



The Park Way Post



23rd May 2025

Have a lovely half term – we return to school on Tuesday 3rd June!

Year 5's

It is that time of year again when a lot of secondary schools are having taster days for year 5's. If you are interested please check their websites for details. Some schools have given us information which is at the end of the newsletter.

Festival 2025!

We are pleased to announce that this year's Festival of Fun will be on Friday 11th July. We currently only have 2 parent helpers to help with the festival – if you are able to help either on the day, or for a few hours with preparation leading up to the festival or even both...please come and see us!!

Kent Tests - Year 5 Parents Only

If you wish your year 5 child to sit the Kent Test in September 2025, registration opens on Monday 2nd June 2025. It will close on the 1st July 2025. More details on how to register are at the end of the newsletter. It is parents' responsibility to register their child. If you have any questions or would like support, please see Mrs Rackley.

Could You Help Our School?

We're looking for a new school governor to join our governing body – do you know someone who might be interested? This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who would like to support our school's development and make a real difference.

Please note, this is not a parent governor role, it's a community governor, so we're looking for someone who is *not* a current parent at the school. If you know someone who might be interested or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support

Year 3 and 4

Next term Year 3 and 4 will be making passport covers using sewing and textile techniques. We would appreciate any donations of old bed sheets, pillow and duvet covers or thin cotton fabrics, patterned or plain. If you have any please send them in to your child's class teacher. Please note these will be cut up and will not be returned. Many thanks, Mr Saunders

Chewing Gum

Please remind your children that chewing gum is not allowed in school. There have been several children chewing gum in years 5 and 6 this week. This is being monitored and parents will be informed.
Thank you for your support.



Adult Education visited Park Way school earlier this month. Adult Education have a variety of courses available which are mostly free. There are courses related to GCSE's like Maths and English. Most are free up until level 2, they run during the day and in the evening. The Response team support individuals with work-based courses. This includes First Aid courses, interview/ CV support courses and many more. The Family courses run throughout the year including summer. You can attend these courses with your children. Some of these courses include First Aid, supporting children's anxiety, understanding ADHD and family craft courses. If you are interested in any of these courses please review their website below. Next year we will be running courses such as First Aid and Family courses in the school. If there are courses you would like us to book in at Park Way please let me know on the email below.
<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/learning-with-us/centres/maidstone/erona.pali@park-way.kent.sch.uk>
Call: 01622 753651
Ext: 213

Jewellery

Please remember **NO jewellery** is to be worn in school – this includes “smart watches”. **We would like to remind you that earrings must be small studs and hoop earrings must not be worn for school**, please save them for outside of school. Children must be able to take their stud earrings out for PE themselves, we are unable to do this for them.

Parking

If you are collecting your child from After School Club please DO NOT park in front of the main gates. Please find a safe place to park on the road, the entrance MUST be kept clear **AT ALL TIMES**.



If your child has any amazing out of school achievements that you are proud of, why not share them with us? Please email the office! office@park-way.kent.sch.uk

Attendance

Please do not email the office – we have 100's of emails everyday and your's could get missed! Please follow the instructions below.

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call on the first day of illness and each day they are unwell

Call – **01622 753651 CHOOSE Option 1.**

Should no-one be available please leave a message stating your child's **name, class and reason for absence.**

Or

Email – Attendance@park-way.kent.sch.uk

Confirmation that TIGERS are the winners of Term 5 Team Point Challenge!

**Dress-down day for Tigers (Yellow PE T-shirt) on Friday
6th June**



PE Term 5



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cherry (PASS) Elm (PASS) Oak	Maple Oak	Apple & Pear (PASS) Walnut	Cedar Holly Ivy Rowan	Cedar Cherry Rowan

Swimming - Term 5



Please be aware that swimming forms part of the national curriculum and as such is treated like any other lesson, your child is **expected to attend every week.**

Maple - Monday

Walnut - Tuesday

Elm - Thursday

DIARY DATES

23rd May

2nd Jun

3rd Jun

6th Jun

30th Jun

11th July

Last Day of Term 5

Staff Training Day - School Closed

First Day of Term 6

Dress Down Day for Tigers (Those who have Yellow PE T shirts)

