NEWSLETTER

19 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into our second full week of the term, it's been a joy to see the school buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. Our recent Open Evening was a tremendous success, welcoming hundreds of families who explored the vibrant opportunities Park has to offer; from cooking and producing artwork to coding, science experiments, dance, netball, drama, music and so much more. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and students who generously gave their time to showcase our school to the wider community. One of the most moving moments of the evening came from our Year 11 Prefects, whose passionate speeches about their journey at Park left many inspired - and made me an exceptionally proud Headteacher.

Mobile Phones

We'd like to kindly remind everyone of our mobile phone policy: **phones should not be seen or heard anywhere on school grounds during the school day**.

We trust our students to turn off their phones and keep them safely out of sight. We understand that many students travel long distances and may need their phones before or after school, and we fully support responsible use outside of school hours.

However, we've recently had a few issues and would appreciate your support in ensuring that mobile phones do not interrupt learning. If a phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be **confiscated and placed at reception**, where it can be collected at the end of the day.

Thank you for helping us maintain a focused and respectful learning environment.

The Fair

We know the fair is a wonderful social opportunity and a highlight for many in our community. It's a chance to enjoy time with friends, make memories, and have fun.

While we encourage everyone to enjoy themselves, we also want to remind students to **look after one another and make safe, sensible choices**. Unfortunately, not everyone attending the fair may share the same values, and we want to ensure our students are prepared and aware.

Please speak with your child about staying with trusted friends, being respectful, and knowing when to walk away from situations that don't feel right. If anyone feels unsafe or unsure, they should seek help from a trusted adult or contact home.

Let's work together to make sure the fair is a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Student email addresses

As many of you will be aware we have made a number of changes to our email and computing systems over the summer break. Probably the most obvious change is our new email addresses for staff and students.

Student email addresses now follow the format:

- PRKintakeyearfirstname.surname@thsp.org.uk e.g. PRK23Craig.Tamlyn@thsp.org.uk
- **Year 7 students** will receive their logins in their first IT lesson including passwords (which they will create themselves); this should be completed by the end of this week.
- **Year 8-11 students** will use their new email addresses with their old password.
- **New starters (Years 8-11)** should have been provided their email address and login details over this last week.

Students will need to use their new email address to access the Sparx platform for English, maths and science homework.

If your child is having issues with their email address or login, please do not hesitate to contact email: Craig.Tamlyn@thsp.org.uk or their English, maths or science teacher.

Staff email addresses now follow the format: firstname.surname@thsp.org.uk
Our main email address is: park@thsp.org.uk
Our attendance email address is: park.attendance@thsp.org.uk

Year 7 Class Charts Logins

Year 7 students have been given two letters/pieces of paper regarding Class Charts - one provides information regarding their login details and the second is a letter explaining a bit more about Class Charts and also includes parent login details. Class Charts is an online platform we use to set homework and share behaviour, positive and negative (including detentions), events with parents and carers. Please ensure you login to Class Charts to receive behaviour notifications.

If you have any questions or problems logging in, please email: Craig.Tamlyn@thsp.org.uk

