

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

We celebrate positive behaviour in a number of ways at Parkgate:

- **Certificates** are awarded during our Friday Celebration Assembly for pupils who showing Parkgate Values.
- **Raffle tickets** If you use good manners, show kindness, respect others, or tell the truth, you might get a raffle ticket! These tickets give you a chance to **win prizes**
- **House points** are awarded for excellent Behaviours for Learning, including perseverance, diligence, and integrity. Every point helps your house.
- **Sunflower Table invitations** are given at lunchtime to reward outstanding manners and behaviour in the dining hall and on the playground.

Starting next week, teachers will send home **Positive Postcards** every Wednesday to celebrate brilliant behaviour in the classroom. If you get one, please share the good news at home!

From next half term, the house with the most house points will enjoy a **non-uniform day**. We will inform you of the winning house the week before. Children in the winning house may wear their own clothes on that day; all other pupils will wear school uniform. This reward will happen every half term, with the first non-uniform day on **Wednesday 11th February**.


As you begin planning schedules for after half term, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children are collected promptly at **3:20pm**. Recently, we have seen an increase in late collections, with up to ten children waiting in reception on some days. Late collection can be difficult for staff, who may have parent meetings, training, or preparation to complete after school. We understand that delays sometimes happen, if you find you are regularly unable to collect your child at 3:20pm, please consider arranging an alternative collection plan or booking a place at **Pirates**, our after-school club. The shortest available session is currently one hour and includes a substantial snack. We would welcome feedback from parents who might find a 30-minute option helpful.

We look forward to sending out our first Positive Postcards next week and celebrating our first non-uniform day of the term with the winning house.

Mrs Couch & Mr Smithard
Interim Headteachers



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	VALENTINE'S DAY	Fish Fingers with Chips
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	FUN LUNCH	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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VALENTINE'S MENU
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

BEEF MEATBALLS OR VEGETARIAN PLANT BALLS

SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD 

HEART SHAPED SHORTBREAD

BAGUETTES AND JACKET POTATOES SERVED AS USUAL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th Feb Dance Show at Rickmansworth School
- 10th Feb Parents evening
- 12th Feb Parents evening
- 12th Feb Valentine's Day Fun Lunch
- 13th Feb PTA - Dress Down Day
- 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
- 23rd Mar Football Match at Kingsway Junior School
- 26th Mar PTA - Spring Arts & Crafts
- 27th Mar Parkgate's Got Talent and last day of term (1:30pm)
- 13th Apr First Day of Summer Term (**DATE CHANGE**)
- 23rd Apr PTA - Spring Disco



DON'T FORGET

NEXT WEEK

9th to 13th February

Mon 9th February - Library drop in after school

'Bricks and Biscuits'
Lego and Valentine biscuit decorating. All the usual comics and colouring.
Brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents: all welcome.

Mon 9th February - Dance Show

Children to arrive at 6pm, please see email for full details.

Tues 10th February - Parent's Evening

Thurs 12th February - Parent's Evening

Fri 13th February - PTA Dress Down Day

Children are invited to bring a donation for the Spring Raffle, The PTA are looking for; Easter eggs, small toys, activity books, garden activities and games, seeds, crafts and books.

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PTA NEWS

Happy Friday everyone!

The PTA has been busy planning some exciting events for the Parkgate children in 2026, not only to support continued fundraising for the school but also to offer fun activities outside of the classroom.

Here are some dates of upcoming activities to note in your diaries:

- **Friday 13th February**
 - Dress down day - children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring in a donation for the Spring Raffle. See the attached poster for details and suggested items (children are welcome to dress down even if they do not donate anything)
 - Valentines Tuck Shop after school - lots of special treats will be on sale (see poster for details). Prices start from 10p!
- **Friday 20 March**
 - Spring Raffle Draw after school - all welcome. Details on how to purchase tickets will follow shortly
- **Thursday 26 March**
 - Spring Arts & Crafts event after school - more details on how to sign up will follow shortly
- **Thursday 23 April**
 - Spring Disco - more details to follow

We'd also love to hear your views on the PTA to help us plan future events and also let us know if you'd like to get involved - please complete this survey to share your thoughts.

