

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

A JOYFUL DECEMBER AHEAD

Thank you to all the PTA and Parents for the recent PTA events including the arts and crafts afternoon, the disco and the rainbow hampers this week. We are so lucky to have such an active PTA and this week the money was spent on the Pantomime. It was Peter Pan this year and much fun was had by all!



Each year we collect Christmas boxes for clients of Age UK. A few years ago we realised that there were lots of older people who had no one to spend Christmas with and that they didn't get any presents. As a school, the children decided to create boxes to send out with small gifts inside such as chocolates, hand cream, socks, a puzzle book etc. We have carried on this tradition and each year, the local Age UK comes to distribute the gifts to older people in need. We do not have many boxes this year and I am asking if you can make up a box over the weekend. We would really appreciate it. They are coming to pick them up on Tuesday.

Enjoy your last calm weekend before the holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)



We understand that some of you are planning your summer holidays for next year. We will be returning to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. A full list of diary dates are on the website.

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 7](#).

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



CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option), with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy		Fish Fingers with Chips
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	<i>Christmas DINNER</i>	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato
Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette		Cheese or Tuna Baguette



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FLU IMMUNISATION



The School Immunisation Team have completed their visits to the school to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive their vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via this [link](#).

SNACKS



Please send your child in with a healthy snack for break time. Fruit, bread sticks and rice crackers are a good option.

Please save jam sandwiches for lunch and 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our last family library drop-in for this year. We had a festive theme to our session: the children had great fun decorating Christmassy biscuits and doing festive crafts like bookmarks and cards. We really enjoyed it!



FESTIVE FUN



Yesterday we had a visit from the pantomime and the children were treated to a performance of Peter Pan - oh no they didn't!



AGE UK GIFT BOXES



Thank you for your generosity in donating a gift for AGE UK.

They will be collected on Tuesday if you would like to make one over the weekend.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

★	3 Owl	Lillie	Stefan
★	3 Robin	Victor	Jimmy
★	4 Heron	Sophia	Frankie
★	4 Puffin	Riyan	Alfie
★	5 Parrot	Joshua	Luke
★	5 Toucan	Upi	Umar
★	6 Eagle	Zayan	Farwah
★	6 Falcon	Sam	Charlie

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3 Owl and 3 Robin for 97.82% attendance last week.

3 Owl	97.82%	✓
3 Robin	97.82%	✓
4 Heron	97.30%	
4 Puffin	96.77%	
5 Parrot	95.31%	
5 Toucan	95.07%	
6 Eagle	93.38%	
6 Falcon	92.49%	

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Owl	Aiden, Hadiya, Burhanuddin,
3 Robin	Caitlin, Saoirse
4 Heron	Austin
4 Puffin	Mariya
5 Parrot	Abeeha
5 Toucan	Eesa, Arhaan, Kavithan

