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Park Community School



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October 2026

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New year, strong start, happy faces!

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter of the year and our first newsletter as an all-through school! The school year has started brilliantly. Park students have demonstrated their usual positive attitude and strong work ethic as they embrace all that Park has to offer.

On our Primary campus, our new class names have been launched and the revamped Forest Restaurant is serving fabulous food every day for children and staff. Year R have completed their transition and are now attending school full time. Secondary teachers have also been on the primary campus delivering Spanish, Dance, PE , Art and Creative writing.

Meanwhile, on the secondary campus, it has been a pleasure to meet our new Years 7s. They have made a great start. Alongside lessons, they have completed their full induction into our Much More Than Just A School carousel and signed up for extra curricular clubs at our Freshers Fayre. It has been great to see so many families attending our GCSE ready events for Years 9, 10 and 11 over the past few weeks and we look forward to meeting Year 7 parents again later this week.

As you know, strong attendance is one of the most important factor in supporting students' happiness and success at school. You will have all received information from Mr Bryce about additional communications linked to attendance to help you know how your child is doing, celebrate their successes and identify early if support is required.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring the school year has started so well.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

Year 7 and 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 15 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Primary Parents Evening

Thursday 15 October 3.15pm - 5.15pm

Park Primary: A Fantastic Start to the Year!



Acorns class have made a fantastic start to the school year! The children are settling in brilliantly—learning our daily routines, building friendships, and growing more confident and independent each day. We could not be prouder of how quickly they have adapted to school life, and we are excited for all the exciting adventures ahead!

Mrs Mooney



Brilliant Park's Got Talent Auditions

We proudly held our third annual Park's Got Talent auditions, what a fantastic showcase of talent it was! We were blown away by the variety of performances, from incredible singing and energetic dancing to an amazing band performance.

There were some particularly special moments from our wonderful Year 7 students, who took to the stage and sang their hearts out. Their performances truly melted our hearts and brought more than a few tears to our eyes! The Primary campus blew us away with their confidence

We are already excited to see the final show and find out which of these talented performers will make it through. The excitement is definitely building!

Miss Wingham







New Guitars!

The Music Department have received five new guitars (three acoustic and two electro-acoustic) and two drum crash cymbals, generously funded by the UMUK Sound Foundation.

These new instruments have been ordered as a refresh of our older equipment and should enhance teaching, rehearsals, and performance opportunities for our students. We encourage students in taking pride of this new equipment which will open many doors to exploring their talents.

Mr Alcantara





Year 7 Embrace Life at Park

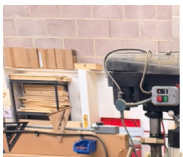
Year 7 started the term with a couple of wonderful days on trips. On one day, they visited Butser Ancient Farm and carried out fire lighting and chalk carving before hiking across the countryside to QE Country Park. They also had an introduction to our carousel with sessions at the farm and the Apex as well as cooking outdoors.

Students were incredible and showed real curiosity and resilience over some physically demanding days. Well done Year 7!

Mrs Harrison



















Uprising Takes the Amphitheatre Stage

We have started the term with our first amphitheatre which was a huge success! We were thoroughly entertained by our very talented Year 10 band "Uprising" who performed one of their original pieces. We encourage all students who would love to perform to see Mrs Chuter if they would like to take part in future amphitheatres.

Mrs Chuter

Goodwood Arts Foundation Residency

Year 8 students started their incredible art residency at Goodwood Arts Foundation this week. Students spent their day exploring and sketching sculptures surrounded by nature, foraging amongst the forest floor, and creating embossed foil art prints!

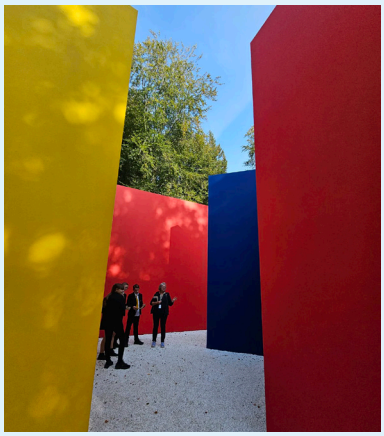
Students had a fabulous time getting out of the traditional classroom to work on their art skills and create in a brand-new setting. Their work will go towards creating an exhibition in December for all Year 8 students involved!

