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Newsletter

July 2026

Awards **EVENING** 2026

Thursday 9th July 2026 6.30pm



Year 7 Power of Music Concert
Tuesday 7th July 11am



Rewarding Attendance with a Splash!



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND STUDENTS,

Welcome to a bonanza of a newsletter, representing so many of the things Park students and staff have been up to recently.

The summer term is always a special one. Last week we said goodbye to our Year 11s and celebrated their time at Park. We are proud of every single one of them and cannot wait to hear about their next adventure. Of course, as we say goodbye to the class of 2026, we also welcome a new cohort of Year 7s. This week Year 6 have spent the full week at Park meeting teachers, making friends, learning about all of the things that make us proud to be part of our School and preparing for a strong start in September. It has been a delight to meet all of them and their families and we look forward to them formally starting Year 7 on September 2, 2026.

Meanwhile, Year 10 have been completing their two-week work experience programme. This is an important part of the way we prepare students for success beyond Park. They have embraced the challenge with confidence, resilience and passion. Well done Year 10!

As we approach the final few weeks of term, students are preparing for their transition to the next school year. Year 8 and 9 now have all options confirmed and Year 7 are completing their final Rich Challenge. Our Connect for Summer programme is now open for booking and further information can be found in this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi





Refugee Week Performances

In June, many of our students performed at The Base in the Guildhall as part of Refugee Week in a performance named 'Courage'. There was a mixture of rap, poetry and singing, with the evening headlined by Brooke.

Students have been working at The Base on Thursday evenings taking part in, and running, poetry and rap workshops for the community. The evening was a culmination of their work.

Students were fantastic, with highlights including:

A hilarious poem by Heidi Morrell about the school hydration stations and another about a rock - she is a born performer!

A beautiful performance of a poem written by Barbara and her dad. Barbara's dad has been attending the workshops on a Thursday and has been re-discovering his love of poetry writing.

An up-beat and lively rap performance from Kayden - who has been spotted and approached by several local rappers for some collaboration work

Brooke's headlining poem about racism (which had us all laughing and crying in equal measures!)

Mrs Tonks



Immersive University Residential

Twelve Year 10 students participated in Portsmouth University immersive residential. The programme condensed the realities of higher education into a compact, engaging schedule over two days and one night.

The programme was specifically designed to introduce Key Stage 4 students to campus life, offering a realistic look at both the academic challenges and the exciting independence of being an undergraduate. Students got to stay in campus halls of residence, participate in hands-on taster lectures, and take part in social activities with peers from numerous schools across Hampshire. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all and definitely open students eyes to university life.

Mr Crowley



Park's Greenpower Team Victory at Goodwood

Last month, our Greenpower team raced our 4 electric go-carts at Goodwood for the first race of the season.

They made a good start, with sound pit changes and teamwork, ensuring all cars were in contention for a top spot in the race of 64 cars. Motor cooling was key to a good race in the heat and the team decided to make some air ducting to keep the motors cool. This had massive impact. Race 1 saw 3 of the 4 cars place in the top 10. The team worked really hard over the lunch break to make minor improvements to try and find that extra bit of pace. It worked! By race 2 we placed 1st, 3rd, 6th and 26th (Chase had a wiring issue).

Our overall results were fantastic and we are extremely proud of the Greenpower team. The team were amazing and had fun using water rather than champagne from their celebration victory!



Overall Results

Keep Up 1st

TS2 4th

Dash 6th

Chase 14th

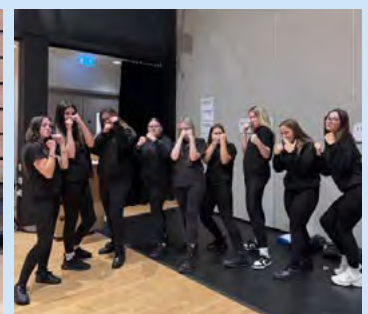
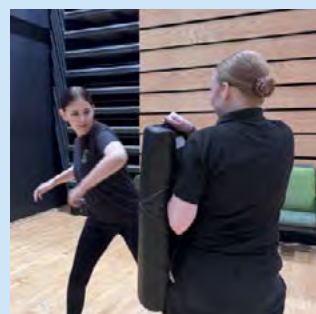
Mr Payne



Self-defence with Year 9 and 10

36 students took part in a self defence class with ACT! The girls spent the afternoon learning self defence techniques, the law and keeping themselves safe. All involved asked great questions and were engaged throughout. Every student that participated said they would love to do this again and enjoyed the entire session.

