

# PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

## ANOTHER POSITIVE WEEK

It has been another positive and busy week here at Parkgate Junior School. It has been lovely to see the children continuing to engage with our school principles of be safe, be kind and trying their best in all that they do. We are already seeing these values reflected in classrooms and around the school and we look forward to celebrating more of this in our Friday assemblies.

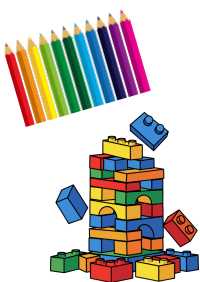
Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic sleepover this week, which was a wonderful experience for all involved. The children showed great enthusiasm and maturity and it was lovely to see them building friendships and creating lasting memories together. My thanks go to the staff who gave their time to make this such a special event.

We have also introduced 'Golden Time' on Friday afternoons, which has been a great success. This gives children the opportunity to choose from a range of activities such as football, cricket, dodgeball, karaoke/Just Dance, paper craft, loom bands, board games and chess, colouring, yoga and LEGO. It has been a joy to see the children ending their week engaged in activities they have chosen and thoroughly enjoy.

A reminder that Monday is the Bank Holiday, and school will be closed. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Finally, as always, thank you for your continued support and for allowing us to care for your wonderful children.

Kellie Barton  
Headteacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday - School closed
- 7<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 Athletics trip at Future Academies
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Music Concert
- 21<sup>st</sup> May Book Look
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May Half term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June INSET Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 PGL
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Play
- 21<sup>st</sup> July End of Term - school closes 1.30pm

## MUSIC CONCERT

We will be holding our music concert this year on Wednesday 20 May 2026. This event provides pupils who are learning instruments, as well as members of the school choir and Guildhall Concert group, with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

We hope that all pupils in the choir, Guildhall Concert group, and those learning instruments will take part in this event. Booking via Arbor (under Trips) will open at 8:00pm on Tuesday 5 May and close at 12:00pm on Friday 15 May. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

NEW!

## CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option), with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips
Chicpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, with Roast Potatoes	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges	Cheese and 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

## DSL9 - FOR OUR SEN FAMILIES

DSL9 Parent Newsletters are published fortnightly and include a round-up of courses, workshops, training and events available to parents and families within DSL9. Please follow the link if you are interested in reading [newsletter 14](#).

Newsletters and other support for parents can also be found on the DSL9 website.



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## MATH'S NEWS

Well done to these children for winning March/April's math's challenge.



## MAY'S MATH CHALLENGE



During the month of May, see if you can spot patterns in the environment. They could be man-made patterns or patterns in nature. Take pictures of the examples of patterns you find. What is the most unusual pattern you can find?

Please bring your work in by **Friday 29th May**.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the examples you can find!

Miss Mason

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

★	<b>3 Owl</b>	Sophie
★	<b>3 Robin</b>	Noah
★	<b>4 Heron</b>	Dora
★	<b>4 Puffin</b>	Seyera
★	<b>5 Parrot</b>	At home
★	<b>5 Toucan</b>	sleeping 
★	<b>6 Eagle</b>	Ayah
★	<b>6 Falcon</b>	Edward

Congratulations to 5 Parrot for 98.89% attendance last week.

<b>3 Owl</b>	95.99%
<b>3 Robin</b>	95.17%
<b>4 Heron</b>	98.55%
<b>4 Puffin</b>	98.28%
<b>5 Parrot</b>	98.89%
<b>5 Toucan</b>	98.33%
<b>6 Eagle</b>	97.67%
<b>6 Falcon</b>	94.33%

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

<b>3 Owl</b>	Aksharan
<b>3 Robin</b>	Grace
<b>4 Heron</b>	Beth
<b>4 Puffin</b>	Khyati
<b>6 Falcon</b>	Delia

## YEAR 5 SLEEPOVER



Year 5 enjoyed a lovely sleepover last night, filled with a range of fun activities and plenty of laughter along the way. The children made the most of the evening, taking part in games and spending time together, with pizza providing a welcome treat for everyone.

As the night went on, a few night owls chose to stay up a little longer, enjoying some quiet reading. It's fair to say that some may be making the most of today to catch up on a bit of rest after the excitement. We hope everyone is enjoying a relaxed day to recharge.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful teachers, who gave up their evening to stay overnight and make this fantastic experience possible. The children will no doubt be talking about it for a long time to come!

