

Park View Primary School

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Monday 13th July

Non-uniform in return for
tombola prize

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Y6 Nation's Fair 3:30pm

New Date

Tuesday 14th July

After School Summer Fair

Wednesday 15th July

Nursery Graduation
2pm

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Performance
1:45pm & 5pm

Friday 17th July

Year 2 Performance
9:30am & 2pm

Monday 20th July

Year 6 Graduation 5pm

Tuesday 21st July

Last day of Term –
1:10/1:15pm Finish

Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September

Back to School

INSET Days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly special year for our Park View community.

This year has been filled with so many achievements, memorable experiences and moments of growth. From exciting learning opportunities in the classroom to sporting events, performances, enrichment activities and community celebrations, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and kindness. They continue to make us incredibly proud.

One of the highlights of the year was welcoming Ofsted to Park View. We were delighted that the inspection recognised what we see every day: a school where children thrive, where staff are dedicated to helping every child succeed, and where relationships are built upon care, respect and high expectations. The outcome reflects the commitment of our entire school community and is something we are immensely proud of.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff for their unwavering dedication, professionalism and care throughout the year. Thank you also to our parents and carers for the trust, encouragement and support you provide; your partnership makes a tremendous difference. Most importantly, thank you to our wonderful children. Your curiosity, determination, laughter and kindness are what make Park View such a special place to learn and grow.

As we look ahead, we do so with great pride in all that we have achieved together and excitement for what the future holds. Our school motto, "Rooted in Care, Rising with Purpose," has never felt more fitting as we celebrate another successful year.

On behalf of everyone at Park View Primary School, I wish you and your families a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mrs Danielle Owens

Staff News

Earlier this year, we shared the exciting news that Mrs Barrow has been appointed as Headteacher of Cliddesden Primary School, beginning her new role in September 2026. This is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of Mrs Barrow's dedication, professionalism and passion for education. Throughout her time at Park View, she has had a significant impact on our pupils, families and staff, and her commitment to helping every child achieve their best has been unwavering. Whilst we will miss her greatly, we are immensely proud of all she has accomplished and know that Cliddesden Primary School will benefit enormously from her leadership, care and vision. We wish her every success and happiness in her first headship.

This summer, we also say goodbye to Miss Thain, who is embarking on an exciting new career with the Traffic Police in September. Miss Thain's journey at Park View has been a remarkable one. Having first joined the school as a teenager, she began her career as a Higher-Level Learning Support Assistant before becoming a teacher and joining our teaching team in 2017. Over the years, she has inspired countless children through her enthusiasm, dedication and ability to make learning fun. Miss Thain's infectious sense of humour, endless energy and legendary "Would you rather...?" questions have become a much-loved part of school life and will be greatly missed by both children and staff. We thank her for her years of service to Park View and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter.

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Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Allen from Nursery, who retires this summer after an incredible career at Park View. Mrs Allen has been part of our school community since 2006, welcoming and nurturing hundreds of children through their first experiences of school. Over the years, she has seen many generations of Park View pupils grow up, with some now returning as parents themselves. Mrs Allen's calm, caring and dedicated nature has been treasured by children, families and colleagues alike. Her gentle approach, patience and unwavering commitment have helped countless young children settle into school life with confidence and happiness. We thank Mrs Allen for her many years of devoted service and wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement, filled with well-deserved relaxation and new adventures.

With Our Thanks

Mrs Barrow, Miss Thain and Mrs Allen have each played an important role in shaping the Park View community that we are today. They will be greatly missed by children, families and colleagues alike. On behalf of everyone at Park View Primary School, we thank them for everything they have given to our school and wish them every happiness and success in their new roles and in retirement. Their next chapters are richly deserved, and they will always remain a valued part of the Park View family.

Park View Primary Race for Life 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Race for Life on Wednesday 1 July. It was wonderful to see so many children, families and staff coming together in a sea of pink to support such an important cause.

The event was particularly meaningful to our school community, as cancer has touched the lives of many of our families. Through running, jogging, walking and cheering each other on, we demonstrated the true spirit of Park View and our commitment to the message: "Let's work together to beat it."

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £400 for Cancer Research UK—an increase on last year's fantastic total of approximately £350. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the kindness and community spirit that make Park View such a special place.

Thank you to everyone who donated, took part, bought cakes and helped make the event such a success. We are incredibly proud of what we achieved together.

Keep an eye out for a Basingstoke Gazette article celebrating our efforts and fundraising success. Well done, everyone!

Smartphone Free Schools – New Rules from September 2026

From September 2026, Park View Primary School will become a **smartphone-free school**. Children will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones onto the school site. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who need a phone for travelling to and from school may bring a basic **"brick phone"**, which allows calls and texts but does not have internet access.

This change forms part of a growing movement across schools to support children's wellbeing, safety and healthy development. Smartphones can expose children to risks such as social media pressures, online bullying, inappropriate content and excessive screen time. By reducing access to smartphones during the primary years, we hope to encourage more face-to-face interaction, physical activity, positive mental wellbeing and the opportunity for children to enjoy their childhood free from many of the challenges associated with online life.

To help keep devices safe and to ensure consistency, any **brick phones brought into school must still be handed to a member of staff at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day**. Phones should not be kept on children during school hours.

We appreciate the support shown by our families as we introduce this important change. Together, we can help create an environment where children are free to learn, play, build friendships and thrive without the distractions and risks that smartphones can bring.

Family Support Worker

Hello, my name is Mrs Clare Sharp and I am the Family Support Worker at Park View Primary School. I can offer you emotional support and practical help when experiencing short or long-term difficulties, as well as guiding you to different agencies and support groups.

Please feel free to contact the school if you wish to chat to me or email me at:

familysupportworker@parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk



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WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Park View Primary School:

Mrs Danielle Owens
Mrs Lucy Hollyman
Mrs Fiona Barrow

They can be contacted through the school office via email adminoffice@parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk or telephone on

01256 322616

Safeguarding
Governor:

Mrs Jackie Skipp

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit our school website.

School Uniform Reminder

At Park View Primary School, we aim for 100% of our pupils to be in school uniform every day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards—please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. **Uniform items can be with or without the school logo.**

Our School Uniform Includes:

- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Navy polo shirt
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black sensible shoes or **plain** black trainers
- In warmer weather: red and white summer dress or black/grey tailored shorts (no Lycra/sports style shorts)

P.E. Kit:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain maroon t-shirt
- Trainers for outdoor sessions
- Black or navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for colder days

Uniform items with the school logo are available from SkoolKit.

Please make sure every item of school uniform and P.E. kit is clearly named to help us return lost property.

Be School Ready

If your little one is gearing up to start primary school this September, **Be School Ready** is here to help you and make this exciting journey smooth, fun, and full of learning. Or, if your child is starting secondary or post-primary school, check out our Be School Ready guide for secondary school starters below.



These guides are packed with information, tips and advice for parents whose children are starting school this September.

Starting Primary School – Read the guide online

<https://beschoolready.parentkind.org/>

Starting Secondary School Blog

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/blog/starting-secondary-school-its-all-new-for-parents-too>