Miss Brown





Leavers' Ball 2026 – A Night to Remember

Our Year 11 Leavers' Ball 2026 was an unforgettable evening, providing the perfect opportunity to celebrate the end of an incredible journey together. This year's Masquerade Ball theme transformed the venue into an elegant setting filled with mystery, glamour, and excitement, with students looking absolutely fantastic in their formal attire and stunning masks.

The evening began with a warm welcome before everyone enjoyed an exceptional meal. A huge thank you goes to our outstanding Catering Team, who worked tirelessly to prepare and serve a delicious meal of the highest standard.

The celebrations continued with fantastic live music from a talented band, who kept the dance floor full throughout the night.

Events like these simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication of so many people behind the scenes. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our incredible Site Team, whose hard work preparing the venue, supporting throughout the evening, and ensuring everything ran smoothly often goes unseen but is deeply appreciated.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful Year 11 Tutors. Over the past five years, they have supported, encouraged, and guided our students through every challenge and success. Their commitment extends far beyond the classroom, and their care and dedication have helped shape this remarkable group of young people.

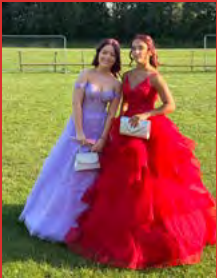
The Leavers' Ball was a fitting celebration of everything the Class of 2026 has achieved. We wish all of our Year 11 students every success and happiness as they embark on the next stage of their journey. Congratulations, Class of 2026—you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!



Mr Penlington

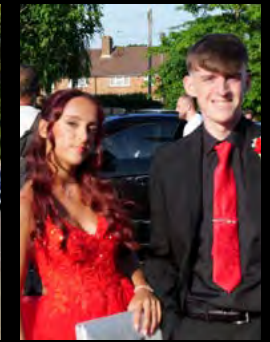














Newton Flight Academy

Year 10 Travel and Tourism students attended the Newton Flight Academy at Vector in Gosport. The students took part in a range of activities in which they had to plan a flying route using a range of Maths and Geography skills to plot the route. The students then put their route in place flying a virtual plane across the Norwegian mountains in a flight simulator.

Mr Redman



Sports Ambassadors

On Friday 19 June, a group of Sports Ambassadors supported a Primary athletics event at the Mountbatten Centre. The ambassadors were responsible for leading running, long jump and throwing activities for Y1 students as an introduction to athletics. They had to lead, demonstrate and organise groups of 20 Y1 students, which they did with great confidence. All were fantastic and it was a group to see them support the young participants so well.

On Wednesday 17 June, a group of Sports Ambassadors supported a cricket event at Emsworth Primary School. The ambassadors had to lead activities in a range of skills such as batting, bowling, throwing and catching. Not only did they have a group of Year 1s to lead, but also a Year 6 assistant they had to support in helping lead the session. They were all absolutely fantastic and it was really good to see them encouraging the young participants and leading so confidently.

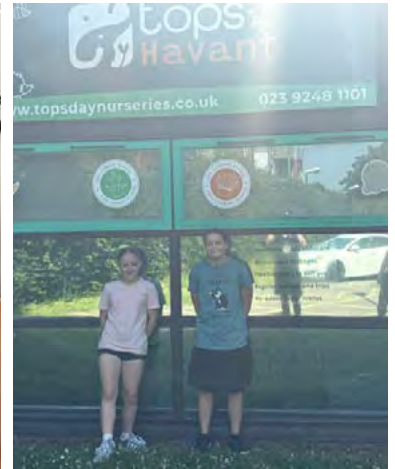
Mr Pollard



Thorpe Park Trip

In lessons students have been planning a trip to Thorpe Park. During activity's students had to prepare a route to Thorpe Park, create a risk assessment and an itinerary for the day. Students then executed their plan on the trip. This gave the students valuable skills in learning how to plan a trip for a large group.

