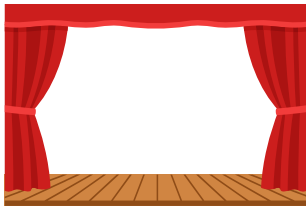


PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

A JOYFUL DECEMBER AHEAD

Oh gosh - it is already the 5th of December. Time is flying and we have started into the Christmas events. Last night's Disco was the beginning with all the children enjoying themselves. There was a lot of dancing but even more singing!



This coming week, we have the Year 4 production of Ready, Steady, Elf! On Thursday it is the Pantomime which this year is Peter Pan. The children enjoy this so much and big thank you to the PTA for paying for it. Finally, on Friday the PTA Rainbow Raffle will be held at the end of the school day with the Tuck Shop. Lots to look forward to before the final week.

Enjoy your weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8th Dec Year 4 Dress rehearsal
- 9th Dec Year 4 Play
- 11th Dec Pantomime at school
- 17th Dec Christmas outfit day and Y3 Dress Rehearsal
- 18th Dec Christmas dinner and Carol concert
- 19th Dec Last day of Autumn Term (1.30pm)
- Spring Term 2026**
- 6th Jan First Day of Spring term
- 10th Feb Parents evening
- 12th Feb Parents evening
- 27th Feb Y4 Visit to Verulamium Museum
- 16th - 22nd Feb Half term
- 12th Mar Book look
- 19th Mar Year 3 STEM trip
- 24th Mar Year 5 Play
- 27th Mar Parkgate's Got Talent and last day of term (1:30pm)



PARKGATE CAROL SERVICE

If you haven't already done so and would like to come, or you can help on the day, please complete the form in the link below.

Year 3

Year 4, 5 & 6

We look forward to seeing you there.

DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Rainbow raffle. There are lots of goodies to make some lovely hampers. Don't forget to buy a ticket.



5 STAR KITCHEN



Our school kitchen was visited by Watford Borough Council food standards agency for their hygiene review and we're pleased to announce they received a 5 star rating.

AGE UK GIFT BOXES

Thank you to everyone that has donated a gift box to Age UK. We will be collecting boxes until **Friday 12th December.**



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
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DECEMBER MATHS CHALLENGE

Task 1

Many of the snowflakes we see on cards, wrapping paper and seasonal clothing at this time of the year, are in fact snow-fakes. Real snowflakes always have 6-fold symmetry! 'Snow-fakes' are those with 8-fold symmetry.

See how many snow-fakes you can find. You could create a poster with pictures of the ones you find.

Task 2

Make snowflakes with 6-fold symmetry

You will need:

Paper (you can use scrap paper to be environmentally friendly!) and scissors; you could also photograph your examples of snowflakes. See the templates attached to help you.

This is math's because you will be using skills such as Geometry and angles; symmetry, rotations and reflections.

Bring your work in by the beginning of next term. I can't wait to see what fakes you find and flakes you make!

click on the snowflakes to find resources to help with your tasks.



Well done to these children for their fabulous efforts in last month's challenge.



PTA NEWS

Thank you so much for everyone who has been involved in the PTA Festive Activities this week.

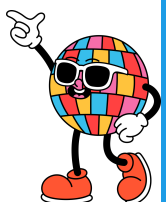
The children had lots of fun at the arts and crafts session on Monday and the two discos were such a success. We could not have done it without the help of volunteers so a big thank you to all of the parents and carers as well as the teachers and office staff who spared the time to support the events, we very much appreciate your help. And thanks as ever to Mrs Pipe for all of her advice and support before and during the events (we hope it was a final Christmas Disco to remember!).

Rainbow Raffle tickets are now available to purchase - please see the poster for details and tickets can be bought [here](#). Many thanks to those who have donated gifts for the hampers. The raffle will be drawn on 12 December.



There will be **no Tuck Shop today** as the children are probably still full of sugar from the discos! The shop will be back next Friday.

Please get in contact with the PTA if you have any questions and/or are interested in helping with future activities pta@parkgatejm.herts.sch.uk



PLAY LEADER

On Tuesday, year 5 completed their second play leader training session and began creating some fun activities for the year 3 children. Miss Brown reminded us of what things were important when teaching children younger than us, such as, speaking clearly, being confident and showing patience. Now that we have completed training, we are looking forward to our new roles as play leaders and giving the year 3s something enjoyable to do during lunchtimes.

(Anna)



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!

FUN RUN

Well done to these children for placing in the top 10 at the cross country fun run at Futures Academy on 20th November.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	3 Owl	Aksharan	Iqra
🌟	3 Robin	Simar	Sairse
🌟	4 Heron	Gavin	Lainey
🌟	4 Puffin	Khyati	Christiana
🌟	5 Parrot	Hanzalah	Ameerah
🌟	5 Toucan	George	Mishi
🌟	6 Eagle	Adam	Cassie
🌟	6 Falcon	Maria	Samarth

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Puffin for 99.29% attendance last week.

3 Owl	93%
3 Robin	91.67%
4 Heron	97%
4 Puffin	99.29%
5 Parrot	95.42%
5 Toucan	91.03%
6 Eagle	96.13%
6 Falcon	91.33%



RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Robin	Asher, Jimmy
4 Heron	Penelope
4 Puffin	Maya.S.
5 Parrot	Ameerah, Ashyla
5 Toucan	Anna
6 Eagle	Thea, Lorenc, Anaya
6 Falcon	Rahani