Miss Turp









A HUGE thank you to Kaeso!

We would like to say a massive thank you to Kaeso for their incredibly generous donation to our Hair & Beauty department!

The students were absolutely thrilled to receive such a fantastic range of professional beauty products. Donations like this make such a difference to our students, giving them the opportunity to explore, practise and develop their practical skills using high-quality products and resources.

We are so grateful for the support of businesses who invest in the next generation of Hair & Beauty professionals and help us to create exciting, meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Mrs Challinor



PE FWYL Clubs

It has been fantastic to see so many students attending PE clubs this half term. The Boys and Girls football academy have had 50+ students each week attending, participating in matches supported by our Sports Ambassadors. We have also welcomed lots of new faces to Badminton, Netball and Fitness club. All students are welcome to attend all clubs, they just need to meet at the changing rooms at the end of the day and bring their PE kit.



Sports Ambassadors

Sports Ambassadors has started with fantastic attendance this year. We have had 60 students sign up and attend training on Tuesdays after school. The ambassadors have been participating in a variety of different sports and activities that are being run by our experienced Sports Ambassadors. The Ambassadors are preparing for supporting activities in school and at schools and events within the local community. If you would still like to join you can contact Mr Pollard for more details.

Mr Pollard





Celebrating Student Talent at Park Primary

We are delighted to have started our amphitheatre at our Park Primary campus. We had the very talented Paisley and Indi perform to the whole school. Since then, we had our second amphitheatre on Wednesday 30 September and students from Park Primary performed.

We are excited to grow this assembly and make it a special platform where all students can share their amazing talents.

Mrs Chuter



Finding What You Love Fair

Finding What You Love is the principle we apply to our curriculum and wider opportunities at Park, there are an incredible range of activities on offer.

Our enrichment opportunities for students allow them to spark an interest and develop a passion. The programme incorporates a variety of in school and after school activities from across all areas of the school. On Thursday 24 September we held our Finding What You Love Fair for 2026.

The event enabled us to showcase the incredible range of enrichment opportunities available to our Year 7 and Year 8 students, with an impressive 40+ clubs and activities on offer each week. The stalls were informative and engaging, while our student hosts were outstanding ambassadors for their clubs. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and passion clearly demonstrated how they have found something they love and the positive impact enrichment has had on their school experience.

Students were encouraged to sign up to activities that they found interesting, take away leaflets and talk to students currently involved in the activities.

We are excited to welcome students from ALL YEARS to the Finding What You Love clubs this half term.

Mrs Cavanagh





















A Fantastic Start to the New School Year!

We have been delighted with the way our primary-aged students have returned to school this year. From the very first day, students have demonstrated a positive attitude towards learning, settled quickly into routines, and embraced the new school year with enthusiasm and excitement.

When our students returned in September, they were eager to explore some of the changes that had taken place across the campus during the summer break. One of the most exciting developments has been the introduction of our new Forest Restaurant. Following a student voice activity, pupils were given the opportunity to help name the restaurant, choosing a title that reflected our Park theme and school community.

Alongside its new name, we have invested in a range of improvements to create an enjoyable dining experience for our students. The restaurant now features new tables, trays and cutlery, helping to create a welcoming environment where students can enjoy lunchtime with their friends and staff. We have also introduced a delicious menu and brand-new salad bars, which have proved to be incredibly popular!

We have also welcomed subject specialists from our secondary campus to support learning on the primary campus. This has provided our students with enhanced opportunities to experience high-quality teaching across a range of subjects. Students have already benefited from specialist lessons in PE, Spanish, English, Performing Arts, Music and Art, helping to enrich the curriculum and inspire a love of learning.
We look forward to an exciting year ahead filled with new opportunities, memorable experiences and continued success for all our children.

