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### PARK VALUES

Empower

"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes. You  
can steer yourself any direction  
you choose." — Dr. Seuss



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Artemis II** was an exciting nine-day space mission. It launched on April 1, 2026, and took four astronauts on a journey around the Moon. This was the first time humans travelled beyond Earth's close orbit since 1972! It was also the first crewed flight for NASA's Artemis program. The mission used the powerful Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and the Orion spacecraft, which the crew named *Integrity*.

This mission was a crucial test. It helped prepare for future Artemis missions that aim to land astronauts on the Moon again. Artemis II's goals were similar to the historic Apollo 8 mission in 1968. That mission was the first time humans flew around the Moon. Artemis II followed a special path called a free-return trajectory, much like Apollo 13 did in 1970.

The crew made history in many ways. Victor Glover became the first person of colour to travel near the Moon. Christina Koch was the first woman to do so. Jeremy Hansen, from the Canadian Space Agency, was the first non-U.S. citizen. Commander Reid Wiseman was the oldest person on this journey. During their trip, the crew broke the record for the farthest human distance from Earth, traveling over 252,756 miles!

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

What kind of songs do  
astronauts like?

Neptunes!



### Word of the Week

**Word:** Anxiously

**Definition:** Veing worried as you do something.

**Word:** Anticipation

**Definition:** Felling excited about something that is going to happen.

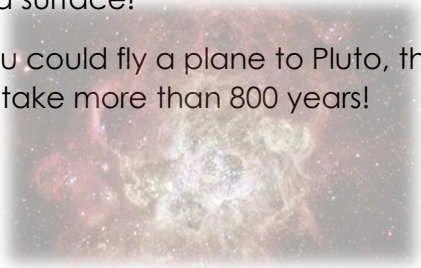


## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>
9:20am – Assembly				

## Facts about SPACE!

- 1) One million Earths could fit inside the Sun – and the Sun is considered an average-size star.
- 2) For years it was believed that Earth was the only planet in our solar system with liquid water. More recently, NASA revealed its strongest evidence yet that there is intermittent running water on Mars, too!
- 3) Comets are leftovers from the creation of our solar system about 4.5 billion years ago – they consist of sand, ice and carbon dioxide.
- 4) You wouldn't be able to walk on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune because they have no solid surface!
- 5) If you could fly a plane to Pluto, the trip would take more than 800 years!



**SPACE**

WORD SEARCH

S W W O M R K I M I L K Y W A Y M N  
M V R U O P J H U O R K Y P T K X L  
N C O M E T N W U N I V E R S E R U  
P L T H C H S R N W Q F X E R S Z E  
F Z F O O X A G W Y N D L S D C V V  
A F X F X R T H A B L A C K H O L E  
V B S I S N E B U L A G F Y G N I W  
O G M G U O L D T O A T G H R S R Q  
T B L R P Y L M N G M X J C A T S N  
S P A C E Y I A Z K O E Y J V E I P  
X N H M R N T T R S O Q J U I L G D  
E G F W N A E L D S N M X J T L S U  
T P C U O T M U M S Y Z E S Y A F O  
Q L S X V M L N M R T S D T O T K R  
T A S B A O E A L I I A T Y E I T B  
J N I D X S Q R C E L E R E A O A I  
E E Y H J P B O Y O O A O H M N R T  
J T T D U H Y Y O V Q R C V B L I W  
L P E Y K E K G Z P A T K K X Y D P  
K X O F G R D L N I D H E T H P I M  
U M C D S E P R S S A S T E R O I D

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ATMOSPHERE	GRAVITY	ORBIT	STAR
BLACK HOLE	LUNAR	PLANET	SUN
COMET	METEOR	ROCKET	SUPERNOVA
CONSTELLATION	MILKY WAY	SATELLITE	UNIVERSE
EARTH	MOON	SOLAR SYSTEM	

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## Park School V New Barn

Well done to all KS3 students who represented Park School in last week's football match against New Barn School. It was a very closely contested game, ending 2-2 at the final whistle, with goals from Rowan and Theo.

The match went into a five-minute golden goal period, where Rowan secured a fantastic victory with a spectacular free kick.

Player of the Match was awarded to Will H for his consistent effort throughout the game, proving to be a valuable member of the team.

A special mention also goes to Leo G and Zach, who supported the team by helping to coach, referee, and mentor the players.

Congratulations to everyone involved—an excellent team effort!



The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite, orbiting at an average distance of 238,855 miles.