 Wales Residential

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 6 Stanwick Lakes visit (children not in Wales)

Thursday 24th September

3JW Reading Cafe

Wednesday 7th October

Cross Country at Croyland Park

Wednesday 14th October

Boys Football Tournament

Tuesday 20th October

Harvest Assembly

Thursday 22nd October

Mufti Day

School closes at 3.30pm

Saturday 31st October

Closing date for Secondary School Applications at 5.00pm

Monday 2nd November

Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November

School opens at 8.50am

Tuesday 10th November

Whole School Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 11th November

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Thursday 26th November

Year 5 Swimming Finishes

Tuesday 15th December

Panto at the Castle Theatre

Friday 18th December

School closes at 3.30pm

Parental E-Safety Newsletter



Online Safety Newsletter **Sept 2026**

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/first-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Howwood and Richard White to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/child-question/parenting-a-parental-control-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version:
<https://www.kingsley-cc.org.uk/sep2026-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'modifying'.

(Source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-images-parent-guide/>, 22.09.2026)

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.
<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-images-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:
<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-sets-as-a-growing-concern>

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:

- 1. YouTube Kids** – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select. Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5-8) or Older (ages 9-12).
- 2. Supervised accounts** – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:
 - **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+
 - **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
 - **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315470>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screen time** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further Information
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

Some of the guidance on this page is based on the latest available information. The content of any future document may differ from this one, and the content of this document may change over time. The content of this document is for information only and does not constitute a contract.

A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:
<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/15/what-is-web-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:
<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:
<https://www.waydenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>

PE Days

Year 3 - Thursday / Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday / Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday / Thursday (swimming starts 17th September)

Year 6 - Monday / Wednesday

Achievements

It was a joy to welcome Sylvia, the present Mayor of Wellingborough, to lead our assembly last week. We have known Sylvia at the school for many years and are very proud to see her in this role. The children asked some great questions about her role



We are delighted to have achieved the School Games Gold Award for all our efforts in PE and sport last year and we are looking forward to achieving even greater heights this year. Well done to all the children who thrive and work so hard in the wealth of opportunities we offer.



Super Work

5LL have started their ukulele lessons this week. They will be having these lessons until April alongside 5VT. Making great sounds already.



3KY have been very busy creating pieces of art for their new hall display.





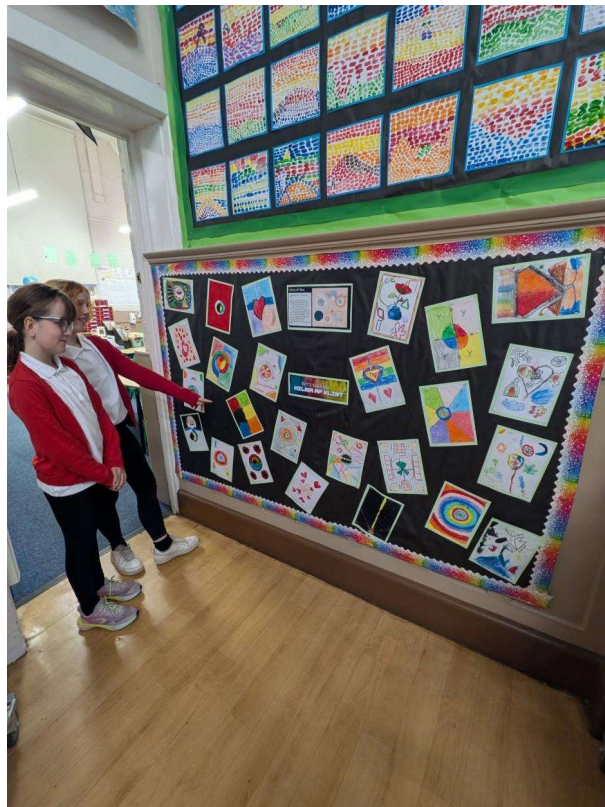






We have beautiful, artistic new displays of our children's work going up around school this week. We have been learning about the painting of Hilma af Klint. She uses blocks of colour and striking geometric shapes. We hope you enjoy the results.





Great to see so many children taking advantage of our basketball breakfast club this morning. Perfect weather and what a great start to the day!



Musician of the Month



HOME INFORMATION



September's Musician of the Month





SPOTIFY



About: Kate Bush is an English singer, songwriter, record producer and dancer. In 1978, at the age of 19, she topped the UK Singles Chart for four weeks with her debut single "Wuthering Heights", becoming the first female artist to achieve a UK number one with a self-written song.

Genres: Art Pop, Experimental and Art Rock

Active from: 1975 - Present

Origin: Bexleyheath, Kent, U.K.

Books to read...



If you like Kate Bush, try...

- Blondie
- Akiko Yano
- Sparks

Extra Curricular Clubs

Many thanks for Parents / Carers for returning your reply slips for our school extra-curricular clubs, you will be receiving text messages next week confirming your child / children's places. We will still accept reply slips next week but please send in as soon as possible.

Park Junior School Extra Curricular Clubs start week commencing 28th September 2026.

Music Lessons



If your child is interested in learning to play the Guitar or Keyboard / Piano, please drop into the school office for more information.

Wellingborough Town Council's newsletter, Well Informed

The Town Council produces a quarterly newsletter 'Well Informed', helping to keep residents and visitors informed of the latest Council initiatives, events in the town and more.