Mrs Leach and Mr Bourton
Co-Campus Leaders





















Year 2 Willow Class Trip to Chichester Harbour

On Tuesday 22 September, Year 2 Willow Class visited Chichester Harbour for an exciting day exploring different habitats and finding out about the plants and animals that live in them.



Our day started with a visit to a Freshwater Pond, where we were super excited to find a beautiful willow tree with its long thin branches hanging down over the water. Nearby some swans had built their nest and we saw their cygnets resting there. Our next habitat was the reed bed where we found out about the reed warblers that nest near the ground and discovered how the reeds are used to make roofs like the one on the cottage we had just passed. Habitat number three was the freshwater stream. We all had the chance to get into the water to use nets to catch and observe the creatures living in it. We caught lots of shrimp, some fish, a water boat man, caddisfly lava and a leach. We also came out with quite a lot of water in our wellies!

Next, we went bug hunting in the meadow. Here there were lots of spiders, beetles, earwigs, butterflies and bees. During lunch we watched a video that showed all the amazing life under the water in the marine habitat before heading to the foreshore to see what we could find there. Here we found lots of crabs sheltering under the rocks, periwinkles, cockles and the most amazing rag worm!

By the time we left to return to school, we had experienced nine different habitats, observed lots of the plants and animals that live in them and had the most amazing day outside in the natural world. All that was left to do was plan our next trip out on the bus home.

Ms Bradley







Park's students are buzzing about books!

Here at Park Community School, we strive to help our students find what they love to read. We know that reading frequently will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity, which is why reading for pleasure is at the heart of our school reading programme.



Every year we work with BookTrust, the UK's largest reading charity with the aim of getting all our students reading regularly and by choice.

BookBuzz is an annual event, that has enabled Park students to choose a book from 16 carefully selected titles which they get to take home and keep and enjoy for FREE!

The event is usually aimed at Years 7 and 8 only. However, following our conversion to an all-through-school Park are delighted to be also gifting a free book to ALL our Year 3,4,5 and 6 students!

How can I help my child to get buzzing about books?

The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. Their Bookbuzz book or their latest canon read is a great place to start. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help show the value of reading and encourage your child to form and share their opinions on what they like to read. Start the conversation today!

To find out more about BookTrust please visit booktrust.org.uk.

Ms Hucklebridge



Reading Ambassadors Assemble!

This half term we began the first meetings of our new reading ambassadors club. As reading ambassadors we want to share our love of books and reading and hope to get more people enjoying reading as much as we do. At our club we will be finding ways to improve our libraries, reading programs and events. We have already discussed lots of exciting ideas and we hope to introduce book related crafting, trips and lots of other fun stuff to get everyone to reading more.



We would like to welcome new members and if you are interested in joining us for book talk, cookies and giggles with us crazy book lovers, pop along and join us in the library Thursdays after school.

Even if you don't want to be a reading ambassador come watch this space for new and exciting activities and book news.

Faith & Iris Y9, Nathan & Grace Y7



A Community of Rings
Our Willow Ring Sheet Is Installed

A joyful thank you to everyone who helped bring our Willow Ring Sheet to life over the summer holidays. School staff helped to harvest and prepare willow grown in the grounds, while members of the Leigh Park community joined me during the Festival Family Fun Days in July and August to learn how to weave their own willow rings.

Each willow ring in this work was woven by a different member of the Park Community School and Leigh Park community. No two rings are exactly alike, but when brought together they form one larger Ring Sheet—a reminder that individual contributions can combine to create something none of us could make alone.

The Ring Sheet also asks a systems question: how will each ring behave now that it is part of a larger community of rings, and what new behaviour will emerge from the system as a whole?

The work now hangs in the original parent willow in the school car park, where everyone who helped create it can visit, celebrate it and watch it change over time. A huge thank you to every person who harvested, prepared, wove, connected, supported and installed it. We made this together.