Mr Redman



Year 10 Work Experience

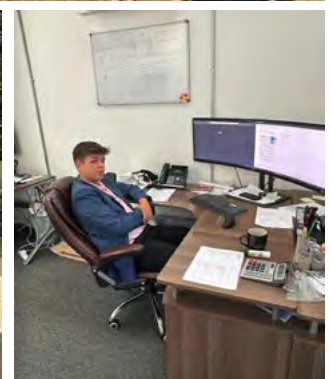
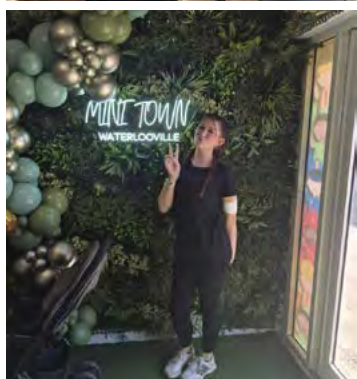
Year 10 students have recently completed their work experience placements, gaining valuable insight into a variety of career paths. Their roles spanned a wide range of industries, including education, childcare, construction, and engineering.

Some students supported teachers and pupils in schools and nurseries, developing communication, patience, and organisational skills. Others explored bricklaying and carpentry, learning practical trade skills, teamwork, and the importance of precision. A number of students worked in mechanics, where they gained hands-on experience with tools, problem-solving, and understanding how machinery operates.

Overall, the placements gave students a real taste of working life, helping them build confidence, develop transferable skills, and better understand potential future career options.



Mr Crowley



Girls Football Academy

This half term the Year 7 girls played a tournament against Springfield and Purbrook. The students managed to win four out of six games. The players of the match voted for by the team were: Lila and Ava. Both performed exceptionally in every game working hard to create a solid defensive line.

Miss Brown



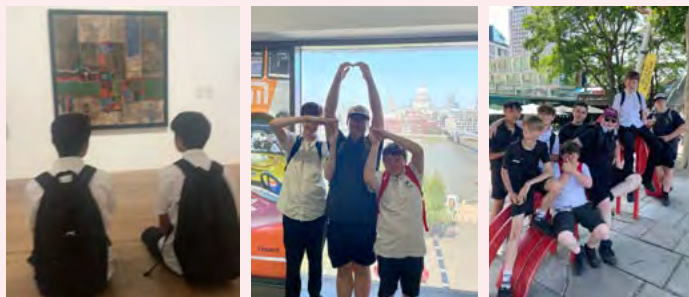
Year 8 at the Tate, London

Our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the heart of London on a cultural enrichment visit.

The group spent some time walking along the vibrant South Bank, taking in many of the capital's famous landmarks while enjoying the unique atmosphere of the city. A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Tate Modern, where students explored a range of inspiring contemporary artworks and developed their appreciation of art and culture.

The students were excellent ambassadors for Park Community School throughout the visit, demonstrating exemplary behaviour, respect and enthusiasm. It was a valuable opportunity to broaden their cultural experiences and create lasting memories.

Mrs Cavanagh



Hampshire Athletics Event

Year 9 and 10

On Thursday 14 May 17 students from Year 9 and 10 attended Mountbatten for the Southeast Hampshire Athletics event. The students all represented the school incredibly well with some notable performances for some students:

Ralphie – Won Year 9 Discus

Tommy - 2nd in first heat, qualifying for the final for 300m

Darci-Jo - 5th out of 12 for 1500m

Harry- 5th out of 16 with a 22m throw in javelin.

Year 7 and 8

On Tuesday 9th June the Year 7 and 8s competed in their South East Hants Athletics events. Again, all students represented the school incredibly well.

Key highlights from the day:

Sofia - 3rd in 100m

Preston - 2nd in Shot with 6.33m throw

Max - 3rd in Shot with 6.30m throw

Gracie- 1st in discus with a 17m throw

Seph - 2nd place in 300m heats, making it to the final!

Henley - 17m throw in Javelin

Kenzie - 3rd in 800m

Max - 2nd Place in 150m Heat and 3rd in 150m final.

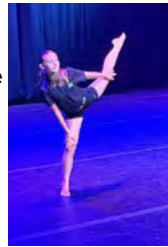
Mr Pollard and Miss Brown



Performance for our guests from India

On 2 July our students performed to our Indian visitors from SKV. It was a lovely opportunity for our students to perform to one another and share different dance, poetry and music genres.