Well Informed Newsletter¹

For more information on events, please visit our events page² or download the free Wellingborough Town Council App via App Store³ or Google Play⁴

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 SERVED			
ORDER TWO SCHOOL BUS KNIVES/SEEKERS			
WEEK 1 WC: 15th Jan, 28th Jan 16th Feb, 6th Mar, 10th Mar			
MONDAY	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza with Garlic Sauce (V) Spaghetti & Potato Curry with Cheddar Cheese (V) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (VQ) (GF) Soft fruit with a choice of Filling (V) (VQ)	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza (V) Spaghetti & Potato Curry with Cheddar Cheese (V) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (VQ) (GF) Soft fruit with a choice of Filling (V) (VQ)	Deep Pan Margherita Pizza with Garlic Sauce (V) Spaghetti & Potato Curry with Cheddar Cheese (V) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (V) (VQ) (GF) Soft fruit with a choice of Filling (V) (VQ)
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¹<https://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk/home/well-informed-newsletter-editions/>

²https://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk/council_events/

³<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/wellingborough-town-council/id1615943945>

⁴https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.uk.wellingboroughtowncouncil.wellingborough_town_council

After School Club at The Avenue Infant School

After School Club for Park Junior School children is run by The Avenue Infant School and we walk the children over to The Avenue every day at 3.30pm.

Please contact The Avenue for information and to book a place. Please also remember to cancel any bookings direct with them too. Many thanks.

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.uk⁵ 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.

⁵<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



Local Community

SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER

**WELLIE WOMBLES
BIG CLEAN UP**



-  **SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER**
-  **11AM-1PM**
-  **QUEENSWAY PARK,
WELLINGBOROUGH**
-  **ALL EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED. BRING
GLOVES IF YOU WISH**
-  **MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT**

**SCAN NOW TO REGISTER
COME ALONG TO BE
ENTERED INTO A PRIZE
DRAW!**



 **Healthy Schools**
North Northamptonshire

 **Wellie Wombles**

 **North
Northamptonshire
Council**

WITH GARY L JOHNSON
 JOIN THE GLJ CAST
 BOOK NOW
 SCAN ME
 YOUTH THEATRE
 MINI THEATRE
 PERFECT FOR 7-14yrs
 PERFECT FOR 6-8yrs
 CORE THEATRE
 PERFECT FOR 14-18yrs
 NEW PLAY THEATRE
 NEW MUSICAL THEATRE
 PERFECT FOR 7-18yrs
 PERFECT FOR 7-19yrs
 READY TO PERFORM ON STAGE?
 PERFECT FOR 7-15yrs
 NOW BOOKING FOR OUR LATEST SEASON
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WELLINGBOROUGH
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
 2026
Unity in Light - Bringing Our Community Together
 SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER - THREE LOCATIONS
 WELLINGBOROUGH LIBRARY | 11.00am - 3.00pm
 Arts & Crafts • Children's Storytelling
 SWANSGATE SHOPPING CENTRE | 11.00am - 3.00pm
 Dance Performances • Arts & Crafts Workshops
 MARKET SQUARE | 3.00pm - 9.00pm
 Live Performances • Food & Craft Stalls • Children's Activities •
 * FESTIVAL LIGHT SWITCH-ON 7.00pm
 FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES DURING OCTOBER
 Interactive workshops and activities at
 Wellingborough Museum and The Castle Theatre.
 ONE COMMUNITY • ONE CELEBRATION • ONE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
 If you would like to find out more about the event and/or wish to participate in the celebrations, please email hcc@wdbn.co.uk
 SCAN FOR FESTIVAL INFORMATION
 Programme • Activities • Updates
 Hosted by Wellingborough District Hindu Association in partnership with
 Wellingborough District Hindu Association



SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER



2026

Supporting children, young people and families to eat well, scroll less, and move more every day.

06 Sept
10am-12pm

Colour Run
Rochester Country Park

Get ready for a colourful burst of fun at Rochester Country Park. Run, walk, or dance your way through a rainbow of colour!

13 Sept
1-4pm

Family Fun Day
Lodge Park, Corby

Join us for a Family Fun Day, packed with activities, games, and something for everyone to enjoy!

19 Sept
11am-1pm

Welly Wombles Big Clean-Up
Queensway Park, Wellingborough

Join the Welly Wombles litter pick! Get outside, have fun, and help keep our green spaces clean!

26 Sept

Explore Greenways
Ise Lodge Pavilion, Kettering

Discover your local Greenways. Walk, cycle, scoot and explore the outdoors your way!

Amazing prizes to be won!!

You will be entered into a prize draw for attending an event. The more events you attend, the greater your chance of winning.



SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER

Photography Competition



Get outside & Snap Your Happy Place!

What makes you feel good?
Show us through your lens.

Entries sent by
30th Sept 2026

PRIZES



1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in both 4-10 and 11-16 age categories

Scan the QR code or email your photo to:
switchup@northnorthants.gov.uk

Please note: Prizes are awarded to the winner and celebrated!



**WE ACCEPT
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
& TAX FREE
CHILDCARE!**

PACESETTER
SPORTS & WELLBEING

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY
SPORTS CLUBS**

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL 9AM - 4PM £29 PER DAY MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Wellingborough, NN8 5LQ	ABINGTON PDC 9AM - 4PM £29 PER DAY MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Northampton, NN1 5JS
SPRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 9AM - 4PM £29 PER DAY MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Northampton, NN6 8HY	HALL MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL 9AM - 4PM £29 PER DAY MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS Kettering, NN15 7RP

Book online at:
WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY



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⁶<https://www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk/>

⁷<https://www.facebook.com/parkjunschool/>

⁸<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChA09SaVqOm-drOl1ggGHmw>