

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026



WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EVERY CHILD

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Parkgate Junior School. Despite it being a shorter week following the Bank Holiday, the children have returned to school settled, positive and ready to learn.

It has been lovely to see so many children continuing to demonstrate our school values of being safe, being kind and always trying their best throughout the school day and during breaks. However, at times, as in every school, some children may need more support than others to consistently follow school values and teaching and reinforcing these values and behaviours is something I am deeply committed to. I understand that, alongside the children involved, this can be difficult both for parents of children who have experienced unkind or unwanted behaviour and for parents whose children may be finding these expectations more difficult to manage. I have greatly appreciated the support, understanding and kindness shown by parents in all situations and I truly value the way we continue to work together to support every child within our school community.

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic athletics afternoon this week and represented the school brilliantly throughout the event. The children showed great enthusiasm, determination and resilience, whilst also encouraging and supporting one another. It was lovely to see so many children taking part with confidence and enjoyment.

Across the school, classrooms have continued to be busy places of learning and it has been pleasing to see the children showing such positive attitudes towards their work and one another. We are very proud of the way the children continue to conduct themselves and contribute so positively to school life.

Year 6 will be completing their SATs next week and we will all be wishing them the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments and we know they will approach the week with positivity and determination.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We greatly appreciate the strong partnership between home and school and feel very fortunate to work with such wonderful children and families.

Kellie Barton
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11th - 14th May Year 6 SATs
- 20th May Music Concert
- 21st May Book Look
- 25th - 29th May Half term
- 1st June INSET Day
- 7th - 10th June Year 6 PGL
- 19th June Sports Day
- 7th July Year 6 Play
- 20th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st July End of Term - school closes 1.30pm



CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Chilli with Rice	Roast Pork or Chicken Sausage (halal option) with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato sauce	Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata 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



SATs BREAKFAST

Don't forget Year 6 were invited to sign up and come for breakfast at 8:30am in the Year 6 classrooms before school during SATs week Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May.



If you have completed the form for your child to attend breakfast, please ensure they bring their own cereal bowl and spoon.

RSE PARENT CONSULTATION

We'll be reviewing our relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum and policy from September 2026 in line with new government statutory guidance and so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

We need your feedback to help us do this so we're running a consultation meeting on Monday 18th May 3.30-4pm in 6 Eagle classroom to gather feedback from parents about the resources that we use and any changes we can make. You will also find a google form [here](#) where you can share your feedback with us if you can't attend the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Drake via the school office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Family Drop In on Monday after school is for all families to come and enjoy the library with a snack, crafts and books.

Our theme this week is languages. Come along to see all the books we have in a variety of languages.



ROAD SAFETY

We have recently been contacted by a few concerned parents who have witnessed children crossing the road without looking carefully, with a few near misses involving cars. Please could you take a moment to remind your child about the importance of staying alert and using safe road-crossing habits on their journey to and from school.



We have also noticed an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school without wearing a helmet. Wearing a helmet greatly reduces the risk of serious head injuries and helps keep children safe while travelling. We strongly encourage all children who ride to school to wear a properly fitted helmet every time.



Thank you for your support in helping us keep all of our children safe.

Watford School of Music

Explore Beethoven

Dive into an immersive day of all things Beethoven.

Come and explore his music, his influences, and the joy of playing some of his most iconic pieces together.

Open to all KS2 & Year 7 classical orchestral instruments: Strings, Woodwind, Brass players, Acoustic Guitarists.

25 Drum Kit & 5 Piano places available.

Must be having instrumental lessons in school or centres and must have permission from head/teacher to attend. Please bring a packed lunch (no hot products allowed).

Tuesday 9th June

9:30am - 3:00pm

Arrival and registration from 9:00am

Show and Share performance at 2:45pm

Watford School of Music

£30 per student

01923 225531

www.herbsmusicoservice.org.uk/HMS-Watford



Congratulations to the stars of the week:

- 🌟 **3 Owl** Hassan
- 🌟 **3 Robin** Alice
- 🌟 **4 Heron** Ysabel
- 🌟 **4 Puffin** Aoife
- 🌟 **5 Parrot** Sanjana
- 🌟 **5 Toucan** Simon
- 🌟 **6 Eagle** Tharanethan
- 🌟 **6 Falcon** Hurrah

Congratulations to 5 Parrot for 98.55% attendance last week.

- 3 Owl** 95.58%
- 3 Robin** 86.55%
- 4 Heron** 98.55%
- 4 Puffin** 90.69%
- 5 Parrot** 89.26%
- 5 Toucan** 94.33%
- 6 Eagle** 92.67%
- 6 Falcon** 97.33%

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

- 3 Owl** Hakeem
- 3 Robin** Aiden
- 4 Heron** Eva
- 4 Puffin** Maaz
- 5 Parrot** Luke
- 5 Toucan** Anoushka
- 6 Eagle** Ibrahim
- 6 Falcon** Jessica

