

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Important Visitor this morning

I hope you had a great half term and recharged the batteries. It was so lovely to get out and about in the fresh air.

Today, we have had a great morning showing the Watford MP, Matt Turmaine around the school, and the children have demonstrated their Parliamentary skills with debates and persuasive speeches. We heard speeches from the children on the use of mobile phones in school, the need for longer break times and even whether stone age man should have painted on walls and whether it was graffiti. The MP was very impressed with the children and then took assembly and gave out certificates. It was a great experience and we now have an invite to go to the Houses of Parliament with the School Council.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, have a lovely time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10th Nov** Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
- 12th Nov** Year 6 Local walk
- 14th Nov** Children in Need - Pyjama Day
- 18th Nov** Book look
- 20th Nov** Year 5 Fun run at Future Academy
- 21st Nov** Year 4 Egyptian Day
- 4th Dec** PTA Winter Disco
- 8th Dec** Year 4 Dress rehearsal
- 9th Dec** Year 4 Play
- 11th Dec** Pantomime at school
- 17th Dec** Christmas outfit day
- 18th Dec** Christmas dinner and Carol concert
- 19th Dec** Last day of Autumn Term (1.30pm)



ODD SOCK DAY

On Monday 10th November 2025 as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we are having an Odd Socks Day. We would like the children to come into school wearing odd socks. They can be as bright and colourful as they like!

The aim of Odd Socks Day is to celebrate children's individuality and allow them to express themselves in a creative, inclusive way. No funny costumes are required, no money is being raised, we will simply be wearing different socks.

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2025 is 'Power for good.' The children will be completing different activities throughout the week.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The School Council will be holding a Pyjama Day on Children in Need Day, next Friday, 14th November.

For a donation, children can come to school wearing their pyjama's and bring a cuddly toy. Children must wear suitable outdoor shoes and bring a coat.

There will also be a treasure hunt available for 50p per entry (one per child). On the day, each class will receive a map, and each entrant will have one chance to pin the location of Pudsey. The child whose guess is closest to Pudsey's true location will receive a prize.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please remember to complete [this form](#) to let us know what lunch your child would like for Christmas lunch. The form must be completed even if your child is entitled to free school meals or you will be sending a packed lunch.

NEW! CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option), with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips
Vegetarian Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Jacket Potato	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
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NOVEMBER MATH'S CHALLENGE

Your challenge: Choose any number you like — it could be your favourite number, your age, your house number, or just one you think looks interesting! Then, create a poster all about your number. Be as creative as you can!

What to include:

- Draw your number as a character! Give it a name, a face, and a personality. What kind of number is it — shy, friendly, even, odd, mysterious?
- Find and write as many mathematical facts as you can about your number. You might include:
 - - Is it odd or even?
 - - What are its factors and multiples?
 - - Can you show it on a number line or a place value chart?
 - - Can you write it in words / Roman numerals?
 - - What's 10 more, 10 less, double, or half?
 - - Can you make any number sentences that equal your number?
- Does your number appear in real life (like on a clock, money, or measure)? Add pictures to show it
- Decorate your poster — use colour, pictures, and labels. Make it eye-catching and informative!

Be Creative!

There's no right or wrong way — the more imaginative your poster, the better! Bring your poster in by **1st December** so we can put them on display in the learning zone.



LIBRARY NEWS

Click on our Bookworm to find all of our Library news.



COMIC BOOKS

If you have any comic books that you no longer want please drop them into the office for our new comic book club.

PTA NEWS

Easy Fundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for **FREE**.

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support the PTA at Parkgate Junior School. You can also send the link to friends and family.

If you download the app and set a donation reminder it will flag everytime you go to a website that they work with which means you will never miss a chance to donate!

Winter Disco

Please save the date for our Winter Disco, more details will follow.

Thursday 4th December

Many thanks
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

	3 Owl	Ashal	Theo
	3 Robin	Caitlin	Noah
	4 Heron	Zainab	Austin
	4 Puffin	Olive	Zarah
	5 Parrot	Thomas	Zackariya
	5 Toucan	Scarlett	Faye
	6 Eagle	Ibrahim	Ayah
	6 Falcon	Sam	Ruhani

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 99.33% attendance last week.

3 Owl	90.36%
3 Robin	97.33%
4 Heron	99.33%
4 Puffin	97.93%
5 Parrot	98.33%
5 Toucan	97.24%
6 Eagle	97.1%
6 Falcon	93%



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's raffle winners for positive behaviour:

3 Owl	Hakeem, Sophie
3 Robin	Grace, Scarlett, Myles
4 Heron	Dora, Austin
4 Puffin	Aoife, Christiana, Zarah
5 Parrot	Zackariyah
6 Eagle	Amaya.A.
6 Falcon	Ioli, Jessica