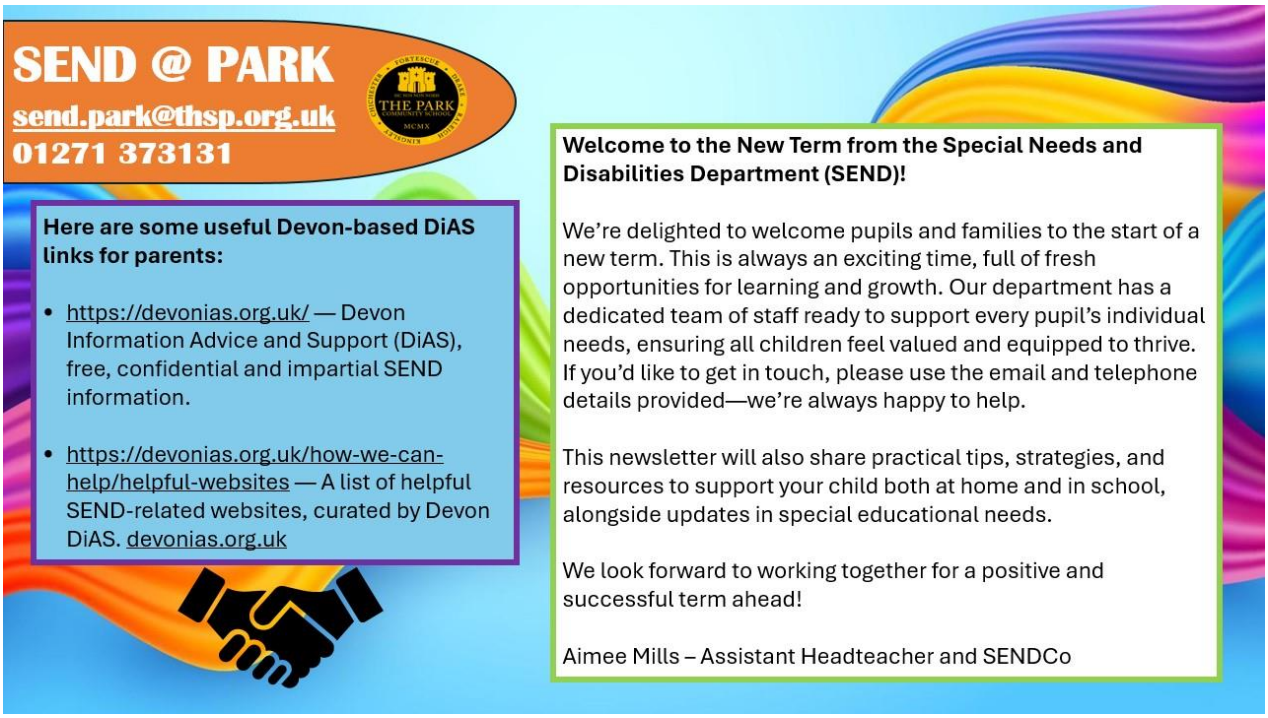
Wishing you and your family a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards

Ms V Owen
Headteacher

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES - SEND

Email: park.send@thsp.org.uk
SEND website page and newsletter link [SEND - The Park Community School]
Devon Information Service - [https://devonias.org.uk/]
SEND parent/carer referral form: [SEND referral form]



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING AND ADVICE & SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Mental Health website page link [Mental Health and Wellbeing]
Mental Health newsletter link [Mental Health & Wellbeing ongoing newsletter 2025]
Advice and Support for Parents website page link [Advice and Support for Parents]

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE AND INFORMATION

Email: park.safeguarding@thsp.org.uk
Safeguarding website page link: Safeguarding and Online Safety
Safeguarding newsletter link Safeguarding newsletter 2025
Online Safety information posters Parent Guides - Online Safety

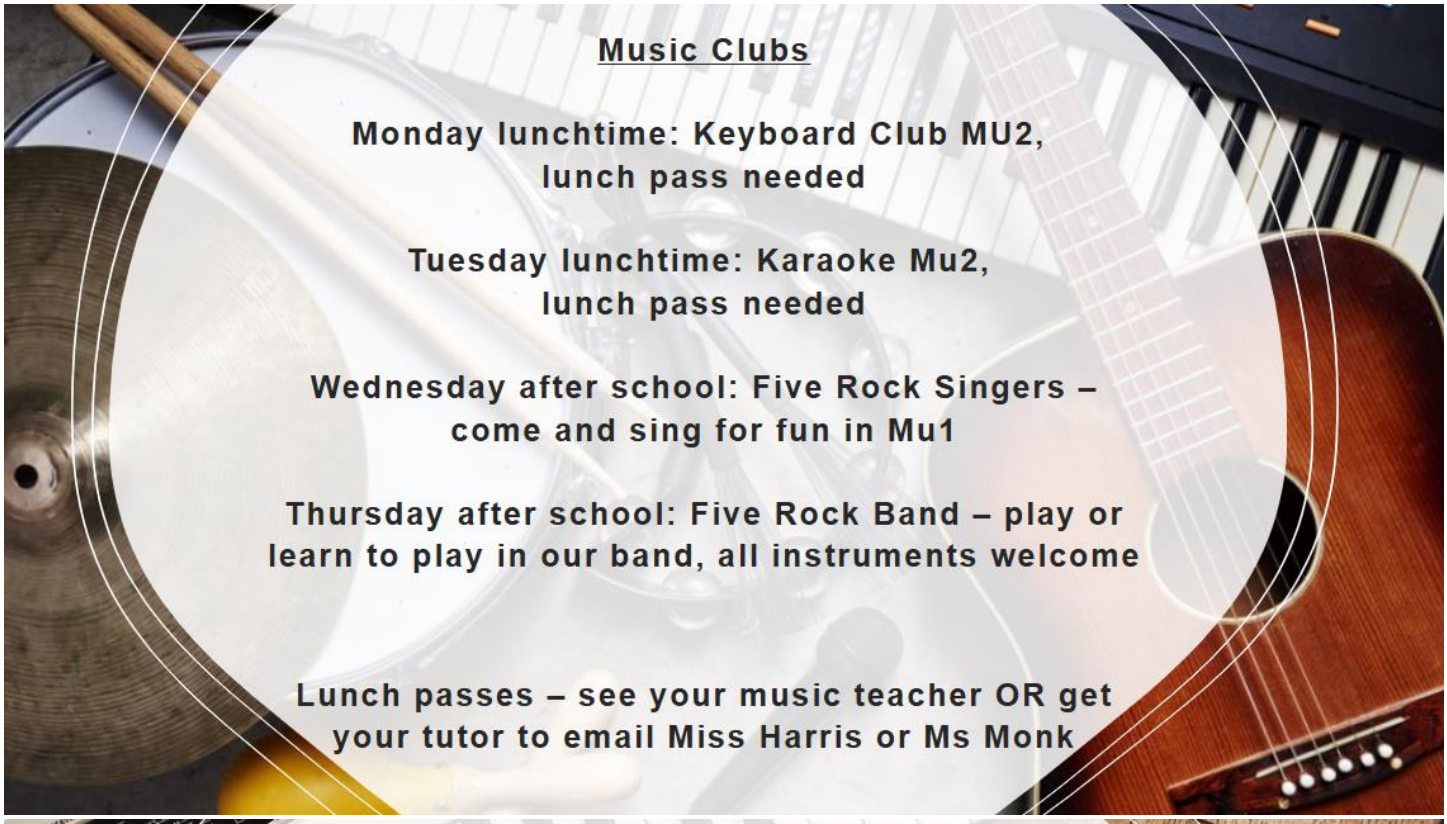
LAUNCH MEETING AND AUDITIONS FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

