

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful term, I would like to express my thanks to our amazing school community. Students, staff, and parents have all played a vital role in making this term really memorable. As we look forward to the well-deserved break, we can reflect on some of the key highlights of this term.

This term, we celebrated World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing odd socks in a colourful display of support. Our students and staff enthusiastically raised awareness about Down syndrome and embracing the unique qualities that make each of us special. Another memorable event this term was our World Book Day celebration. It was a delight to see our students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters, discussing their favourite reads, and participating in engaging literary activities. Thank you to Jane Brown and Jane Clark for organising the day. Y11 have had their residential at Sayers Croft Activity Centre. They had two nights away and got to take part in a range of fantastic activities including; obstacle courses, high ropes, climbing and a late evening bat walk.

PE

Everyone has performed really well in PE lessons this term & there have been lots of events and trips going on including Football, Netball and Basketball matches against other schools, Table Cricket tournament, Girls Football, Panathlon and Dance and Movement events as well as the fantastic Y7 Dance performance this week at the Rhoda McGaw theatre in Woking.



During PE lessons, we have also been to Woking Tennis Club, Winston Churchill School and had coaching from Surrey Cricket and Dance Woking.

All our students have been fantastic and a real credit to the school. Very well done to you all. Particular thanks to all the staff supporting and taking the trips and the amazing office staff for all their incredible hard work and support too. Next term we have lots more to look forward to including athletics and summer sports in PE lessons. We also will have the chance to defend our football title at the SSSSA KS3 football tournament in April, as well as lots of other exciting sporting opportunities finishing with our House Sports Day at school in July.

Music

Students from Key Stage Three played a Two Chord jam in assembly. Yr 7 played the chime bars, Yr 8 the keyboards and Yr 9 on the ukulele. The performance demonstrated their ability to change between the chords A minor and F Major which they had been learning this half term.



RE

Year 7 visited St Dunstan's church to look at interior features. They took part in a church search and did a sketch of the wall hanging of Jesus. They all behaved in a respectful manner and enjoyed looking at the stained-glass windows, the statues and the Easter candle.



Year 9 welcomed Canon Rob Esdaile from St Dunstan's church to speak about Faith and the Arts. He talked about one of his favourite Christian songs. He showed us the vestments or special garments he wears at Easter time. We enjoyed looking at the cross and holy pictures he uses to meditate with.



Reading

Please remember to encourage your children to engage in reading during the holiday. We continue to have a strong focus on reading each day and reading in the holidays not only maintains their phonics skills but also helps maintain the reading momentum we have built over the course of the term.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us provide the best educational experience for our students. Together, we can continue to foster a nurturing and enriching environment for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

Safeguarding concerns

If you have an urgent safeguarding concern during the holidays you can email on dsl@thepark.surrey.sch.uk

2023-2024 Diary

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Thursday 27 th June	Year 11 Last Day of School
Friday 19 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1:00pm

2024 -2025 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th September	Yr7 Orientation Day (Yr7's only in school)
Thursday 5 th September	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 25 th October	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November	Back to School 9:00am
Thursday 21 st November	Late November Break – School Closed
Friday 22 nd November	Late November Break – School Closed
Friday 20 th December	Finish for Holidays 1:00pm
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 25	Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM 2025	
Monday 6 th January	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 14 th February	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	Back to School 9:00am
Friday 21 st March	INSET DAY – School Closed
Friday 4 th April	Finish for Holidays 1:00pm
Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd May	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 18 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1:00pm