Mrs Chuter



Year 7 Explore London and the Natural History Museum

To mark the end of a successful first year at Park, 138 of our Year 7 students took part in a day trip to London.

The coach journey to London was filled with excitement, laughter and plenty of singalongs as students looked forward to the day ahead. Our first stop was the Natural History Museum, where the dinosaur gallery proved to be a firm favourite. Students loved seeing the impressive fossils and towering skeletons up close. Afterwards, we headed to Hyde Park to enjoy lunch and a walk through one of London's most famous green spaces before returning to the coaches for the journey home.

The trip was a fitting reward for a fantastic Year 7 cohort, who have embraced every opportunity, risen to the challenges of starting secondary school and made an excellent start to their journey with us throughout Park. They have grown in confidence, built new friendships and represented the school with maturity and enthusiasm throughout the year. We are so proud of them!

It was a brilliant day enjoyed by everyone and a wonderful way to celebrate everything our Year 7 students have achieved in their first year with us. We look forward to seeing all they accomplish in Year 8.

Miss Manning



International Partnership Flourishes as Park Welcomes Students from SKV School, India

Park was delighted to welcome students and staff from SKV, a prestigious all-girls school in India, for an unforgettable week of cultural exchange, learning and friendship.

From the moment they arrived, our guests became part of Park, commenting on the warm welcome, kindness and genuine sense of belonging they experienced throughout their stay. The visit celebrated not only the differences between our cultures but also the many shared values that unite our schools.

Throughout the week, the SKV students immersed themselves in the broad range of opportunities that make Park unique. They took part in lessons across Science, Catering, Hair and Beauty, Dance, Sport and Performing Arts, while also enjoying visits to Portchester Castle, Stonehenge and our school farm. Their visit coincided with our annual Festival of Sport, where they experienced the excitement of House competition, as well as enjoying lunch at MUNCH and exploring our extensive school campus.

A particular highlight was the outstanding contribution of our Year 9 International Ambassadors. They represented Park with maturity, confidence and kindness, building friendships with our visitors and ensuring they felt welcomed throughout their stay. They were exceptional ambassadors for our school and demonstrated the values we are so proud to promote.

International partnerships such as this provide invaluable opportunities for our students to develop confidence, communication skills, cultural understanding and global awareness. Through working alongside students from another country, they gain experiences that simply cannot be replicated within the classroom.

Our visitors spoke warmly about the many similarities between SKV and Park, particularly our shared ethos, vision and commitment to providing the very best opportunities for young people. They were especially inspired by the breadth of our curriculum, our enrichment programme and the wide range of experiences available to students, leaving with exciting ideas to take back and develop within their own school.





We are incredibly proud of everyone who contributed to making the visit such a success. The friendships formed and experiences shared have strengthened an international partnership that will continue to benefit students from both schools for many years to come.

Mrs Cavanagh



Outdoor Performances

On Tuesday 16 June we had our first ever outdoor amphitheatre. It was a huge success! Lilly, Indi and Mollie all sang beautifully. We are looking forward to having more performances in our outdoor spaces in the future.

Mrs Chuter





Festival of Sport 2026 Brings the Park Community Together

Students and staff came together for another fantastic Festival of Sport 2026, celebrating teamwork, determination and House spirit across the school.

The atmosphere throughout the day was one of friendly competition, encouragement and pride, with students and staff embracing the occasion by proudly wearing their House colours. From Nursery and Preschool through, and Years 6–9, students supported one another, represented their Houses with enthusiasm and celebrated each other's achievements. Festival of Sport is always a highlight of the school calendar, bringing our school community together to celebrate participation, resilience and healthy competition.

Congratulations to Red House, who were crowned Festival of Sport Champions 2026!





The Hampshire Book Awards 2026

Our Year 8 students recently took part in annual the Hampshire Book Awards, an exciting reading programme that encourages young people to read, discuss and evaluate some of the best new young-adult literature. Students from schools across Hampshire read four shortlisted books and judged them using the award criteria of Enjoyment, Enrichment and Engagement before casting their votes for an overall winner.

