

Park View Primary School

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March 2026

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Week of 9th March
Belonging Week

Thursday 12th March
Y4 Viking Day

Friday 20th March
Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March
Year 5 Production - Macbeth

Monday 23rd March
Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th March
Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March
Last Day of Term
Early Finish
EYFS/KS1 – 1:10pm
KS2 – 1:15pm

Thursday 26th March
Easter Egg Hunt – 1:20pm

Monday 13th April
Start of Summer Term

Thursday 16th April
Year 5 Ancient Greece Day

Friday 17th April
Year 3 Roman Experience

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May
Year R QMC Science Trip

Monday 11th May
Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 20th May
Park View Race for Life

Monday 25th May
Half Term

INSET Days 2025/2026
Friday 27th March 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the halfway point of the school year, and it's lovely to see signs of spring beginning to appear. With brighter days and a bit more sunshine on the way, there's a renewed sense of energy around the school.

The weeks ahead hold plenty for our pupils to enjoy, with new activities and learning experiences planned. We look forward to sharing these moments with you.

Trips, Visits and Themed Days

This spring term has been packed with exciting themed days and learning experiences across the school. Our children have been busy exploring, discovering and taking part in memorable activities that bring their learning to life. Here are just a few highlights:

Year R – Night Walk

Our youngest learners ventured out on a magical Night Walk, using their senses to explore the world after dark.



Year 1 – Marwell Zoo & Great Fire of London Day

Year 1 enjoyed meeting Animals at Marwell Zoo & also immersed themselves in a dramatic Great Fire of London themed day.

Year 2 – Sea City Museum & Titanic Exhibition

A visit to the Sea City Museum helped Year 2 deepen their understanding of the Titanic, followed by their very own school exhibition.



Year 3 – Butser Farm

Year 3 stepped back in time at Butser Ancient Farm, learning all about life in the Bronze Age.



Year 4 – The Anvil Performance Project

Working alongside The Anvil, Year 4 pupils created a special performance inspired by our school values.

Whole School – Wellbeing Day

Our annual Wellbeing Day once again encouraged everyone to reflect on the importance of looking after our bodies and minds.



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School Disco Fun!

It was wonderful to see the children dressed in their party best and enjoying themselves at the school discos.

A special highlight had to be the *dulcet tones* of the Year 5 & 6 Karaoke—always a memorable performance!

Thanks to your fantastic support, the discos raised over £1,000. This brilliant amount will help subsidise school trips, fund visiting workshops, and support theme days, giving all our children even more enriching experiences.

Thank you for your continued support!

Still to Come...

We are looking forward to even more exciting events over the coming weeks, including:

World Book Day

Red Nose Day

Year 4 – Viking Themed Day

Year 5 – Shakespeare Production

Whole School – Easter Egg Hunt

We regularly share photos of our activities on the school website so that parents and carers can enjoy seeing the children's learning in action. Photos from the events listed above will be uploaded soon—please look out for them under **'Our Children' → Class Pages 2025–2026**.

Staff News

We will soon be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Keeping, who will be leaving us on 11th March as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her career.

Mrs Keeping has been a valued member of the Park View community for over 16 years, contributing wholeheartedly to school life. She has played a particularly special role in leading and supporting our much-loved Christmas markets, bringing joy and festive spirit to families, staff, and children year after year.

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Mrs Keeping for her dedication, kindness, and commitment to Park View. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

All the very best, Mrs Keeping — and good luck in your new role!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026!

To mark this special occasion, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their cosiest pyjamas. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of fun, book-themed activities, including:

Costume Parade – A chance for everyone to show off their fantastic outfits.

Virtual Meet-the-Author Session – An opportunity to hear from an author and learn about the magic of writing and storytelling.

Story Swap – Children can visit different classrooms to listen to a variety of stories shared by staff.

Our staff have been busy preparing their own costumes, and we are all looking forward to seeing the creative characters you come as. It promises to be a wonderful day celebrating the joy of reading!

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March, we will be joining thousands of people across the country in raising money for Red Nose Day. To help support this fantastic cause—and add a bit of serious silliness to our school day—children are invited to come to school dressed in their silliest, wackiest outfits for a donation of £1.

If children prefer, they are also welcome to wear their own clothes instead. Every donation helps make a difference. There will be prizes for the silliest outfits, so start getting creative—think colourful, funny, mismatched, and wonderfully weird!

We look forward to seeing all the spectacularly silly styles on the day!

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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.

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
01256 322616

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Safeguarding

Governor:

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Mrs Jackie Skipp

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For a copy of our
school's

Child Protection and
Safeguarding Policy,
please visit our school
website.



Healthy Lunchboxes & Snacks

Helping your child enjoy a nutritious lunch every day gives them the energy and focus they need to learn, play, and grow.



Why Healthy Lunches Matter

Boost concentration: Nutritious food helps children stay alert and ready to learn.

Support healthy growth: Protein, vitamins, and minerals build strong bodies and minds.

Keep energy steady: Lower-sugar choices prevent mid-morning slumps.

Build lifelong habits: Early routines encourage a positive relationship with food.

What to Include in a Balanced Lunchbox			
Protein (for growth and strength)	Carbohydrates (for energy)	Fruit & Veg (for vitamins and minerals)	Drinks
Chicken or turkey Eggs Cheese Hummus or beans	Wholemeal bread, wraps, or rolls Pasta or rice salads Wholegrain crackers or pitta	Apples, bananas, grapes, berries Carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes Small fruit salads or veggie dips	Water (best choice) Milk Small amounts of unsweetened fruit juice
Simple, Healthy Snack Ideas		🚫 Foods to Keep for Home	
Veggie sticks with hummus or yogurt dip Cheese cubes with wholegrain crackers Yogurt topped with fruit or oats		Crisps, chocolate, and sweets Sugary drinks Cakes, pastries, and high-sugar snacks Tip: Save treats for after school or special occasions.	

☒ Helpful Tips for Parents

Involve your child: They're more likely to eat what they help choose or prepare.

Add variety: Rotate fruits, vegetables, and proteins to keep lunches exciting.

Keep it simple: Fresh, whole foods make great lunches without much fuss.

Be a role model: Children follow your lead—your healthy choices shape theirs.

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

