



PARKER'S NEWS

Weekly Attendance

Ladybird Class - 100%
Caterpillar Class - 100%
Butterfly Class - 95.17%
Firefly Class - 98.10%
Dragonfly Class - 100%

Congratulations to Ladybird, Caterpillar and Dragonfly Classes for having the best attendance figures this week.

Bank Holiday Monday

Just a reminder that it is Bank Holiday on Monday, but we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

School Uniform

We have had a number of children this week wearing lycra cycling shorts for school. This is not part of our school uniform. These can be worn under a skirt or dress but not alone.

Children can wear grey or black school shorts, grey skirts or grey trousers.

We also still have available brand new navy/blue check summer dresses. Please come to the office and we can show you what we have. We are asking for donations for these.

Dates for your Diary

5th May – Bank Holiday
7th May – Reception children - NCMP Hearing and Vision check
8th May – Ladybird/Caterpillar Class trip – Church Farm
9th May – VE Day Picnic 12.00 – 1.00pm
12th – 15th May – SATs – Yr 6
16th May – Yr 6 Leavers Trip
20th May – Butterfly trip to Synagogue
21st May – Firefly Class trip – Thompson Common (info to follow)
23rd May – Butterfly Parent Session 9.00 – 10.00am
23rd May – Last day of half term
26th – 30th May – Half Term
2nd June – Children return to school
12th June – Dragonfly Class Trip to Wicken Fen (info to follow)
19th June – Butterfly Class trip – Lackford Lakes (info to follow)
20th June – Firefly Parent Session 9.15 – 10.15am
25th June – Firefly Class trip to Royal Norfolk Show (info to follow)
27th June – Sports Day (weather permitting)
27th June – Ladybird/Caterpillar school trip Playhouse Norwich
2nd – 4th July – Dragonfly Residential
7th – 10th – Bikeability for those who signed up in Dragonfly Class
11th July – Reserve Sports Day
14th – 17th July - Transition for Year 6 to Wayland Academy
21st July – Friends after school Summer party
22nd July 2.30pm – Leavers service at the school
22nd July – Last day of school

Water bottles/hats/sun cream

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle into school each day especially in the warmer weather. Children can also wear hats at break times, please name these.

Children can also reapply sun cream if you are able to provide this for them.



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Stay & Play

Stay & Play will restart on Wednesday 21st
May 9.00 – 10.15am

This is free to come along too, meet with other parents and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, all free of charge.

VE Day 80th Anniversary

We have received a massive response to the VE Day Picnic taking place next Friday. We are keeping everything crossed that the weather is nice and we are able to hold the event outside.

Just a reminder however that if the weather does change we will have to limit people attending to just one adult per family. We will let you know if this is the case.

We will be selling the following items at the event:

Ice lollies – 50p
Cold drinks - £1
Cakes - £1.50

NSPCC – Online Safety

Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages. The NSPCC have advice to help you learn about staying safe online as a family. There are lots of useful resources on their website including what to do if you are worried about something online and information about inappropriate online behaviours. Please take a look at their website for more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Reading

The expectation at Parker's is that every child reads at home at least 3 times a week. Reading with your child is one of the most important activities you can do with your child to help their children within their learning.

From next week if children do not read at least 3 times a week at home then they will be spending a short period of time with an adult in a reading club. This will take place during one of their breaks. This is an opportunity for children to continue to practice their reading with the support of an adult.

Help Your Child with Reading

Daily Routine

Try and listen to your child read every day. Keep it short, cheerful and filled with praise. Even if your child's school book has not been changed, rereading it allows the child to encounter words and phrases again, helping to build their confidence and aid with comprehension.



Read to Your Child

Reading to your child helps them to expand their vocabulary and boosts their understanding of language, which can help with writing as well as reading.



Story Sacks

A story sack is a great way to get your child talking about a story. These are bags that contain the story itself, alongside a variety of items linked to the story. It could be the story CD, a related non-fiction book, puppets, models or objects that are in the story and a related activity.



Ask Questions

When reading together, you could try occasionally asking questions, such as, 'How do you think the characters feel?' or 'What is the story about?'



Read and Read Again

Reread your child's favourite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them. Choose books and authors that your child enjoys.



Encourage Reading

Encourage family and friends to share books with your child and make sure your child sees others reading for pleasure. The more your child sees you and others reading, the more they will want to read too.



Visit

Visit the local library together; it is fun choosing new books to read. Keep an eye out for special events at the library or local bookshops that they can join in with.



Make It Fun

Enjoy reading together; give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Encourage your child to join in with phrases, sound effects and actions to make shared story time even more fun.

Talk

To help your child develop their vocabulary, talk to them as much as possible. Ask them about their day - What have they been doing? What was their favourite thing? What games did they play today?



I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many... can you see?

Read Everything Out Loud

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper and magazine articles, menus... anything that is close to hand! Consider turning on subtitles when watching television; studies have shown that this can double the chances of a child becoming a confident reader.



Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources





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Open Days for Pre-School

If you are interested in joining our Pre-school, please join us for one of our open day sessions. We take children as soon as they turn 3 years old.

We do have a Reservation List if you would like to add your child's name to this. We are currently taking reservation's right through to September 2026.



Please join us for Parker's C of E Primary
Academy Pre-School Open Day Sessions

20th March 1:30-2:30

19th May 1:30-2:30

6th June 10:45-11:45

Ladybird Pre-School, for children aged 3 years and above, is located
within Parker's C of E Primary Academy.

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