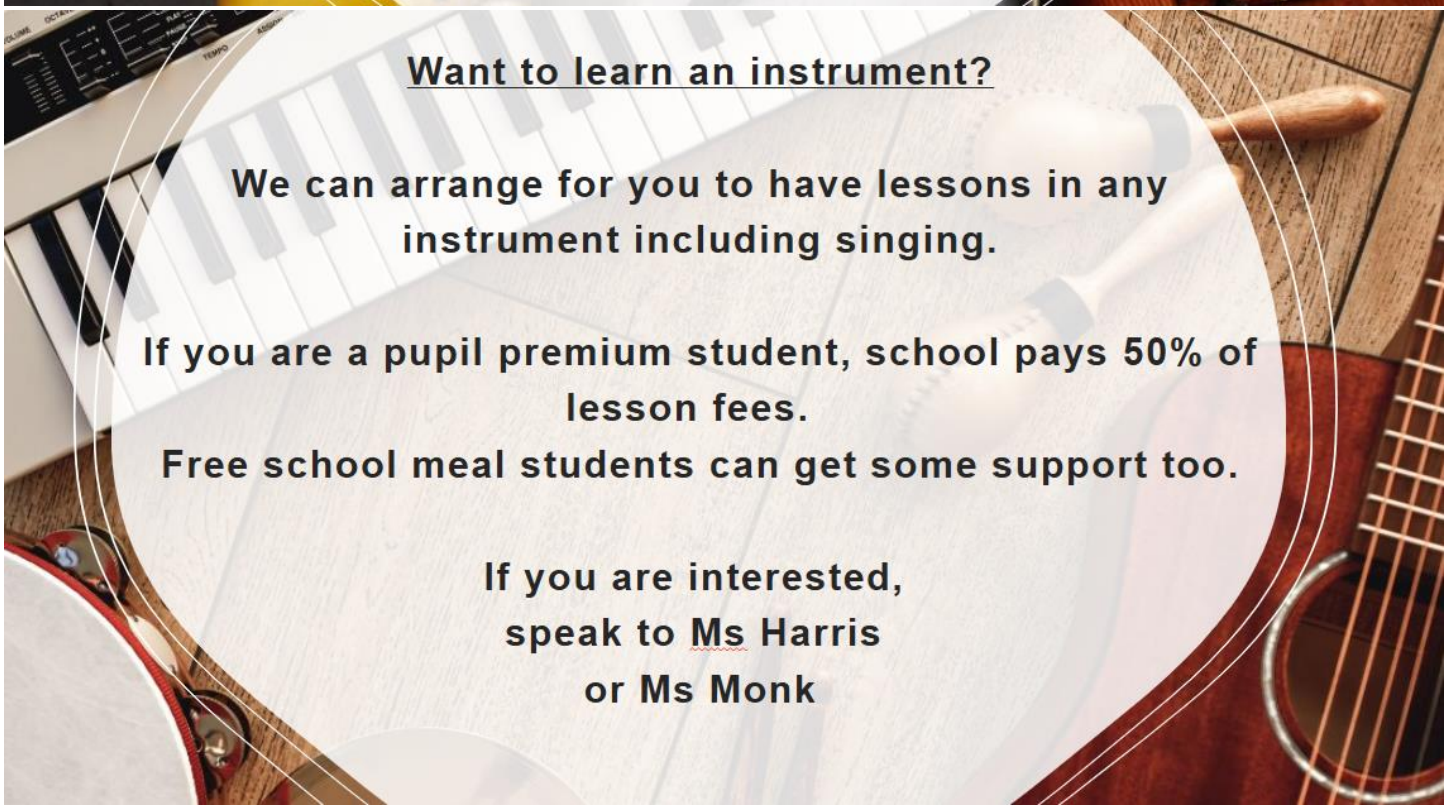
YEAR 11 – PETROC NEWSLETTER AND LETTER TO Y11