It is wonderful to see the work returned to its source and hanging where pupils, families, staff and visitors can encounter it every day. If you contributed a ring, please stop and see whether you can identify it—and bring your friends and family to show them the part you made.

Please share your photographs and discoveries and tag @SculthorpeStudios.



Superstars at Dungeons and Dragons Club







A special shout-out to Toby and Louis, who have been fantastic in the Dungeons & Dragons club. They did a brilliant job showing our new Year 7 students just how much fun tabletop role-playing games can be!

Thanks to their support, our "Finding What You Love" Monday club is now buzzing with activity!

Mr Waterfield



Great Outcome For Our Greenpower Team

A massive well done to our Greenpower team once again. With great outcomes resulting another trophy and in the possibility of all three cars reaching the National final at Goodwood on the 18th October.

Race 1
All cars started very well and looked promising. New drivers took well to the track even with some nervousness. Some good pit changes and good solid starts to the race put us in contention. Unfortunately, Chase was having steering issues and few other things that was causing it problems. Keep up and Dash were really going well and TS2 not far behind.

Race 1 results kit cars
- Keep up 3rd
- Ts2 8th
- Chase 19th
- Scratch built
- Dash 3rd

Race 2
We managed to solve some issue with Chase over the lunch break and some fine tweaking with the other cars. We went for it for this race thinking why not. Current National standings showing 3/4 cars are in the qualification spots. Chase being the only one left we believe to qualify. So the team went for it. Keep up was challenging for the lead. Dash only 20 seconds behind 2nd. TS2 unfortunately had a battery problem and faded too soon. But Chase was given a last Hurrah. The boys drove brilliantly and managed to get 5th! Giving a small chance of sneaking into the final.

Race 2 results
- Keep up 3rd
- TS2 15th
- Chase 5th
- Dash 3rd

So another trophy for the cabinet and another visit to the podium!

Mr Payne





Year 10 Photographers Explore the West Country

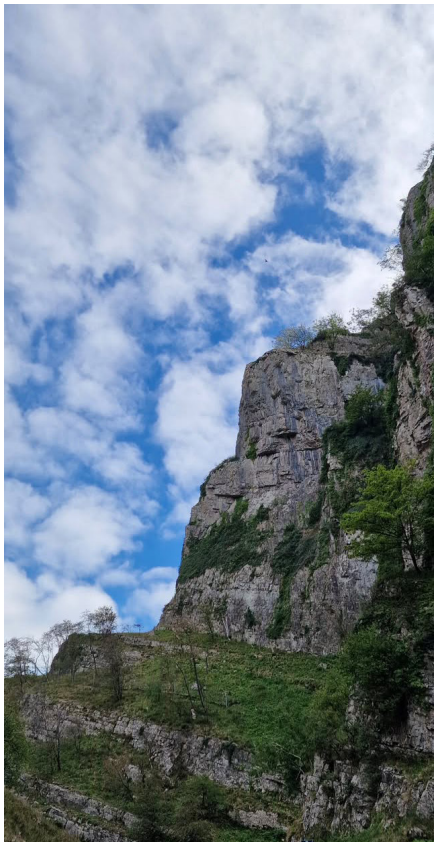
Our Year 10 photography students have arrived safely in Somerset for an inspiring field trip focused on capturing some of the UK's most dramatic views.

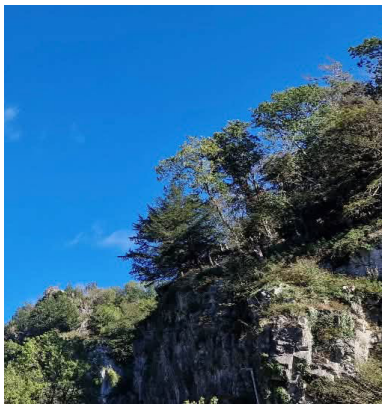
The journey began with a stop in historic Salisbury, where students photographed the iconic cathedral, experimenting with scale, light, and perspective. Arriving in Cheddar later that day, the group got their first stunning glimpse of the Gorge and the surrounding landscape.

