

# PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

## A JOYFUL DECEMBER AHEAD



December is set to be a wonderfully busy month at our school, with plenty of festive events to enjoy.

Our Year 4 play is nearly ready for the stage, the Christmas Carol service preparations are well underway, and Year 3 are excited to share their delightful Nativity play.

We have already received some Gift boxes for Age UK, we are so grateful to you for helping us to support such a wonderful charity. We can't wait to celebrate this special season together and show off how hard the children have been working!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Flu Top up
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Year 6 NHS Health Check
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec PTA Arts and Crafts Extravaganza
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec PTA Winter Disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec PTA Non uniform day and raffle donations
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 4 Dress rehearsal
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 4 Play
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Pantomime at school
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas outfit day and Y3 Dress Rehearsal
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas dinner and Carol concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Last day of Autumn Term (1.30pm)
- Spring Term 2026**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan First Day of Spring term
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Y4 Visit to Verulamium Museum
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Half term
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar Book look
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 3 STEM trip
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 5 Play
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar Parkgate's Got Talent and last day of term (1:30pm)



## FESTIVE FUN

On Monday our elves will return from the North Pole. They like to play hide and seek with the children. If they are spotted the children can visit the office to collect a prize.

## AGE UK GIFT BOXES

If you would like to donate a Gift Box please send them in by **Friday 12th December**.

- Ideas for treats:
- Puzzle books/Pens/Magazines
- Tea/Coffee
- Chocolates/Biscuits/Sweets
- Fluffy Socks
- Bath salts/Soap/Hand creams

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.



## DSPL9 - 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 6](#).

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

## 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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## CAROL SERVICE



We are delighted to invite you to the Carol Service on Thursday, 18th December at 10:30am at The Scroll Church, North Watford. The service will last about an hour.

If you can attend and help escort your child's class to and from the church, please indicate this using the following links.

### Year 3

### Years 4, 5, & 6

Year 3 pupils will leave school at 9:50am. Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils will leave school at 10:05am. A space will be saved for you at the church if you walk with us.

Year 3 will be leading the service and will rehearse at the church on Wednesday, 17th December. If you can help escort Year 3 for the rehearsal, we will leave at 1:00pm and return by 2:30pm. Please indicate this on the form as well.

If you are driving, please do not use the church car park. Parking is available on surrounding roads, usually on the Harebreaks.

Due to high attendance at previous services, please let us know how many places you will need at the church. At the end of the service, there will be a collection for Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital, chosen by the School Council.

We look forward to seeing you on 18th December.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER



The form to order a Christmas dinner is now closed.

If you did not order a Christmas dinner for your child please remember to send them in with a packed lunch on the 18th December.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Family Library Drop-Ins**

Every Monday after school

Come and join us in our beautiful library!

Children (including brothers and sisters), parents, grandparents, carers and more - all very welcome.

We also have a small selection of adult 'quick read' books for the grown-ups.

Browse, borrow, read and relax. And even colour in a bookmark or two!

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

A musical fairy tale for the whole family

Climb the beanstalk high in the sky!  
**Shout Fee Fi Fo Fum!**  
Help Jack escape the giants castle

Our adventure has just begun...

Tuesday 30 December, 13.00  
North Watford Library, St Albans Road, WD24 7RW  
£7 per person - all in attendance require a ticket  
Book via your local library or via QR code  
For bookings and enquiries call 01923 23718

## PTA - RAINBOW RAFFLE



Last year's Rainbow Raffle was such a success that we are running it again. We are asking for the children, if possible, to please bring in a small raffle prize item in the colour selected for their year. Whether they bring an item not, they are still welcome to wear their own clothes.

The year group colours are:

- Year 3: **Pink** or **Red**
- Year 4: **Yellow** or **Orange**
- Year 5: **Blue** or **Purple**
- Year 6: **Green**

Example donations: chocolates, socks, toiletries, biscuits, sweets, small toys, candles

Info on how to buy raffle tickets will follow shortly.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	<b>3 Owl</b>	Emilia	Harry
🌟	<b>3 Robin</b>	Amelia	Ammara
🌟	<b>4 Heron</b>	Raaed	Zosia
🌟	<b>4 Puffin</b>	Ismael	Eloise
🌟	<b>5 Parrot</b>	Zayna	Aiza
🌟	<b>5 Toucan</b>	Amina	Elsie
🌟	<b>6 Eagle</b>	Theo	Aanya
🌟	<b>6 Falcon</b>	Jack	Willow

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Puffin for 96.55% attendance last week.

<b>3 Owl</b>	89.47%
<b>3 Robin</b>	91.33%
<b>4 Heron</b>	95.33%
<b>4 Puffin</b>	96.55%
<b>5 Parrot</b>	96.25%
<b>5 Toucan</b>	92.72%
<b>6 Eagle</b>	69.35%
<b>6 Falcon</b>	85%



## RAFFLE WINNERS

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

<b>3 Owl</b>	Yahya, Darcie, Zach, Hadiya
<b>4 Heron</b>	Zosia, Ysabel
<b>5 Parrot</b>	Ruben
<b>5 Toucan</b>	Anoushka
<b>6 Eagle</b>	Saadiq, Amara, Mariam, Lorenc

