



Perryfields Junior School

The Flyer

Week 8 – October 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Parents' Evenings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking an active interest in your children's learning and to hear such positive feedback about how well they've settled into their new classes. To stay connected with what's happening in school, we encourage you to explore our class blogs, which offer a fantastic glimpse into the exciting learning taking place each week. You can also view our Knowledge Organisers and Curriculum Maps to see an overview of your child's learning for the term and the year ahead.

Year 5 had an amazing day on Tuesday when they welcomed an Anglo-Saxon experience workshop to school. Pupils immersed themselves in life in a 9th-century village, taking part in everyday activities such as weaving, pottery, metalworking, and candle making. One of the highlights of the day was a lively battle re-enactment, where the children successfully defended against a Viking attack! In the afternoon, they became archaeologists, uncovering fascinating artefacts – a memorable and educational experience for all.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who volunteered – these experiences simply wouldn't be possible without your help. On that note, we've recently been finding it increasingly difficult to staff school trips and experiences due to a lack of available adult volunteers. These opportunities are such valuable parts of the children's learning, but they can only go ahead with enough adult support. If you're able to volunteer for future trips or experiences, we would be extremely grateful — please do get in touch.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Essex Fire and Rescue, who led a highly engaging Fire Safety Assembly on staying safe during Halloween and Firework season. The children listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions, and took away some very important safety messages. We're very grateful to Essex Fire and Rescue for sharing their expertise through the webinar and for delivering such an informative session.

Today, Year 6 hosted an outstanding WWII Enterprise Day, which captivated both the children and visiting parents. The hands-on activities gave pupils a deeper understanding of key events from World War II – a huge well done to Year 6 for their fantastic effort, enthusiasm, and creativity throughout the day.

At the same time, our 'Break the Rules Day' added a fun and lively spirit across the school. The children had a wonderful time taking part, and the donations for our upcoming Christmas Fayre have been incredible. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.

Finally, it has been lovely to hear the sound of "Cauliflowers Fluffy" echoing through the corridors this week! Thank you for your continued Harvest Festival donations, and we look forward to welcoming Year 5 parents after half term to enjoy the Harvest Festival performance.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term break.

Mrs S Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Kareem
Seuss: Aadhira
Dahl: Afraz
Lewis: Aroush
Walliams: Sanvika
Rowling: Sophie
Tolkien: Jaxon
Morpurgo: Erin
Pullman: Monty

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Olivia T – Tolkien Class
Theo – Tolkien Class

PE Award
Leo – Pullman Class

Spellers Award
Lewis Class

Coming Up Next Half Term

Monday 3 rd November	Layer Marney Tower Trip – Year 3. Email sent
Thursday 6 th November	Harvest Festival to year 5 parents. Email sent. Please join us in the hall for a prompt start at 9.15am
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day – details to follow
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 Enterprise Day – details to follow
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre – details to follow. Volunteers needed
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper and dinner day – details to follow
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Panto (Aladdin) – email sent. Please pay through your ScoPay account
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 4 Christmas Service to parents – details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 4 Christmas Service to parents – details to follow
Friday 19 th December	End of Term – School finishes at 1.30pm

Reminders/Notices

PE Kits: Children should have a pe kit in school every day. Children should be able to remove earrings on their own.

Please see below our new menu!

Please note that we can also provide a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit, cucumber sticks and the dessert of the day.

Menu Winter Term *starting w/c 3/11/25*

Week: **One**

						
Main course	Meat	Pepperoni Baguette Pizza	Chicken Korma	Roast Gammon Steak	Homemade Sausage Roll	Chicken Chunks
	Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Baguette Pizza	Vegetable Curry	Garlic and Herb Roast fillet	Cheese and Onion Roll	Quorn Dippers
	Gluten Free	Gluten Free Pizza	Chicken Korma	Roast Gammon Steak	Cheese and Onion Roll	Gluten Free Chicken Goujons
	Jacket Potato	Tuna & Cheese	Cheese & Beans	Beans & Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Tuna,Cheese & Beans
	Side Dish	Pasta Salad	Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread	Gravy	Beans	Chips & Beans
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Salad Bar	New Potato Broccoli	Mash Potato Salad Bar	Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Gooley Chocolate pudding	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Melting Moments Biscuits	Fruit Crumble Muffin
Drinks		Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk

The 7 **SUPERPOWERS** of smartphone-free kids

01. More time

Based on UK kids' average usage, they could get over 35 hours a week back to use in the real world.



02. More freedom

More space to grow into themselves – without pressure from likes, trends, or group chats.



03. Real social skills

They build confidence and vital skills by talking, listening, and laughing together – face to face.



04. Better mental health

Less time scrolling means less anxiety, fewer comparisons, and more joy in the everyday.



05. Digital resilience

They learn to use tech intentionally – creating, thinking, questioning, not just scrolling endlessly.



06. Focused learning

Without constant distractions kids can focus, think clearly and get in the zone – in and out of school.



07. Proper sleep

No late-night scrolling means deeper rest, brighter moods, and a brain ready for tomorrow.



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