

13th June 2025

## **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

## **Bewl Water Residential**

Well done to all those that came to Bewl Water at the beginning of the week. You listened well, followed instructions and were a credit to the school and yourselves.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rackley, Mr Saunders and Miss Rackley who gave up their free time to accompany us. Miss Churchill

# <u>Year 5's</u>

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. Please let attendance/Class Teachers know if your child is attending any.

# Festival 2025!

We are pleased to announce that this year's Festival of Fun will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. <u>It will close on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025</u>. 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.

## **Nits**

We have had several cases of head lice already. Whilst head lice are nothing to worry about they do need to be treated quickly and effectively. Most treatments require TWO applications, 7 days apart. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary.

Long hair should ALWAYS be tied up for school.

Some parents may be eligible for free treatment - more information can be found here:

https://www.boots.com/nhs-services/minorailments

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# SPORTS NEWS

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, boys from Year 3/4 (Apsey, Arthur, Albie, Anthony, Albion, George and Timothy) represented Park Way at the league play-offs finals, held at Greenfields Primary School. They had earnt the right to attend this event due to their excellent league form throughout the winter and spring months.

Obviously the standard was very high, and unfortunately in our first match against Barming we lost 2-3, conceding the losing goal in the last 30 seconds of the game. The 3/4th playoff game against Bredhurst Primary School resulted in another defeat, but I would like to stress how well the boys did, as they came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the Maidstone schools that entered the league competition.

Thank you again to Mrs Morris and her daughter Lily who so passionately organise, coach, ferry children to the football events and parents who come to support their children and the team in general in numbers.

Mr J Ramsden - PE Lead

# <u>Jewellery</u>

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

If your child has any amazing out of school acheivements 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 - <u>Attendance@park-way.kent.sch.uk</u>

### **Week 2 Team Point Totals**

Tigers 203 (4 points)
Jaguars 168 (3 points)
Leopards 145 (2 points)
Lions 127 (1 point)

### **On-going totals**

Jaguars 7 points Tigers 7 points Lions 3 points Leopards 3 points







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

20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS1 Beach Day (weather permitting!)
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Sports Day (weather permitting!)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Festival of Fun
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term!



# Class Assemblies 2024-2025



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

# **Term Dates 2024/2025**

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM		
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Holiday – No School	

TERM 2	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Holiday – No School	

TERM 3		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Term 3	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term 3	

FEBRUARY HALF TE	RM
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Holiday – No School

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

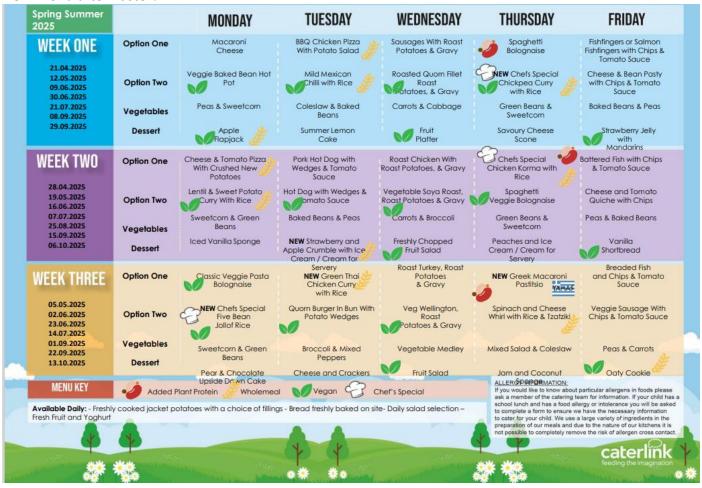
EASTER HOLIDAY		
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday – No School	
Monday 21st April	Bank Holiday – No School	

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

MAY HALF TERM			
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Holiday – No School		

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

### New Menu after Easter!



# 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 <a href="kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a>

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 <a href="https://example.com/here-schools">here-schools</a> 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 <u>kent.gov.uk/kenttest</u> 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 <a href="mailto:kent.gov.uk">kent.gov.uk</a>. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email <a href="mailto:kent.gov.uk">kent.gov.uk</a>.

For help registering please email <u>kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</u>. 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.



