



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Headteacher

It was lovely this morning to have our first celebration assembly when we had so many wonderful types of focused learning so far this term. We also celebrated a fantastic five classes where every member of the class had been on time this week, what a great way to start each day. We also got to celebrate a massive 800+ points for Antares who set a high bar for this terms, weekly house cup. Well done to everyone.

I had the joy of taking a visitor around this week who commented on what a lovely calm and focused school it was. He commented on how engaged the children were in their learning. While this is the norm at the school, it is always lovely for someone new to the school to see it and be so impressed that they feel they have to comment.

Thank you to all the children and adults who make this such normal practice.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all the children next week.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

**Ash 6 - Time capsule workshop (In school)
18th September**

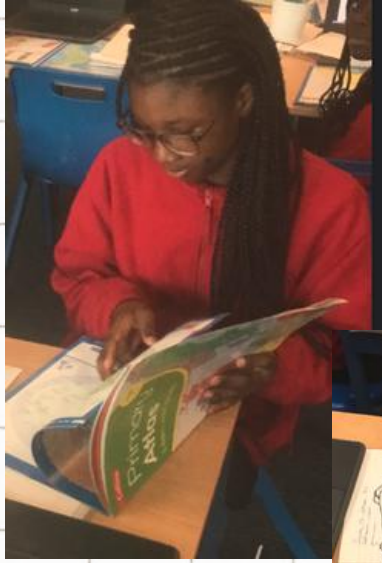


Ash 5



What an incredible start to the term Year 5 have had! We've launched straight into geography, learning about the different deserts and biomes found around the world. We explored the concept of biomes—large regions of the Earth with distinct climates, plants, and animals. The children were amazed to discover just how many types of biomes exist, from the lush tropical rainforests to the icy tundra.

One of the highlights so far has been our creative map work. Year 5 have been using atlases to locate the world's major deserts and identify the continents they belong to. This not only supported their geography skills but also strengthened their teamwork, as they worked in pairs to share findings.



In maths, Year 5 have made a fantastic start by revisiting and extending their understanding of place value. We've been exploring numbers up to the hundred thousands this week. The children have practised reading, writing, and comparing large numbers with growing confidence. We are very excited for the weeks ahead, where we will continue to investigate the wonders of space. Year 5 will be exploring the planets of our solar system and discovering more about the mysteries beyond Earth.



PE Timetable



Ash R

Tuesday

Ash 1

Monday & Thursday

Ash 2

Thursday & Friday

Ash 3

Tuesday & Wednesday

Ash 4

Monday & Thursday

Ash 5

Swimming Monday & PE Thursday

Ash 6

Wednesday & Friday

Oak 1

Friday

Oak 2

Friday

Oak 5

Wednesday

Oak 6

Wednesday

Purple Elm

Tuesday

Aqua Elm

Wednesday

Orange Elm

Monday

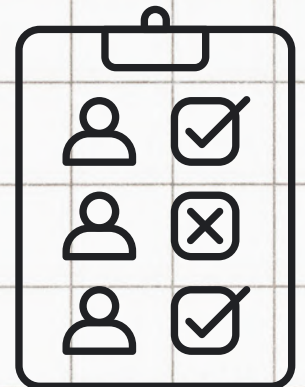


ATTENDANCE 2025-2026

Attendance is always a high priority at Parkway Primary. For the vast majority of our children, both their attendance and punctuality has been excellent and we want this to continue. Strong attendance and punctuality are important factors in promoting positive wellbeing, as well as academic progress.

This table outlines the impact that absence has on learning:

% Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent
99	2
97	5
95	10
90	20
85	30



100%

We would also like to draw your attention to the impact that punctuality has on the loss of learning time. If your child is 10 minutes late each day, they will miss an average of:
50 minutes per week = 5- 6 hours per term = 32.5 hours per year

Please note that your child's absence will only be authorised for reasons as given in the school's attendance policy, (which can be found on the school's website).

We would also like to draw your attention to the recent changes to the issuing of fixed penalty notices for absences during term time :

Under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. This can then affect other aspects of your life such as DBS checks.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child comes to school every day and arrives on time.

Please do continue to discuss the importance of good attendance and punctuality with your children to enable them to take every opportunity to reach their personal and academic potential.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000