[PTA Family Feedback Survey](#)

Many thanks
Parkgate Junior PTA Committee - Hadija, Nikki, Lucy, Hannah and Jane



CAN YOU HELP?

We have kindly been gifted us 15 pallets for our OPAL activities, however we need help to transport them from Beechfield School on Leavesden Road to Parkgate Junior School.

Can you help? Do you have a van that would transport them? If you can help please contact the school office.



PARENT'S EVENING

We look forward to seeing you all next week for parent's evening.

REMINDER

If you haven't already please book your time slot via Arbor. **The booking window closes today.**

P.E. KIT'S

To reduce disruption and to give the children more time in their P.E. lesson, from **Monday 23rd February** children must come to school in their P.E. kits on the the days they have P.E.



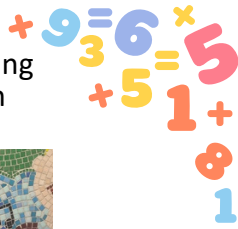
Next week we will confirm each year groups days for P.E.

For full details of the P.E. uniform you can visit our [school website](#).

Not for self, but for all.

MATHS NEWS

Well done to these children for putting such great effort into January's math challenge.



FEBRUARY MATHS CHALLENGE

The February challenge is based on the shapes and objects that are found around the home.

Find an example of a 3D shape and count the faces, edges and vertices; e.g. cereal box. Take photos or draw and label your example. How many other shapes can you find and label?

Find an example of a shape that has a right angle. For example, an envelope looks like a rectangle and has 4 right angles.

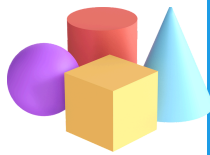
Find examples of at least three objects that are different quadrilaterals and explain how they differ from each other.

Find examples of shapes with acute, obtuse and reflex angles and label them. Can you find any 2D or 3D shapes in or around your home?

Create your own poster with photos and drawings to show what you have found.

Bring your work in by Friday 27th February. You also have half term to work on this project. Have fun!

You can find more on [Google classroom](#)



MATHS WORKSHOP

Following the Year 3 & 4 Maths Parent workshop last night, here are the links to websites that can be used to support the learning of times tables at home.



RAMADAN

We are aware that some of our families are preparing to observe Ramadan. So that we can support your child if they wish to fast, please can you complete [this form](#).



ZIG ZIG LINES

Please can we remind parents that it is an offence to park on the zig zag lines in front of the school gates, on Southwold Road and Parkgate Road.

Parking on the zig zag lines can block the view of the road, making it dangerous for your children to cross the road.



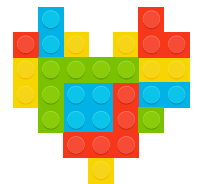
DANCE SHOW REMINDER



The dance show is on Monday 9th February at Rickmansworth School. Children to arrive at 6pm, please see the email sent on Thursday 5th February 2026 for full details.

LIBRARY NEWS

Monday Family Drop In
'Bricks and Biscuits'
Lego and Valentine biscuit decorating.
All the usual comics and colouring.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

★	3 Owl	Hadiya	Darcie
★	3 Robin	Victor	Scarlett
★	4 Heron	Reuben	Uliyyah
★	4 Puffin	Alice	Anish
★	5 Parrot	Jacob	Zayna
★	5 Toucan	Cecilia	Dua
★	6 Eagle	Mila	Hashim
★	6 Falcon	Keira	Nicole

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 6 Eagle for 98% attendance last week.

3 Owl	92.59%	✓
3 Robin	95.17%	✓
4 Heron	87.59%	
4 Puffin	95.36%	
5 Parrot	94%	
5 Toucan	95.86%	
6 Eagle	98%	
6 Falcon	92%	

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Owl	Lillie, Gabriel
3 Robin	Grace, Abigail
4 Heron	Penelope, Zainab
4 Puffin	Nina, Khyati
5 Parrot	Sanjana, Rebecca
5 Toucan	Bryan, George
6 Eagle	Zayan
6 Falcon	Tharanethan