Sports Day

Festival of Fun



Class Assemblies 2024-2025



Friday 6 th September 2024	No class assembly
Friday 13 th September 2024	No class assembly
Friday 20 th September 2024	Cedar
Friday 27 th September 2024	Rowan
Friday 4 th October 2024	Cherry
Friday 11 th October 2024	Elm
Friday 18 th October 2024	Walnut
Friday 25 th October 2024	Maple
Friday 1 st November 2024	HALF TERM
Friday 8 th November 2024	Oak
Friday 15 th November 2024	Holly
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Ivy
Friday 29 th November 2024	Apple & Pear
Friday 6 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 13 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 20 th December 2024	No class assembly
Friday 27 th December 2024	CHRISTMAS
Friday 3 rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS
Friday 10 th January 2025	Cedar
Friday 17 th January 2025	Rowan
Friday 24 th January 2025	Cherry
Friday 31 st January 2025	Elm
Friday 7 th February 2025	Walnut
Friday 14 th February 2025	Maple

Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Friday 28 th February 2025	No class assembly
Friday 7 th March 2025	Oak
Friday 14 th March 2025	Holly
Friday 21 st March 2025	Ivy
Friday 28 th March 2025	Apple & Pear
Friday 4 th April 2025	Elm
Friday 11 th April 2025	EASTER
Friday 18 th April 2025	EASTER
Friday 25 th April 2025	Walnut
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Maple
Friday 9 th May 2025	No class assembly – pre-SATs
Friday 16 th May 2025	No class assembly – SATs
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Cedar
Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Friday 6 th June 2025	Rowan
Friday 13 th June 2025	Cherry
Friday 20 th June 2025	Oak
Friday 27 th June 2025	Holly
Friday 4 th July 2025	Ivy
Friday 11 th July 2025	Apple & Pear
Friday 18 th July 2025	No class assembly
Friday 25 th July 2025	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Term Dates 2024/2025

TERM 1	
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	First Day of Term 1
Friday 25 th October	Last Day of Term 1

OCTOBER HALF TERM	
Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November	Holiday – No School

TERM 2	
Monday 4 th November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Saturday 21 st December – Sunday 5 th January	Holiday – No School

TERM 3	
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 14 th February	Last Day of Term 3

FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Saturday 15 th February – Sunday 23 rd February	Holiday – No School

TERM 4	
Monday 24 th February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 28 th February	Staff Development Day
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term 4

EASTER HOLIDAY	
Saturday 5 th April – Sunday 20 th April	Holiday – No School
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday – No School

TERM 5	
Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – No School
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5

MAY HALF TERM	
Saturday 24 th May – Sunday 1 st June	Holiday – No School

TERM 6	
Monday 2 nd June	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term 6
Monday 21 st July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 22 nd July	Staff Development Day

New Menu after Easter!

Spring Summer 2025		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 21.04.2025 12.05.2025 09.06.2025 30.06.2025 21.07.2025 08.09.2025 29.09.2025	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza With Potato Salad	Sausages With Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Veggie Baked Bean Hot Pot	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	NEW Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Peas & Sweetcorn	Coleslaw & Baked Beans	Carrots & Cabbage	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake	Fruit Platter	Savoury Cheese Scone	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins
WEEK TWO 28.04.2025 19.05.2025 16.06.2025 07.07.2025 25.08.2025 15.09.2025 06.10.2025	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Crushed New Potatoes	Pork Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	NEW Chefs Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry With Rice	Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Veggie Bolognaise	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Ice Cream / Cream for Servery	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Peaches and Ice Cream / Cream for Servery	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 05.05.2025 02.06.2025 23.06.2025 14.07.2025 01.09.2025 22.09.2025 13.10.2025	Option One	Classic Veggie Pasta Bolognaise	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Greek Macaroni Pastitsio	Breaded Fish and Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice	Quorn Burger In Bun With Potato Wedges	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice & Tzatziki	Veggie Sausage With Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Broccoli & Mixed Peppers	Vegetable Medley	Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Peas & Carrots
	Dessert	Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake	Cheese and Crackers	Fruit Salad	Jam and Coconut	Oaty Cookie
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special				
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt						