Tuesday brought another busy day behind the lens. In the morning, the students trekked to the top of the Gorge to photograph the panoramic views and enjoyed an unexpected encounter with a herd of wild mountain goats. In the afternoon, the group travelled to the coast at Weston-super-Mare, making the most of the beautiful, moody seaside lighting to craft atmospheric shots.

With memory cards full of striking compositions, the students are making the absolute most of their time in the field!

Ms Loake















Year 7 Explores Careers in Horticulture



In September, we were delighted to welcome Rachael and Laura from the West Sussex Growers Assocation to speak to Year 7. Year 7s learned fantastic facts about growing in the area and information about careers in Horticulture.

Mr Shearn

Army Skills Academy!

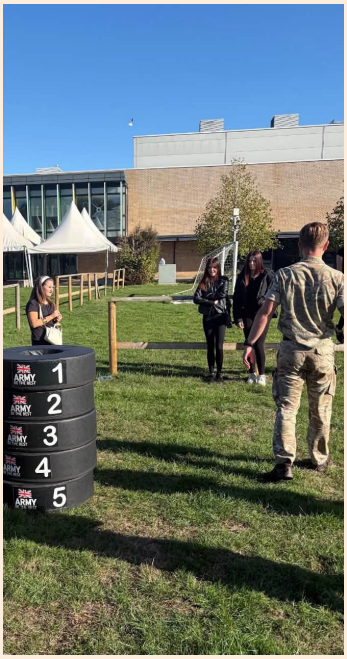
Our students recently took part in an engaging Army Skills Academy Event, delivered by LCpl KE Sims, Engagement JNCO & Outreach Team 2IC.

The session gave students the opportunity to get involved in a range of team-building activities, developing communication, leadership, problem-solving and teamwork skills along the way.

Students also took part in an informative presentation about Army careers, giving them an insight into the opportunities available within the British Army and what a career in the Armed Forces can offer.

A fantastic opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, work together and learn more about future career pathways!





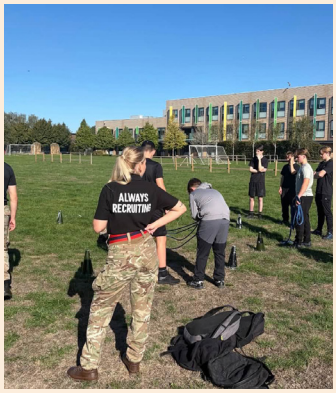












Inspired KS4 at the Southampton International Boat Show

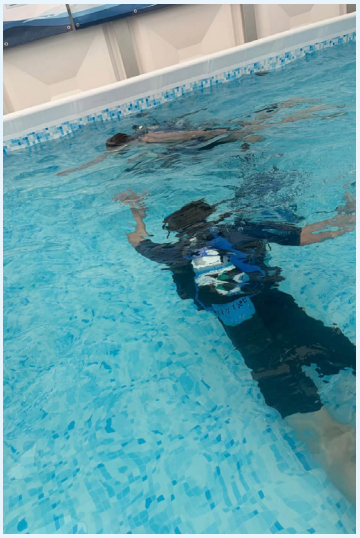
A brilliant day out for our Inspired KS4 pupils at SIBS today, with the chance to explore an extraordinary range of vessels – from beautifully restored boats, barges and catamarans to luxury yachts worth between £1 million and £10 million.

The students were able to climb aboard some spectacular yachts, learn more about the marine industry and get properly involved in the activities around the show. There was plenty of competitive spirit too, with lots of our students winning prizes in the winching and hanging challenges!

