

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

HALF TERM HIGHLIGHTS

We are now half way through the school year. Despite a very rainy few weeks have shown our team spirit and taken on three local schools on the football pitch, as well as on the stage at the Rickmansworth Dance Festival. We are very proud of all of you. OPAL is now well on its way, thank you for all of your donations. All of the children took part in cross curricular week and produced some exceptional work. It was also lovely to see so many parents at Parents evening.

If you are stuck for things to do over half term, Hertfordshire County Council have a list of [50 low or no cost activities](#) for families to enjoy.

Have a lovely break and we will see you back on Monday 23rd February at 8.40am.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 16th - 22nd Feb Half term
- 27th Feb Year 4 Visit to Verulamium Museum
- 3rd Mar Book Sale
- 6th Mar Year 5 Guildhall Concert
- 6th Mar World Book Day
- 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
- 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

23rd to 27th February

Mon 23rd February - Return to School - 8.40am

Mon 23rd February - Library drop in after school

All the usual comics and colouring.
Brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents: all welcome.

Fri 27th February - Year 4 Trip to the Verulamium Museum

The trip is within school hours. Don't forget to send your child with a packed lunch - no fizzy drinks, glass or chocolate.

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YEAR 4 TRIP - VERULAMIUM MUSEUM

Year 4 will be visiting the Verulamium museum on **Friday 27th February**, leaving at **9.15am** and returning before the end of the school day.

Please send your child with a packed lunch. No fizzy drinks, glass or chocolate.

If you have not yet paid for the trip please do so via Arbor by the end of the day today.



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 10](#).

Newsletters and other support for parents 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	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl 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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P.E. KITS

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.

- Year 3** Tuesday & Friday
- Year 4** Monday & Thursday
- Year 5** Thursday & Friday
- Year 6** Wednesday & Thursday

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



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



South West Herts Partnership are a friendly, non-judgemental and family focused partnership, dedicated to supporting children and their families across schools in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett. Their needs-led approach ensures families can access the right help and a wide range of support services when they need it most.

If you feel you can benefit from their services please visit their [website](#).

WORLD BOOK DAY

After half term, Parkgate will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities both during and after the school day.

We know that it is traditional for some children to dress up to mark the occasion. However, with the cost of living continuing to affect many families, we do not want to place any undue pressure on parents to purchase costumes.

Instead, on **Friday 6th March**, we invite children to take part in a simple alternative: rather than a full costume, they may wish to wear a hat or scarf, have their face painted, or bring a badge linked to a favourite book character — for example, Where's Wally and his red-and-white striped hat.

This is entirely optional, and no money will be collected. In the spirit of encouraging reading, we would much rather that any spending goes towards a new book to enjoy rather than a costume.



MATH CHALLENGE REMINDER

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

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

Bring your work in by **Friday 27th February**. You now have half term to work on this project.

Have fun!

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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

- 3 Owl** Dominic Evie
- 3 Robin** Ibrahim Asher
- 4 Heron** Willow Penelope
- 4 Puffin** Olive Maya A
- 5 Parrot** Hanzalah Avantika
- 5 Toucan** Scarlett Aadi
- 6 Eagle** Tasha Ioli
- 6 Falcon** Sam Younes

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 97.24% attendance last week.

- 3 Owl** 89.56%
- 3 Robin** 92.07% ✓
- 4 Heron** 97.24%
- 4 Puffin** 96.21%
- 5 Parrot** 91.67%
- 5 Toucan** 81.72%
- 6 Eagle** 89.33%
- 6 Falcon** 85%

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

- 3 Owl** Joshua, Darcie, Sara
- 3 Robin** Grace, Grayson
- 4 Heron** Eva, Rueben
- 4 Puffin** Haider, Florence
- 5 Toucan** Aadi, Upi
- 5 Parrot** Tom
- 6 Eagle** Anoushka, Anaya

