

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

WET PLAY HAS NOT RUINED OUR DAY.



What wet weather we are having! Wet play is the most unpopular thing in a school. The children get cooped up and need to run around. The staff know the whole building gets stuffy and the children become unsettled. Year 5 have been lucky as they have had play leader training today so have been moving around. Let us hope it stops raining and you will get out and about this weekend. There are lots of lovely photos of things that have happened this week from trips to Children in Need.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18th Nov Book look
- 20th Nov Year 5 Fun run at Future Academy
- 21st Nov Year 4 Egyptian Day
- 1st Dec Flu Top up
- 1st Dec Year 6 NHS Health Check
- 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)
- 6th Jan First Day of Spring term



CHILDREN IN NEED

The children, and staff, have had a very comfortable pyjama day today. Thank you to everyone that has donated and helped us support Children in Need.



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 5](#):

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

Medicine in school

This is a reminder that if your child needs medicine in school, parents must complete a medication form and hand the medicine in its original packaging to the office. The same applies for travel sickness medication on school trips.



NEW! CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Enchilada Bae with Paprika Wedges	RPor Sausage or Chicken Sausage (halal option), with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette



READY, STEADY, ELF

Tickets for the year 4 Christmas play are now available to book via Arbor.

Performances are on Tuesday 9th December at 3.30pm and 5pm.

Please only book one performance to ensure everyone gets to see the performance. We will email nearer the time to advise of any extra tickets availability.



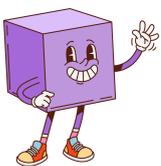
TT ROCKSTAR SUPERSTARS

Well done to these children for their fabulous effort in last months TT Rockstars challenge.



OCTOBER MATH'S CHALLENGE

Congratulations to these children winning Octobers math's challenge. Great effort, well done.



NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE



Year 5 enjoyed a long day out at the National Space Centre in Leicester. 144 stairs up the Tower but it was totally worthwhile to see the rockets and satellites from past space missions. Thank you to all the parent helpers who made it possible.



Christmas Dinner

The booking form for Christmas dinner is now closed. If you did not place an order for you child please remember to send them with a packed lunch on the day.



MAPAC - UNIFORM NEWS

Our uniform provider Mapac are offering parents 15% off online orders from 28th November to 1st December.



AGE UK GIFT BOXES



As you may know, we have worked a great deal with Age UK for well over 15 years. Every year we invite families to create a “shoe box sized” box for an older person. We had such a lovely response from the people who receive them that we would like to invite families to do it again this year.

Please could you make up a box for an older person with your children putting some drawings and a letter inside. It could be about what the children have been getting up to in school. It could be about what they are looking forward to at Christmas. If you could then include some items in the box as treats, that would be fantastic. They do not need to be expensive. If you could send this gift in with your child by Friday 12th December 2025.

Ideas for treats:

- puzzle books
- Sweets
- Chocolates
- Biscuits
- Bath salts
- Soap
- Hand cream
- Hand sanitizer
- Fluffy socks/ socks
- Tea/coffee
- Jam/marmalade
- Playing cards
- Magazines
- Art and Craft activities
- Pens

If you could then wrap the box in Christmas paper and label it for a man or woman or unisex i.e. suitable for both. As money is tight, you may not be able to create your own box, so if you are able can you please send in something and we will make up these boxes. If parents have any spare empty “shoe box sized” boxes please send them to the school office.

We do hope that you can help with creating some happy memories for both the children and the older people.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Disco
4th December, 2025

Live DJ
Free Drinks
Tuck Shop

Year 3 & 4
4:45pm - 6:00 pm

Year 5 & 6
6:15pm - 7:30 pm

Ticket Price : £4.50
Siblings Discount
2 tickets for £8
3 tickets for £10

Get your event tickets at the Tuck Shop starting November 14, 2025! (Cash Only)

WATFORD CYCLE HUB

CHILDREN IN NEED

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

Wear yellow or spots and join in the fun!
£2 to enter (cash on the day)

WHAT
Join us as together we try to cycle, balance bike or scoot as many 'Challenge to 25' laps of the field.

WHEN & WHERE
Sunday 16th November
1.00pm - 3.00pm
Watford Cycle Hub
WD18 9QD

CONTACT
www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk

JOIN IN

QR code for joining in.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	3 Owl	Hadiya	Eliza
🌟	3 Robin	Aiden	Omeseffe
🌟	4 Heron	Sameul	Eva
🌟	4 Puffin	Nina	Mariya
🌟	5 Parrot		
🌟	5 Toucan	Cecilia	Aadi
🌟	6 Eagle	Aidan	Georgina
🌟	6 Falcon	Sophie	Ioli

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 99.17% attendance last week.

3 Owl	95.88%
3 Robin	97.92%
4 Heron	99.17%
4 Puffin	96.98%
5 Parrot	98.33%
5 Toucan	98.28%
6 Eagle	93.95%
6 Falcon	93.95%



RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Owl	Taranom, Hadiya, Lillie
3 Robin	Caitlin, Aiden, Akaran, Annaia
4 Puffin	Florence, Seyara
5 Parrot	Andy
5 Toucan	Oscar
6 Eagle	Hashim