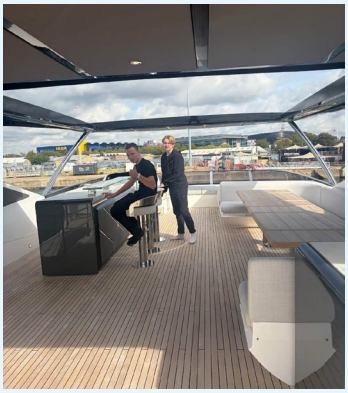
A particular highlight was the opportunity to try scuba diving with Andark – a completely new experience for many of them. But perhaps the most important part of the day was discovering just how many careers exist within this enormous, multi-billion-pound industry. Students spoke directly to companies offering apprenticeships and career pathways and began to see that they could one day be building, engineering, maintaining or crewing some of the boats they were looking at today. After the diving experience, several of the boys have now decided that becoming a Royal Navy diver sounds like a rather good career plan!

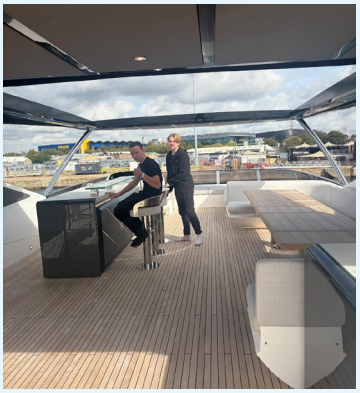
A huge thank you to everyone at the Southampton International Boat Show for looking after us, making us feel so welcome and opening our students' eyes to an industry they might never previously have considered.





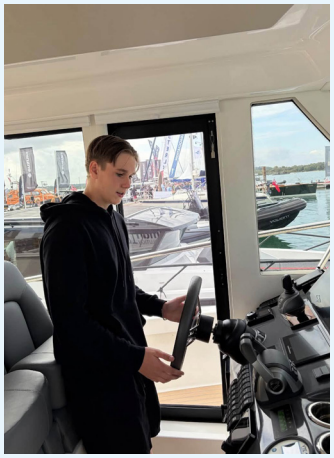


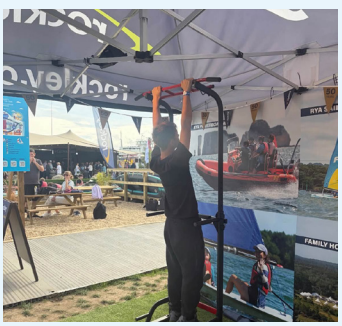
















Celebrating Leigh Park: Year 7's Community Rich Challenge

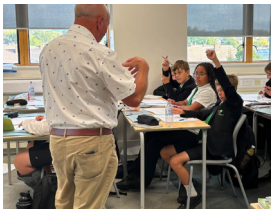
Year 7 were brilliant during their Rich Challenge session one where they interviewed a range of guests about the Leigh Park community, what they are most proud of and the significant changes they have experienced.

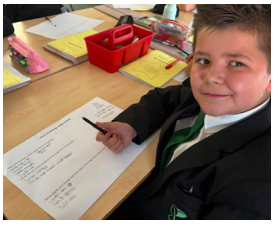
We look forward to seeing the exhibition they create for Year 7 parents' evening on Thursday 15 October based on their interviews.

