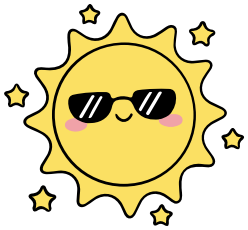


PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026



OPAL IN ACTION

We're delighted to see our OPAL initiative continuing to grow. We've recently added some tyres and pallets to the playground, giving the children even more opportunities for creative, imaginative and active play. The sunny weather meant they were able to make the most of the new additions, and it was wonderful to see their teamwork and enthusiasm outdoors.



We also look forward to welcoming Year 4 back from their visit to Verulamium Museum and hearing all about their learning from the trip!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 3rd Mar Book Sale
- 4th Mar Singing Club ***CANCELLED**
- 6th Mar Year 5 Guildhall Concert
- 6th Mar World Book Day
- 12th Mar Book look
- 16th Mar Netball Tournament at Future Academies
- 18th Mar Voice in a Million at Wembley
- 19th Mar Year 3 STEM trip ***coach leaving at 8:30am**
- 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
- 30th Apr Year 5 Sleepover

Y3 TRIP TO THE STEM CENTRE

- Trip Date: Thursday 19th March
- Children need to be at school at 8:20am, as the coach will be leaving at 8:30am sharp.
- Payment of £20.48 on Arbor
- Complete [this photo consent form](#) before the visit

THE SCHOOL GATES

The school gates open on Southwold Road and Parkgate Road at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. To keep our children safe the back gate will not reopen until 3.10pm

If you are late, or collecting or dropping of your child during the school day, you must come to the Southwold Road entrance.

DON'T FORGET

NEXT WEEK

2nd to 6th March

Mon 2nd March - Library family drop in

We will be making our very own miniature personalised books. Siblings welcome.

Mon 2nd March - Potato Character Competition Deadline

Tues 3rd March - Book Sale

Books for all years and interests after school. All at 10p. Please bring coins up to £1.

Thurs 5th March - Fun Lunch

Fri 6th March - Accessorise the author

Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing something relevant to a favourite author or book e.g. a scarf, badge or face paint.

Fri 6th March - Year 5 Guildhall Concert

Children should arrive at school at the usual time. They must wear full school uniform and bring their violin or recorder. Please ensure your child also brings: A coat, A packed lunch, A filled water bottle.

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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		Fish Fingers with Chips
Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes		Cheese and Tomato Pizza 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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An inspiring learning community

WORLD BOOK WEEK

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with some exciting activities inspiring us all to read.



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.

KEY DATES

Monday 2nd March:

Library family drop in - we will be making our very own miniature personalised books. All welcome. Potato Character to be brought to school.

Tuesday 3rd March:

Book Sale - books for all years and interests after school. All at 10p. Please bring coins up to £1.

Wednesday 4th March:

Whole school activities

Thursday 5th March:

Fun Lunch

Friday 6th March:

Accessorise the author - pupils are welcome to come to school wearing something relevant to a favourite author or book e.g. a scarf, badge or face paint.

The week will end with all children bring home a World Book Day surprise.

MATH CHALLENGE

This month's maths challenge involves a scavenger hunt at home.


Create a poster with all the things you find from the sheet.

Have fun!



BIKE SAFETY



With more students riding bikes and scooters to school (which we love to see!), this is just a friendly reminder to please make sure your child wears a helmet each day. Helmets make a big difference in keeping our riders safe.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone happy, healthy, and ready to learn! 



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

	3 Owl	Sara	Umaima
	3 Robin	Prisha	Edward
	4 Heron	Enjoying their trip to the museum	
	4 Puffin		
	5 Parrot	Eliott	Blake
	5 Toucan	Faye	Angel
	6 Eagle	Anoushka	Safa
	6 Falcon	Jessica	Mariam

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 99.31% attendance last week.

3 Owl	96.3%
3 Robin	94.14%
4 Heron	99.31%
4 Puffin	95.17%
5 Parrot	93.33%
5 Toucan	93.45%
6 Eagle	96.67%
6 Falcon	95.33%

RAFFLE WINNERS

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

3 Owl	Taranom, Sara, Emilia, Aksharan
3 Robin	Saoirse, Grayson
5 Parrot	Savannah, Ameerah
5 Toucan	Kavithan, Angel
5 Parrot	Aadi, Upi
6 Eagle	Ibrahim
6 Falcon	Charlie, Keira, Jack