Petroc Newsletter September 2025.pdf

Petroc Year 11 Letter.pdf

MUSIC CLUBS AND LESSONS AT PARK





SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/REMINDERS

Parent Calendar Term Dates

Website

Facebook Page

Instagram

Date	Year/s	Name of Event/Activity	Information
14th October	Year 11	**Exam Ready Evening**	More information to follow
16th October	Year 7	**Year 7 Tutor Evening**	More information to follow
11th December	All Years	**Flu Vaccinations**	A letter has been sent home inviting parents/carers to consent for their child to receive the flu vaccination in school on 11th December Flu Vaccine Letter All years 2025.pdf Protect yourself against flu leaflet.pdf

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Please find a link to our Attendance and Punctuality Policy.

Any absence interrupts the continuity of a child's learning. Only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence. Parents/carers are strongly urged not to take children out of school for holidays during term time. It is expected that a Request Form is submitted to the Academy/School Office **at least 4 weeks** in advance of the proposed absence.

Would you like to understand more about your teen and emotion-based school avoidance? Follow this link for access to a FREE Webinar on School Avoidance FREE WEBINAR School Avoidance

We understand that unexpected circumstances and illness can sometimes impact attendance. However, we would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

- Talk to your child about the importance of attendance and the impact it can have on the results.
- Discuss their options and courses for next year - emphasise how important it is to get a 4+ in English and Maths.
- If your child is experiencing difficulties that are impacting their attendance, please do not hesitate to **contact us.** We are here to support you and your child in overcoming any challenges.

PARK ONLINE LEARNING

Often it is difficult for a child to come back into school after a period of absence due to missing lessons. Although we wouldn't expect someone to be working while they are unwell, we often get asked "How can my child catch up?". Over the past term or so, our English, Maths and Science teams have been putting together this GoogleSite to support students if they are absent. There is a page for each subject which then splits into Year groups: the lessons follow the same units and topics as the students are being taught in lessons - not as good as a real lesson but a great way to catch back up if your child has been absent. We will continue to grow this over the year but hope you find it helpful.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PARK SCHOOL AND WITHIN THE TRUST

Please see our Trust website for current vacancies THSP website

FOOD AT PARK AND FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Please see the **Food** page on our website for a *current menu* and information about our food service at Park - Food - The Park Community School

Contact the School Office, admin@theparkschool.org.uk or call 01271 373131 if you have any questions about how to top up or limit/cap your child's spending on their dinner money account.

Apply for **Free School Meals** through the Devon Citizens Portal. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on: 0345 155 1019

Visit our website for more information and support How to access support for Pupil Premium students

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Did you know we have a **School Lottery**? You can join our weekly lottery from £1 per week and it's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds - 40% of ticket sales come back to us. There is a guaranteed winner each week. It's so easy to sign up and start supporting our school today - just click here Support The Park Community School when you play Your School Lottery.

EASTSIDE UNDER 13'S ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Are you looking for a friendly and supportive football club for your child?

Our two under 13's teams (Reds and AFC) welcome children of all abilities and are looking for new players

Twice weekly training: Monday 6-7pm at Park School astro and Wednesday 6-7pm at Tarka 3G Pitch.

A fun programme of matches already in place for the season

Get in touch if your child wants to have fun, develop their skills and be part of a team!

Contact Charlotte on 07547 113270 or Dean on 07732 771778 for more info and to book a taster training session.