We were honoured to be asked to host this year's voting event which brought together more than 100 students, teachers and librarians from 12 local Hampshire schools. We were incredibly proud of our Year 8 students, who had read all four books and made thoughtful contributions to the discussion groups. They received praise from other schools for the way they expressed their opinions and for their excellent behaviour throughout the day.

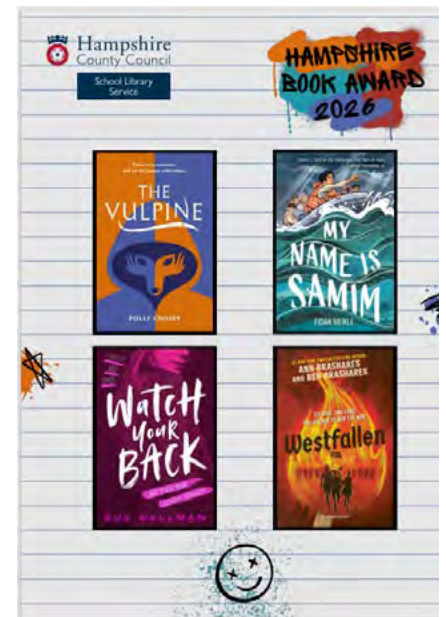


Fidan Meikle's wonderful novel 'My Name is Samim' was announced as the winning book. A heartfelt and thought-provoking read, following the emotional journey of a young refugee who tells his story through his interviews for asylum application. It's a harrowing story based on real life refugee experiences and our students are looking forward to meeting the author next term to learn more about the inspiration behind her novel.

If you would like to read My Name is Samim or indeed any of the brilliant shortlist, just visit the library and Ms. Hucklebridge will guide you to the books which can be read in paperback, eBook and audiobook formats.

A special thank you goes to our Year 10 Work Experience students, whose dedication and hard work ensured the event run smoothly. We are immensely proud of everyone involved in making this year's Hampshire Book Awards such a memorable experience and looking forwards to taking part next year.

Ms Hucklebridge



Supporting Your Future Pathways (Years 9–11)

At Park Community School, we are proud to work in partnership with the Hampshire Futures Careers Service to provide high-quality careers guidance for our students.

Our Careers Advisors from Hampshire Futures support students from Year 9 through to Year 11, helping them to explore their options, build confidence, and make informed decisions. This includes both choosing GCSE options in Year 9 and planning for post-16 pathways after Year 11.

Whether students already have clear goals or are just beginning to think about their future, support is always available.

When do you get to see them?

- Year 9 – Some of you will have already had the opportunity to speak to an advisor. This will have happened during Work Experience fortnight, and through Year 10 and 11 Mock exams, and real exams.
- Year 10 – You will be prioritised for meetings while Year 11 are having their Mock Exams, and their real exams.
- Year 11 – You will all be receiving at least one Careers Meeting while you are making decisions about what you are going to do when you leave school.

Meet the Careers Advisors

Amanda Aylmer and Clare Jesson are qualified Careers Advisers from Hampshire Futures who work with our students each week:

- Clare Jesson is in school on Mondays
- Amanda Aylmer is in school on Wednesdays

They provide impartial advice and guidance to help students understand their options and feel confident about their future choices.

Accessing Careers Support

Students will be invited to attend a one-to-one careers appointment in the careers room near the music area. These sessions provide dedicated time to explore ideas, ask questions, and plan next steps.

Students can also access support more informally through drop-in sessions during break and lunch times on Mondays and Wednesdays.

To arrange an appointment, students should speak to their tutor or contact the Careers Leader, Miss K Jervis.



Exploring Options and Planning Ahead

Careers support at Park Community School helps students make important decisions at key stages of their education.

Students are supported with:

- Choosing GCSE options in Year 9, linking subjects to future careers
- Understanding post-16 pathways, including college, sixth form, and apprenticeships
- Exploring their interests, strengths, and possible career ideas
- Identifying the steps needed to achieve their future goals

These conversations are designed to be supportive and student-focused, helping each individual to develop confidence and a clear sense of direction.



