

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September 2025

WELCOME PARKGATE FAMILY



We hope you have had the best Summer Holiday. It already seems a long way a way. We have loved meeting all the new Year 3 children and welcoming the new staff, as well. It is always such an exciting time at the start of the year but things will begin to settle down now. We heard over the summer that we have been awarded the Gold International Award and the Eco-Schools Award - with distinction. Congratulations to the children and the staff who made this happen.

Next week is open morning so don't forget to come in and see your children settled into their new class and meet the teacher. I am really looking forward to a super term.

Enjoy the weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 15th Sep Yr 6 Open morning
- 16th Sep Yr 4 Open morning
- 17th Sep Yr 3 Open morning
- 19th Sep Yr 5 Open morning
- 26th Sep Harvest Assembly
- 30th Sep Individual and sibling photographs
- 21st Oct Parents evening
- 23rd Oct Parents evening
- 27th Oct - 31st Oct Half term
- 3rd Nov - Inset day
- 19th Dec Last day of Autumn Term (1.30pm)

WELCOME

We would like to welcome two new teachers to our school family this year. Ms. Brader will be in year 3 and Miss Emmanuel in year 5.



DSPL 9 - FOR SEN FAMILIES

DSPL9 Parent Newsletters are published fortnightly and include a round up of courses, workshops, training and events available to parents and families within DSPL9. Please follow the attached link if you are interested in reading [newsletter 1](#).

This can also be found on the [DSPL9 website](#).

OPEN MORNINGS

We will be holding Open Mornings on the above mentioned days. The Open Mornings will take place from **9am – 10am**, so that you can meet your child's class teacher. This will give you the opportunity to tour the school and see what your child is doing and say hello to your child's new class teacher.

If you would like to make your way to the hall after the children have come in, we will have a brief chat before showing you what your child has been doing in class since the start of term.

We look forward to seeing you on the Open Morning.

- Y6 – Monday 15th September 2025
- Y4 – Tuesday 16th September 2025
- Y3 – Wednesday 17th September 2025
- Y5 – Friday 19th Friday 2025

CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta	Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Pork, Chicken (halal option) or Roasted Quorn Sausage Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with chips
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
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SEPTEMBER MATH'S CHALLENGE



The monthly math's challenge is back!

This month's challenge is called 'Figure me out'. Your challenge is to create a poster designed around numbers to describe yourself. For example, your age, birthday or year, number of siblings or pets, number of years you've been at the school. Can you think of other math's facts about yourself? Cover each number with a Post-it note containing a number sentence that gives the answer to the number hidden below.

The challenge is posted on Google Classroom with a link to a web page with examples to help you. There is also a template should you wish to use it but feel free to design your own.

We did this challenge last September, your posters will be different as you are a different age, you may have got a pet or a new siblings etc.

Please bring your work in by Monday 30th September. I'm looking forward to seeing all your great work.

LIBRARY NEW'S



Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed this Challenge at Herts libraries over the summer, they can bring in their certificate to show Mrs Parr. In return, they will receive a school certificate and small reward in recognition of their achievement.

Family Library Drop-Ins

Why not come along with your child and any siblings and borrow, read and relax in our lovely library? Mondays after school every week upstairs in the library. Mrs Parr will be there if you need any suggestions for further reading. There is also a small collection of adult's books for parents, grandparents and carers to borrow.

We hope to see you there!

REMINDER'S



Absence reporting

If your child is ill and cannot attend school please call the office and leave a message on the absence line stating your child's name, class and a specific reason for absence, e.g. cold, flu, sickness etc. If you need to request a future absence please complete and return a leave of absence form before the period of absence. These can be collected from the office.

Drop of and pick up

In the morning both gates will be open from 8.40am to 8.50pm. Once the gates are closed children must be dropped off at the Southwold entrance. The Parkgate entrance will not be opened again until 3.10pm.

Please do not park on the zigzag lines, turn in the road or drop your child off in the middle of the road. This is for the safety of your child and our Parkgate families.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Lateness

If your child is late for school they must be dropped off at the Southwold road entrance and sign in at the office.

Healthy snacks

Please send your child in with a healthy snack for break time. Fruit, bread sticks and rice crackers are a good option. Please do not send crisps, chocolate or anything containing nuts.

Please also send your child with a reusable water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

Label uniform

Please label all of your child's uniform including P.E. kits and coat.

CLUBS

School clubs are available to book now via Arbor. Origami Club and Singing Club are full. External clubs must be booked directly through the coaches.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Thursday

Multisports Club (Y3-Y5 mixed)
11th September - 18th December
8 - 8.40am

LUNCHTIME

Monday

Reading Club at 6 Falcon
Miss J Osborne
12.25 - 12.55pm - Just turn up

Tuesday

Sports Club (Y3 - 6 mixed)
Mr James Waller
12pm- 1pm - Just turn up

Wednesday

Homework Hotel at 6 Falcon
Miss J. Osborne
12.25pm - 12.55pm - Just turn up

Origami (Y3 mixed)

Ms J Merchel
17th September - 22nd October
12.25pm - 12.50pm

Girl's Football Club (Y5-6 girls)

Mr D Law
17th September - 10th December
12.25 - 12.50pm

AFTERSCHOOL

Tuesday

Tag Rugby
External (Xtra Time) - **contact coach directly**
16th September- 9th December
3.20pm - 4.20pm

Wednesday

Singing Club (Y3 - Y6 mixed)
Mrs. S Wallis
24th September - 10th December
3.20 - 4.20pm



AFTER SCHOOL CONTINUED.

Thursday

Gymnastics Club (Y3 - Y6 mixed)
External (Emily Moore) - **Book directly**
emoore.04@outlook.com
11th September - 18th December
3.25 - 4.25pm

Football Club (Y6 mixed)

11th September - 18th December
3.20 - 4.20pm

Friday

Football (Y3 - Y6 mixed)
Skill 7 - **Book directly**
WhatsApp your child's name and school to
07973511379
12th September - 5th December
3.20 - 5pm



PARKGATE PIRATES

Parkgate Pirates can be booked in advance or daily. Before booking, please read the policy available on our school website.

If you book in advance we cannot cancel or refund individual sessions. This does not include absence for illness.

Please remember to drop off and collect your child from the Parkgate Road entrance.



SPAGHETTI MATHS

On Monday 15th September a new math's club will start after school.

The club is available to all years. You can find more information and book directly via their website. Leaflets have been sent home today.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	3 Owl	Gaebriel	Evie
🌟	3 Robin	Savannah	Grayson
🌟	4 Heron	Richard	Rumayso
🌟	4 Puffin	Aoife	Joaquim
🌟	5 Parrot	Elliott	Abeeha
🌟	5 Toucan	Eden	Anna
🌟	6 Eagle	Jake	Tasha
🌟	6 Falcon	Ayaan	Shanayah

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3 Owl for 99.19% attendance last week.

3 Owl	99.19%
3 Robin	99.17%
4 Heron	96.55%
4 Puffin	96.55%
5 Parrot	95%
5 Toucan	94.85%
6 Eagle	93.33%
6 Falcon	91.38%



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this weeks raffle winners for positive behavior:

3 Owl	Ashal
3 Robin	Prisha, Edward, Caitlin
4 Heron	Felix
4 Puffin	Maya A, Florence, Christiana,
5 Parrot	Ruben
6 Eagle	Safa