Year 5

New Line Learning Academy are pleased to announce that we will be running some exciting sessions for Year 5 pupils in Term 6 showcasing the engaging range of learning experiences that we have on offer here at New Line Learning. These sessions are a great way for your Year 5s to start the transition process; giving them the opportunity to explore the school, meet new people and building on the fabulous work they will have been doing at Primary.

The sessions are free, on a first come, first served basis and tickets can be booked through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/year-5-outreach-session-2025-3377459>

Pupils will be expected to arrive at 4.00pm and the session will run for 1 hour. All pupils are to meet at reception where they will be signed in and taken to their session. Each pupil wanting to attend needs 1 ticket. Pupils are able to sign up to as many sessions as they like so long as they are on different days.

The deadline for sign up is the Wednesday before each workshop.

Date	Session
Monday 2nd June 2025	Modern Foreign Languages
Monday 9th June 2025	PE
Monday 16th June 2025	Design Technology - Tie Dye
Monday 23rd June 2025	Art – Mono printing
Monday 30th June	Business Studies
Monday 7th July	Ancient History

Please click the link for more information:

[Kent Test - Kent County Council](#)

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2026

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 2 June 2025 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2025

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2026 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2025.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Monday 2 June 2025	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
Thursday 11 September 2025	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 13 September 2025 / Sunday 14 September 2025	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Thursday 16 October 2025	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



Outreach at Maidstone Grammar School

Dear Headteacher, Year 5 teacher, parent and carers,

We are pleased to announce, as part of our outreach programme to primary schools in Term 6, the following opportunities for Year 5 boys at your school wishing to attend a grammar school or Maidstone Grammar School:

Football at MGS: Wednesday 11 June – 9am to 12pm

Receive coaching from our football staff and 1st XI, who have won the Kent Cup this season and made it to the quarter finals of the National Cup. The coaching session will be followed by a brief tour of our facilities, including our 3G pitch and fitness suite, and a presentation on our football programme. Following this, a Year 5 tournament will take place on our 3G pitch. There are 100 spaces available.

Day at Pompeii: Tuesday 17 June – 8:30am to 2pm

This experience is led by our Latin and Classics department. This will include learning about Pompeii and experiencing it through the lens of art, music, food and nutrition, and Latin. By the end of the day, Year 5 will have learned some Latin, performed music, made art and baked food, each in our dedicated facilities for these subjects. There are 30 spaces available.

Rugby at MGS: Wednesday 18 June – 9am to 12pm

We have a local and national reputation for excellence in rugby. Receive coaching from our rugby staff and 1st XV, followed by a brief tour of our facilities, including our 3G pitch and fitness suite, and a presentation on our rugby programme. Following this, a Year 5 tournament will take place on our 3G pitch. There are 100 spaces available.

We appreciate that this takes those Year 5 boys who are interested in attending away from their primary school for a part of the day, but hope that they find the experience enriching and exciting, building on the knowledge and skills they are experiencing with their Year 5 teacher and from their school.

If you are interested in your son taking part in one of these experiences, then please complete the form below by **Friday 6 June:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/vK3w3K0VPW>

After this deadline, we will contact you to confirm your son's place and provide further details about the event.

We hope that you and your son will consider attending one or all of our events and, if he does, we look forward to welcoming him to the school and providing him with an enriching educational experience.

If you would like to find out more, please phone us at 01622 752101 or email school@mgs.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hanratty

Deputy Head

Maidstone Grammar School

Little Street

awakening imagination



RECEPTION CLASS MEET UPS

Join us at Little Street – a fun, safe, and interactive role play town where children starting school this September can explore, imagine, and make new friends!

An opportunity for parents and children to connect with others.

To arrange a date and for further information
please email heidi@little-street.co.uk

