

Park Aspire AP Academy - Autumn 2 Newsletter – 2025/2026

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

As I officially begin my role as Headteacher, I would like to thank you for the trust and encouragement you have shown over the past ten months while I have been Acting Headteacher. It has been a privilege to lead Park Aspire through a period of consolidation and stability, and I am excited to continue this journey with you.

My vision for the school remains clear:

To ensure Park Aspire is a safe, inclusive, and aspirational provision where every pupil can thrive — socially, emotionally and academically.

I believe Alternative Provision should not be a last resort, but rather a place of opportunity and growth — where pupils are inspired, supported, and empowered to achieve their very best.

Together, we will continue to build a school that is founded on belonging, collaboration and inclusion, where every pupil feels valued and every success is celebrated.

As we begin the second half of the autumn term, I want to start by thanking you all for your continued support and positivity. It has been wonderful to see pupils returning this year with such positive attitudes, enthusiasm for learning, and pride in being part of our school community. The start of this academic year has been extremely encouraging — pupils have engaged well, shown great effort, and continued to embody the school's ethos of *"Individually we Aspire, Together we Exceed."*

Attendance and Punctuality

We are placing a strong focus on attendance and punctuality this half-term. Good attendance is vital to pupils' progress — every lesson, every day, makes a difference. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that pupils attend school regularly and arrive on time each morning. If your child is unable to attend, please contact the school office and speak to Miss Maroof as soon as possible. Together, we can make sure all pupils have the very best chance to succeed.

Uniform Standards

A huge thank you to pupils and families for maintaining such high standards of uniform this term.

A reminder that pupils should wear:

- Grey polo shirt and black school jumper
- Plain black trousers, skirt with tights, leggings (not sports leggings), or plain black jogging bottoms/shorts (no logos or stripes)
- Wearing the correct uniform shows pride in our school and helps create a sense of belonging across our community.

Building Work Update and Health & Safety Reminder

We are pleased to share that the ongoing building works are progressing well and are on track for completion by the end of December. These improvements will enhance our learning environment and provide even better facilities for pupils and staff.

As work continues, we ask for your continued care and vigilance when arriving and leaving the site — especially for those pupils and families arriving on foot. Please:

Use designated pedestrian routes and crossings where available.

Follow all safety signage and staff guidance when entering or exiting the school.

Avoid walking through vehicle areas or near construction zones.

Be especially cautious in darker mornings and afternoons as visibility decreases.

Your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe while we complete this important phase of development.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support throughout this period.

Events and Activities to Look Forward To

We'll be marking several important occasions throughout the term, including Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Maths Week, and Christmas Jumper Day. Each of these events provides a chance to celebrate, reflect, and support worthwhile causes while having plenty of fun along the way.

🎄 Christmas Fayre – A festive highlight of the term! Join us to celebrate the season with fun activities, stalls and community spirit.

★ Extra-Curricular Activities – Our after-school clubs and enrichment opportunities continue, offering pupils the chance to develop new skills, build friendships and explore interests beyond the classroom.

📰 Class Newsletters – Keep an eye out for your child's class newsletter, which will share updates about learning, achievements and upcoming events.

Thank You and Farewell

This term we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Jones, our Play & Creative Arts Therapist, who has been part of the Park Aspire family for an amazing 13 years. Mrs Jones has supported many pupils with warmth, compassion and creativity, and has made a lasting difference to our school community. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins a new venture on the Isle of Wight — she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

Finally...

Thank you once again to all our pupils, parents and carers for your continued encouragement, support and positivity. Together, we are building on a very strong start to the year — ensuring that every pupil at Park Aspire feels that they belong, achieve and thrive.

Let's make Autumn 2 another successful, productive and enjoyable half-term for everyone.

Warm regards,
Mr Morris & The Park Aspire AP Academy Team