NEWSLETTER

22 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please enjoy the half term break and the wonderful weather that is predicted. Thank you for your continued support of both your child and the school - it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what we hope will be a successful and positive final half term.

Please find the link to our finalised uniform policy here Uniform Policy.

Students return to school next academic year on Tuesday 8th September, with Year 7 and Year 11 returning then and all other students returning to school on Wednesday 9th September 2026. All dates, including teacher training days and term dates are available on the Website calendar link .

A reminder that we are a **cashless school**, this means that:

- Students must pay for food and drink purchases using their thumb/biometric data – parents/carers please ensure your child's dinner account is in credit in good time so that purchases can be made when needed. Accounts must remain in credit, we do not offer an overdraft facility. Please discuss with your child how you expect them to manage their credit and understand when you will need to top up.
- Students wishing to purchase items at student reception must pay using their bank card or phone (use of a mobile phone to purchase items at student reception is allowed – no student will be sanctioned for this). Alternatively, parents can purchase items at main reception or using My Child at School - students can collect the next day. Please note that there is a greater range of individual items available to purchase at student reception.

It is the **Year 7 Parents' Evening on Monday 22nd June**, parents and carers will receive a letter detailing how to book appointments after the half term break.

We have now received the **stagecoach school bus timetable for the period during the closure of Bickington Road from 15th June**. Please find it attached here for your reference. Please be aware that any students who would usually use stops between Mead Park and Cedars Roundabout will need to make their way to alternative stops at Mill Hill, Combrew Lane, or Sticklepath (Woodville). We have also received confirmation that on the morning of 15th June, school buses will be permitted through the closure. This is in recognition that GCSE examinations are ongoing, with this being the final day of the main subjects.

We recognise that during exam season **Year 11** get very hungry! We provide a special free breakfast for Year 11 every day of the exams. So that your child has enough eat during this demanding time, **please could parents and carers ensure that they have added sufficient funds to their child's dinner account**.

The winners of the **Y11 Maths revision raffle tickets** are Yasmin, Louis and Jacob – congratulations! The next drawer is on the 2nd June. The Maths department will be **collecting any calculators that Year 11's no longer want after exams**! They can exchange them for chocolate after their last Maths exam!
Any donations gratefully received!

Mr Klingenstein thanks all who contributed – either by making cakes & pizzas or by being our hungry customers! **The GreenPower car group** raised an astonishing £76.40 at their fundraiser sale!!! The food disappeared too quickly there were no time for photos! Thank you again! We've now raised almost enough to get back on the grid!! If you would like to donate some money for the final bit, please use this link: Donate to the GreenPower Park School Team

A huge **thanks to North Devon Homes** for donating Go Pro's which will be used in the Drama Dept for their productions.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing half term.

Kind regards
Ms V Owen
Headteacher

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES - SEND

Park SEND Team email: park.send@thsp.org.uk

Park SEND Referral form: SEND Parent Referral Form – Fill in form

Park SEND website page and newsletter link SEND - The Park Community School

Devon Information Service - https://devonias.org.uk/

North Devon Forum for Autistic Spectrum Conditions and ADHD https://www.ndfautism.co.uk/

SEND @ PARK

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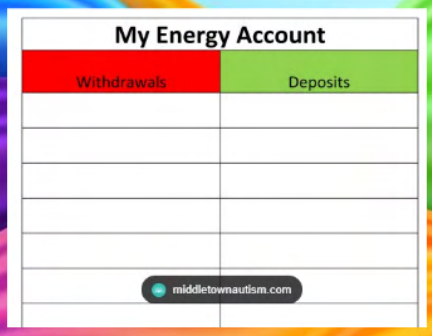


Park SEND referral form

Please email park.send@thsp.org.uk with any concerns around your child.

Devon's information service for SEND

https://devonias.org.uk/

Welcome to another newsletter edition for SEND

Our Spotlight: Energy Accounting

Energy Accounting – Helping Children Understand Their Energy
Just like money, energy is something we all have a limited amount of each day. "Energy accounting" helps children learn to recognise what gives them energy (like sleep, healthy food, being active, and spending time with friends) and what uses it up (such as long days, screen time, or stress). By understanding their own energy levels, children can make better choices, build healthy habits, and feel more balanced and ready to learn. It's a simple way to support wellbeing both at school and at home.

Think of your child's day like a **battery or a piggy bank of energy**.

They start the morning with a "full charge" after a good night's sleep. As the day goes on, different activities either **spend energy** (like concentrating in class, dealing with busy environments, or lots of screen time) or **add energy back in** (like eating well, taking breaks, playing, or spending time with friends).

By the end of the day, if they've spent more energy than they restored, they may feel tired or overwhelmed. But with the right balance of activity, rest, and calm moments, their "energy account" stays healthy—helping them feel happier, more focused, and ready for the next day.

How does your child withdraw and deposit their energy?