Clare Jesson



Amanda Aylmer

Celebrating 26 Wonderful Days with Our French Exchange Students

After 26 wonderful days, Park Community School has said a fond farewell to our guests from France following another successful international visit. During their time with us, our French students became a valued part of the Park, joining lessons, taking part in activities and building strong friendships with our students and their buddies. They were warmly welcomed across the school and quickly developed a genuine sense of belonging.

The visit has had a powerful impact on our own students, particularly our Year 9 International Ambassadors. Through supporting the exchange, they developed confidence, independence, communication skills and a deeper understanding of different cultures, both inside and outside the classroom. Across the four weeks, students from both sides of the Channel shared experiences, broadened their perspectives and created memories that will stay with them for many years to come. The final celebration event was a fitting end to the visit, with students reflecting on their favourite moments, sharing honest emotions and saying some very heartfelt goodbyes.

This exchange has been a wonderful reminder of the value of international partnerships and the lasting impact they can have on young people. We are incredibly proud of our International Ambassadors and grateful to everyone who helped make the visit such a memorable success.

Mrs Cavanagh





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Is your child starting school soon? This free 6 week course will help your child's speech and language, learning, social skills and wellbeing.

Are you worried about your child's talking, listening or attention?

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FREE HAF

CONNECT 4 YOUTH

Summer Youth Activities

Monday 27th July
Hair and Beauty workshop

Tuesday 28th July
Karaoke Party

Wednesday 29th July
Make and Create with Creatful

Thursday 30th July
Trip to Ten Pin Chichester, Bowling and Laser Tag

Monday 3rd August
Nature Crafts: Build a Wooden Planter & Pack it with Flowers

Tuesday 4th August
Trip to Flip Out, Chichester

Wednesday 5th August
Game design & programming with ComputerXplorers

Thursday 6th August
Trip to Playzone, Cosham

Monday 10th August
Trip to Luna Acrobatic & Aerial Arts, Fareham

Tuesday 11th August
Trip to Staunton Country Park for Bush Craft

Wednesday 12th August
Trip to Havant Youth Sailing, Langstone

Thursday 13th August
Trip to New Forest Water Park

Monday 17th August
Cooking Activity Day

Tuesday 18th August
Trip to Adventure Golf, Chichester

Wednesday 19th August
Trip to Continue Retro Gaming Arcades, Chichester

Thursday 20th August
Creative Activity day with Making Space

Activities are subject to change

For 11-16 year olds ★ Free lunch everyday

These HAF events are free for those who receive benefit related Free School Meals
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FREE HAF

CONNECT 4 FAMILIES

Summer Family Fun Days

10.30am - 2.30pm

EVERYDAY INCLUDES Crafts - Cooking - Sports - Entertainment - Specialist Activities

Monday 27th July
Boxing Fun with Leigh Park ABC

Tuesday 28th July
Silly Scott Entertainer

Wednesday 29th July
Musical Theatre games - TADAA

Thursday 30th July
Festival Fun Day

Monday 3rd August
Family First Aid

Tuesday 4th August
Circus Skills

Wednesday 5th August
Earthquake Towers with Winchester Science Centre

Thursday 6th August
Trip to Staunton Farm

Monday 10th August
Disco and Games

Tuesday 11th August
Mill Cottage Mobile Farm

Wednesday 12th August
Musical Theatre games - TADAA

Thursday 13th August
Festival Fun Day

Thursday 30 July
Festival Family Fun Day- lots of activities & Free BBQ lunch

Thursday 6th August
Trip to Staunton Farm

Thursday 13th August
Festival Family Fun Day- lots of activities & Free BBQ lunch

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SAVE THE DATE!

Discover Your Leigh Park

Aged between 10 and 16? Looking for fun activities to try in the area?
Join us for free sports, food and games and more throughout the community.

24th July, 1pm - 4pm

Find us on Park Parade.
Look for the green balloons!



MUNCH

FREE Lunches in Summer holidays!

Monday 27th July to Friday 21st August

12-1pm

Please note: We are closed for Thursday tea-time.

We provide free hot meals for everyone. There are many reasons why people come; for example to meet up with other families, help with the budget in the holidays, loneliness or just want a lovely fresh cooked meal that is FREE!





Summer Opening Hours
Monday - Friday - 9.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday - Sunday - 9.00am - 5.00pm
April - October

Breakfast | Lunch
Cakes
Drinks | High Tea

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