

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026



WELCOME

The children have settled in well to the spring term and are looking forward to all the activities planned for Cross Curricular Week, next week. If you would like to share a story or folktale but missed the form deadline please let your child's teacher know.

Don't forget to read our weekly newsletter and keep an eye on Instagram to see what the children have been getting up to and for any reminders for the following week.

Have a lovely weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19th - 23rd Jan Cross Curricular Week
- 19th Jan Football Match at Orchard Primary School
- 28th Jan Football Match at Holy Rood Primary School
- 30th Jan Cross Curricular Week Open Afternoon
- 2nd Feb Football Match at Alban Wood Primary School
- 9th Feb Dance Show at Rickmansworth School (**DATE CHANGE**)
- 10th Feb Parents evening
- 12th Feb Parents evening
- 16th - 22nd Feb Half term
- 27th Feb Year 4 Visit to Verulamium Museum
- 6th Mar Year 5 Guildhall Concert
- 12th Mar Book look
- 16th Mar Netball Club Tournament at Future Academies
- 18th Mar Voice in a Million at Wembley
- 19th Mar Year 3 STEM trip
- 24th Mar Year 5 Play
- 27th Mar Parkgate's Got Talent and last day of term (1:30pm)
- 14th Apr First Day of Summer Term



DON'T FORGET

NEXT WEEK

19th to 23rd January

19th to 23rd January - Cross Curricular Week.

19th January - Football match.

If you have received a confirmation email that your child will be playing, please remember to collect your child from school at 3.20pm and drop them off at the hosting school and collect at 4.15pm.

19th January - Parents evening bookings open at 6pm.

Book your slot via your child's Arbor account.

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KEEP UP TO DATE

You can find key dates, school information, lunch options, club timetables and lots more information on our [school website](http://www.parkgatejm.herts.sch.uk).



LUNCH WHEN ARRIVING LATE

Lunch orders must be placed during morning registration. If your child is going to arrive at school **after 9am** and would like a school dinner, please inform the office. If your child has a medical appointment, please let the office know your child's lunch choice when telling them about the absence.

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	Chicken Biryani	Fish Fingers with Chips
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Vegan BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Bean Pasty 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



An inspiring learning community

PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR - PARENT WORKSHOP



The Mental Health Support Team will be running a workshop for parents on **Monday 2nd February 2026** at 3.30pm, the session will last approximately 1 hour.

In this session, we will focus on:

- Identifying the root cause of challenging behaviour
- Understanding why children become dysregulated and experience meltdowns/outbursts
- Learning proactive and responsive strategies to address your child's behaviour in a way that encourages positive behaviour.

If you would like to attend this session, please complete [this form](#) by **Monday 26th January**.

If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Mrs Drake.

LIBRARY NEWS



Cross Curricular Week in the Library

Next week we will focus on poetry, non fiction and stories of other countries and our environment. All children will have an opportunity to borrow a book on these themes.

[Here](#) you'll find short clips to share, of poets from other countries such as Grace Nichols, Valerie Bloom and Karl Nova reading Ruth Awolola.

Family Drop In

At our Family Drop In on **Monday at 3:20pm**, you're very welcome to come along and browse books we'll be sharing on our 'Our World' theme. There'll be craft activities, juice and biscuits, of course! All family members are welcome.

Bookdrop

[Bookdrop](#) is a free newsletter reviewing recently published children's books and featuring well known authors. This month featuring Guy Bass, author of the Stitch Head series.

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 link if you are interested in reading [newsletter 8](#).

Newsletters and other support for parents can also be found on the [DSPL9 website](#).

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Our February parent consultation evenings will be held on the following dates.

Tuesday 10th February 2026
4:30pm-6:50pm

Thursday 12th February 2026
3:30pm-5:50pm

These meetings give you the chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Each meeting is 10 minutes long and you will be able to book your time slot via Arbor from **6pm Monday 19th January**. Arbor will close the booking window at **midnight on Friday 6th February**. Please only book **one** slot, if duplicate bookings are made they will both be cancelled.

On the consultation evening please bring your child to the meeting and arrive 10 minutes early so you can look at your child's books in their classroom. Bells will be rung at the start and end of each 10 minute consultation. This is to ensure that everyone is able to have a 10 minute meeting and the evening doesn't run over.

We hope that all parents will be able to attend the Parent Consultation evenings.

VOICE IN A MILLION TICKETS

If your child is performing "Voice in a Million" and you'd like to attend the evening concert, tickets can be purchased online using [this link](#).



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

★ 3 Owl	Saisha	Hakeem
★ 3 Robin	Alice	Harry
★ 4 Heron	Joel	Zainab
★ 4 Puffin	Sayuni	Nasim
★ 5 Parrot	Fianna	Lara
★ 5 Toucan	Joao Gil	Cecilia
★ 6 Eagle	Aarav	Lorenc
★ 6 Falcon	Etana	Hurrah

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 98.03% attendance last week.

3 Owl	96.25%	✓
3 Robin	91.15%	✓
4 Heron	98.03%	
4 Puffin	93.75%	
5 Parrot	93.75%	
5 Toucan	90.25%	
6 Eagle	96.37%	
6 Falcon	90.83%	

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Owl	Saisha, Stefan
3 Robin	Sairse, Edward, Inaan, Matilda
4 Heron	Rihan, Lorena
4 Puffin	Anish
5 Parrot	Aiza, Nuriyah, Levi
6 Eagle	Saadiq
6 Falcon	Delia