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

Mental Health website page link Mental Health and Wellbeing

Advice and Support for Parents website page link Advice and Support for Parents

SAFEGUARDING AND ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE AND INFORMATION

Email: park.safeguarding@thsp.org.uk

Safeguarding website page link: Safeguarding and Online Safety

Safeguarding newsletter link: Safeguarding newsletter

Resources in this newsletter (click the link below):

Report Remove

Childline

Young Minds

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) Education

Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion (Sextortion)

Globally, there has been an increase in reporting of young people and adults being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after an offender has threatened to release sexual/indecent images of them. This is called 'Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion', a type of online blackmail often referred to as 'sextortion'.

Victims **of any age** are potential targets, however teenage males aged 14-17 and male adults aged 18-30 are particularly at risk.

This crime is usually carried out by organised criminal gangs, often based overseas, who are typically motivated by financial gain.

Children and young people under 18

Report Remove allows you to confidentially report sexual images and videos of yourself and get them removed from the internet.

Childline gives free, confidential support for young people under the age of 19.

Young Minds is a mental health charity for children and young people with 24 hours a day, seven days a week text support.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) Education gives advice for parents, children, and young people on staying safe from sexual abuse and online grooming.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/REMINDERS

Parent Calendar

Website

Facebook Page

Instagram

Term Dates

Date	Year/s	Name of Event/Activity	Information
5th June 2026	All Years	**PSHEE topic next week**	Year 7 – Budgeting Year 8 – Sexual Harassment Year 9 – Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Year 10 – Gambling Year 11 – Revision *Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from the non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE. Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing and addressed to the headteacher, email: park.headteacher@thsp.org.uk*
7th May to 16th June	Year 11	**GCSE Exams**	
25th to 29th May	All years	**Half term**	

Date	Year/s	Name of Event/Activity	Information
1st June	All years	**Return to school**	All years return on timetable week 1
2nd 4th and 5th June	Y7, 8 ,9 and 10	**Year Group Sports Day**	
10th to 17th June	Year 8	**Year 8 Geography Fieldwork**	
18th June	All years	**Whole School Sports Day**	All students to arrive to school in full Park PE kit.
19th and 22nd June	Year 10	**GCSE Geography Fieldwork**	
18th to 2nd June	Year 10	**Year 10 Mocks**	
22nd June	Year 7	**Year 7 Parents' Evening**	
3rd July and 7th July	Year 10	**Art, Photography & Textile Mock**	
3rd 6th 7th 8th July	Year 7, 8, 9 and 10	**Year Awards Events**	By invitation to students and their parents/carers
3rd July	Year 11	**Prom**	
8th July	Year 7 – 10	**Attitude to Learning (AtL) Reward Event - 'Inflatables Day'**	By Invitation to those students in Y7 – 10 as an acknowledgment for their brilliant attitude to learning. Fun on the top field with bouncy castles, assault courses, bungee runs, surf simulators and other awesome games!
14th to 17th July	Year 10	**Work Experience**	
16th to 17th July	Year 7, 8 and 9	**Enrichment Days**	
22nd July	All years	**Last day of term**	Non uniform day, finishing at 12:30pm

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property must be claimed before 15:45 on Thursday 21st May 2026, after which, unclaimed items will be upcycled/donated. Small sized items of Lost Property, such as glasses, ties, jewellery, watches, keys, earbuds and pencil cases etc, are kept behind the counter of Student Reception. Students can enquire about or claim these smaller items during Student Reception opening hours. Please name your belongings, especially PE tops and blazers. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Please find a link to the Attendance Policy.

Please **report your child absent** by emailing: park.attendance@thsp.org.uk

FREE webinar on Emotionally Based School Avoidance: FREE WEBINAR School Avoidance.

Useful resource on EBSA: EBSA: Essential Guide for Parents | School Anxiety Support

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
- If your child is experiencing difficulties that are impacting their attendance, please 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?". Our English, Maths and Science teams have put together this Remote Catch Up Curriculum 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 hope you find it helpful.

CAREERS

View all Harbour Schools Partnership career opportunities click here.

Current vacancies:

- Attendance Administrator and Family Attendance Support Worker

FOOD AT PARK AND FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT INFORMATION

Information about our **food service at Park** - Food - The Park Community School.

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.

