



Parkview Primary School

Autumn Term 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to a restful half term break with your children. The first half term of the year, saw our newest pupils in Nursery and Reception, as well as pupils who joined us from other schools, settling beautifully!

As we embrace the new term ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school's expectations regarding uniform.

It is imperative that children return to school wearing their full school uniform. While we appreciate the importance of warmth during this season and encourage children to wear appropriate outerwear such as coats, jumpers, and even Wellington boots on particularly wet days, it is essential that they arrive at school with their complete uniform each day.

I would also like to reiterate that PE shoes should be **plain and preferably black**.

I kindly ask you to ensure that all clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will assist us in returning any misplaced items directly to their owners, reducing the likelihood of lost property! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I need to also take this opportunity to kindly ask you to share with friends and family that we have places available in our wonderful, teacher-led Nursery. We are able to offer 15 and 30 hour fully funded places. Thank you for helping us to spread the word!

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the departure of Mrs Emma Tuxford, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants. After over two decades, she will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Throughout her time here, she has shown true dedication and commitment, and for that, we are extremely grateful. Her nurturing nature and compassion have touched the lives of countless students and colleagues alike. As Mrs Tuxford embarks on a new journey to pursue her passion for art, we will miss her greatly and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Warmest regards,

Marie Jarvis—Headteacher



Swimming—YEAR 3 pupils

Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit on the first day back after the half term break. Your child will need their kit in school every day for the **following 2 weeks**.

If your child is not in Year 3 but you have had an email regarding swimming lessons, please also ensure your child has their kit in school on Monday 3rd November.



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House Captains for 2025-2026

I am pleased to announce the selection of our new house captains for the academic year, following an exciting and competitive election process within each house group! These young leaders have demonstrated great qualities that gained them the highest number of votes from their peers, reflecting both their leadership capabilities and the respect they have earned within our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all pupils who participated in the election process but were not elected to the captain position.

The newly elected house captains will work closely with myself and the teaching staff to foster an environment of collaboration and improvement throughout our school. They will assist in promoting various events, engaging with their peers, and contributing positively to our community.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 96.14%

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children's future success as an adult. Research shows that children who attend school regularly will earn more as an adult and achieve greater levels of happiness.

While I recognise the temptation to book a family holiday during school term time due to the financial savings, I want to encourage you to consider the impact of this on your child's academic, social and personal development.

Just 4 days out of school equates to 20 hours of lost learning and we know that this places a child at significant risk of falling behind their peers. Children who attend school every day are more 30% more likely to achieve the expected standards in reading, writing and maths.

Term-time holidays will not be authorised, unless there are **exceptional** circumstances, and will be marked as unauthorised on your child's record.

I would like to thank all of our families who ensure their children are in school on time every day.

House attendance so far this year:

Oak	Elder	Elm	Cedar
95.38%	97.95%	95.8%	97.31%

Well done
Elder!

Supporting Your Child's Online Safety: A Concise Guide from ChildNet

Keeping pace with the rapid changes in the online world can be challenging.

Today's youth navigate digital spaces that were non-existent in previous generations. News headlines frequently feature stories about children being groomed on platforms like Facebook and the impact of Instagram on young people's mental health. For parents and carers, this information can be overwhelming. How can we safeguard our children if we are unaware of the risks? What proactive measures can we take?

Here are essential steps to help your child stay safe online:

1. **Engage with Your Child's Digital Life** Show interest in your child's online activities as much as you do in their schooling. Positive conversations foster trust and enable you to offer guidance on online safety without sounding didactic.

2. **Define Healthy and Unhealthy Online Behaviour** It's crucial to discuss what constitutes healthy and unhealthy interactions online, not just warnings about strangers. Depending on their age, topics might include:

- Sexting (sending explicit images)
- Trolling (bullying)
- Sharing personal information
- Adding unknown individuals to social platforms
- Accessing pornography and its effects on perceptions of healthy relationships
- Recognising grooming tactics



3. **Encourage Age-Appropriate Platforms** Younger children are often drawn to sites intended for older users. Review the safety features of these sites and explain the importance of age guidelines to help them choose safer online environments.

4. **Monitor Digital Activity Together** Having your child online in the same room allows you to observe their interactions while picking up on non-verbal cues related to their online experiences. This shared space enables you to respond to both positive and negative online influences.

5. **Discuss Information Sharing and Privacy Settings** Engage your child in conversations about what information they share online and with whom. Use scenarios to illustrate how shared information can be misused. Set appropriate privacy controls and check them regularly, as updates can reset settings.



Parent Survey—October 2025

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the parental survey at parents' evening. It was lovely to see such positive feedback. A massive 94% of parents would recommend the school to another parent! The leadership team, have taken any suggestions seriously—as always, we appreciate your input.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	
My child is happy at the school	56%	36%	3%	6%	
My child feels safe in this school	61%	33%	3%	3%	
The school makes sure the children are well behaved	39%	58%	0%	3%	
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively	11%	19%	0%	3%	My child has not been bullied 67%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn over the year	53%	44%	3%	0%	
When I have raised concerns, they have been dealt with properly	28%	39%	3%	0%	I have not raised concerns 31%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need.	14%	8%	3%	0%	My child does not have a special educational need 75%
My child does well in this school	61%	33%	3%	3%	
The school lets me know how well my child is doing	44%	47%	3%	6%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	58%	36%	3%	3%	
The school supports my child's wider personal development	47%	47%	3%	3%	
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes 94%	No 6%			

KEY DATES	EVENT
3rd November	Pop-up pool arrives at school— children in Year 3 pupils need swimming kits in school everyday
13th November	Individual School Photographs
Friday 28th November	Parent Forum—please email admin@porkview.derby.sch.uk to book a place
10th December	PFA Santa Visits