Mrs Harrison

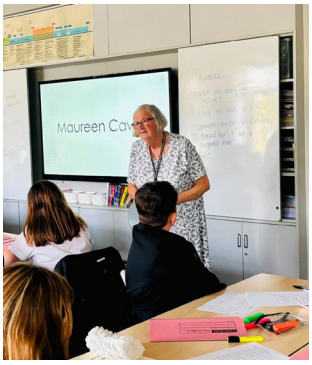


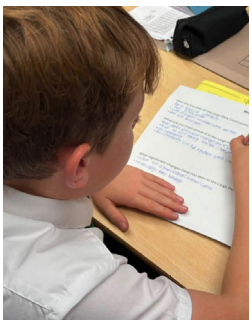




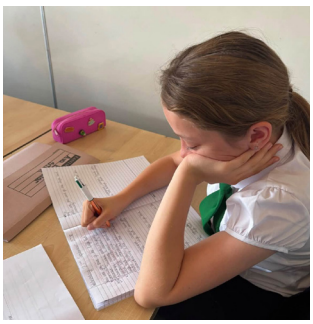


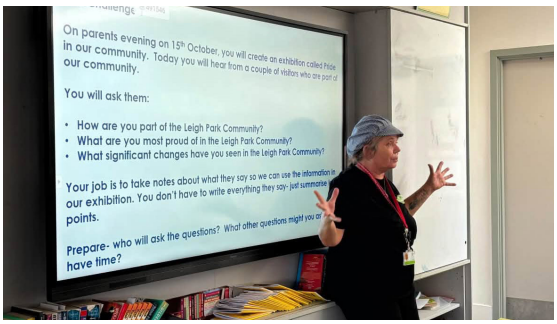










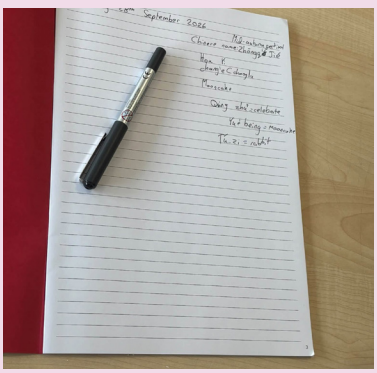


Mandarin Club Returns

Great to see Mandarin lessons relaunched in September. An opportunity to not only learn conversational Mandarin but discover fascinating cultural elements. Interested in joining? Year 7-11 are invited to come along Monday 3-4pm in JO1.









MOVIE NIGHT

MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER



esff EDINBURGH SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL

FOR YEARS 9 TO 11

LOCATION: KTH

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JULIUS IS AN UPPER-CLASS CHILD IN 1950S LIMA, PERU. HE LIVES IN A PALACE-LIKE HOME WITH HIS ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY AND A LARGE DOMESTIC STAFF. AS THE YEARS GO BY, JULIUS GRADUALLY LOSES HIS INNOCENCE AS HE DISCOVERS — AND NEVER FULLY UNDERSTANDS — AN ADULT WORLD FULL OF INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE.

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All-Through-School



At Park, we nurture curious minds, build confident learners and help every child find what they love.

Give Your Child the Best Start at Park

From September 2026, Park Community School became an all-though-school for 4-16 year-olds. This marked a significant development in education across Leigh Park, allowing children to benefit from a single journey through their formal education where adults get to know them and their families well and work together to ensure every child thrives.

At Park we firmly believe that every child should find the things they love at school, and in doing so they will be confident , happy and curious about the world around them.

Along with our primary and secondary campuses, which both include expansive grounds, we also have a number of off site facilities. We have a small farm set in The South Downs, a construction skills centre, a print shop and the tea rooms at Staunton Country Park. We use our range of facilities to provide children with a breadth of experiences and learning opportunities.

Being part of our all-through-school also means that children can work across year groups, with older children mentoring younger ones and specialist teachers in key subjects.

We are very proud to be part of Park and we look forward to welcoming you to our Open Events where you can learn more.

Open events

Saturday 17th October
10-11am

Wednesday 21st October
1.30-2.30pm or 6-7pm

To book your slot email **info@pcs.hants.sch.uk** or call **reception**



Join us in Reception and benefit from:

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Park's Got TALENT 2026

Performance

DOORS OPEN 6PM

Wednesday 11th November

Featuring performances from both primary and secondary students!

Location: The Theatre – Secondary Campus
Park Community School, Middle Park Way,
Leigh Park, Havant

SHOW STARTS AT 6.30PM

All proceeds will be donated to charity

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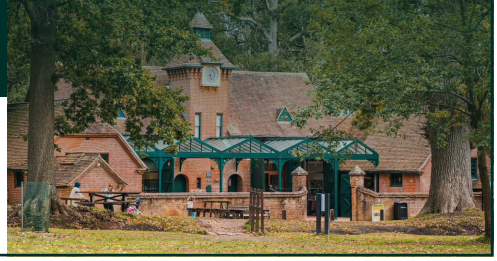
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