RAISING FUNDS FOR PARK – SCHOOL LOTTERY AND EASY FUNDRAISING

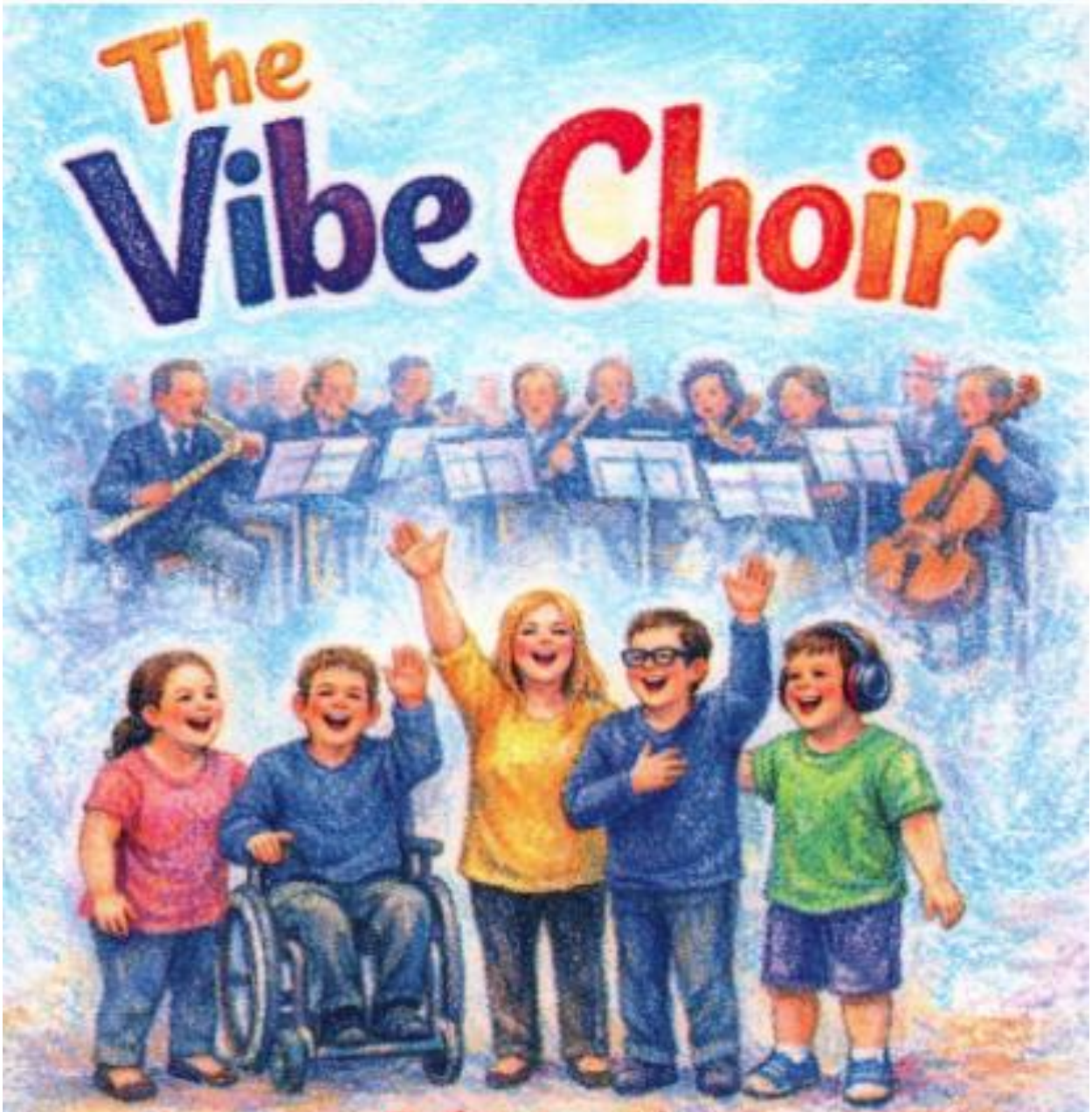
Did you know we have a **School Lottery**? You can join our weekly lottery from £1 per week and it's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds - 40% of ticket sales come back to us. There is a guaranteed winner each week. It's so easy to sign up and start supporting our school today - just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

STUDENTS FUNDRASING FOR UGANDA

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LANDKEY YOUTH FUNDRAISER
FOOTBALL FUN DAY!
FREE ENTRY! LOTS OF FUN GAMES!
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
10-4PM
LANDKEY MILLENNIUM GREEN
FOOTBALL PITCH
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
HELP US BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR LOCAL KIDS!
Organised by Landkey Youth FC
Call: 07787423014

The Vibe Choir



Performing with

Barnstaple Community Orchestra

Thursday 9th July 2026

7pm to 9pm

Barnstaple Parish Church (Near Butchers Row)

FREE - with retiring collection and raffle.

Further details: vibeandfunkyclubs@gmail.com

Maths Specialist Sixth Form for the South West

EXETER MATHS SCHOOL

FREEDOM FOR THINKERS

- Study Maths & Further Maths with Physics and/or Computer Science
- Other 4th subject options with nearby Exeter College
- Mon-Fri boarding with generous bursary scheme
- Ofsted Outstanding

Year 10 Online Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026

5pm - 6pm

Join at bit.ly/emsopen26

Sign up for updates at bit.ly/EMSlist

www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk

North Devon Forum for Autistic Spectrum Conditions and ADHD

Tel: 07830 213265

www.ndfautism.co.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1172597

COFFEE MORNING

When:
4th Thursday of each month (Not December)

Time:
10am - 12:30pm

Where:
Roundswell Community Centre, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple, EX31 3NL

- Refreshments available, donations welcome
- Books to browse and a wide range of resources available from our extensive library
- Everyone welcome - a friendly space to meet, chat and connect

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