

# PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

## A WEEK OF PERSEVERANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

This week has been an important one for our Year 6 pupils as they completed their SATs assessments. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and maturity the children have shown throughout the week. For some children, SATs can bring feelings of worry or stress and we have been so impressed by the way they have continued to persevere, support one another and try their very best each day. We would also like to thank parents and carers for the incredible support shown throughout the week, including ensuring children arrived each morning ready for the day ahead - even in circumstances involving illness, anxiety and in some cases, broken bones! Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference to the children.

A huge thank you is also due to our Year 6 staff for their careful planning, calm leadership and unwavering support of the children throughout this period. We are also very grateful to support staff and colleagues across the whole school, whose flexibility and teamwork have ensured that everything has run smoothly, despite necessary adjustments such as temporary class moves and changes to break times. This level of cooperation reflects the strength of our whole-school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Working together in this way allows every child in our school to feel supported, included and able to thrive.

Kellie Barton  
Headteacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18<sup>th</sup> May RSE policy consultation meeting 3:30-4pm
- 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
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Parkgate Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Play
- 20<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> July End of Term - school closes 1.30pm



## BOARDGAME REQUEST

The children have been finding Golden time a really positive experience, enjoying some extracurricular activities to round off the week.

We want to build a collection of board games and was hoping you could help. If you have any preloved, but all in one piece, boardgames we would really appreciate the donation.




## LIBRARY NEWS



**Beast Quest and mythical stories** is the theme of Family Drop In on Monday after school.

All are welcome for crafts, books, browsing and snacks.

## CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and rainbow slaw	Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option) with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Census Day Fun Lunch	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll, with New Potatoes and rainbow slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy		Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
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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## APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



We kindly ask parents and carers to arrange medical and other appointments outside of the school day, for example during school holidays or after school hours.

We are currently experiencing a very high number of requests for pupils to leave during the school day.

Whilst we completely understand that some appointments are unavoidable, this level of disruption can have a significant impact on children's learning and the smooth running of the school day.

Where appointments during school hours are unavoidable, we appreciate your support in minimising lost learning time (for example, booking at the start or end of the day where possible).

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us prioritise all children's learning.

## YEAR 6 CRICKET FESTIVAL



Year 6 will be taking part in a Cricket Festival at Watford Town Cricket Club on **Thursday 4th June 2026**. Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring a packed lunch, water bottle, snacks, hat and sunscreen.

We are also looking for parent helpers to support the trip — if you are available, please complete [this form](#).

## PGL 2027 (FOR CURRENT YEAR 5 PUPILS)

An email regarding the Year 6 residential trip for next year was sent on **Monday 11th May**. A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required via Arbor by **Tuesday 30th June 2026** to secure your child's place.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis if oversubscribed. Please refer to the email for further details.

## ATHLETICS



Well done to our year 3 children who represented the school at the year 3 athletics event at Futures Academy last Thursday.

There were some outstanding runs in the 400m from Saoirse and Jaheim who both won the event! All of our practices really paid off with both the girls and boys relay teams in Robin coming second.

It was a great event for the whole year group and was lovely to see some past Parkgate pupils helping to run the event!

	Boys				Girls			
	Track	Field	Overall	Position	Track	Field	Overall	Position
Kingsway Castles	172	188	360	4	174	203	377	2
Kingsway Palace	181	161	342	6	161	208	369	3
Orchard 3H	160	223	383	1	179	202	381	1
Orchard 3V	162	207	369	3	190	163	353	4
Parkgate Owl	149	206	355	5	179	129	308	5
Parkgate Robin	188	187	375	2	179	129	308	5
School 7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7

**20 XTRA TIME KIDZ CLUB**  
SPORTS & CHILD CARE SPECIALISTS

**FUN FRIDAY DISCOUNT FROM £15 PER DAY**

**Childcare Vouchers Accepted**

**MAY HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th  
8am to 6pm Multi Activities  
9am to 4pm Multi Sports

**Facilities:**

- Large green playing fields
- Spacious Indoor/Outdoor Playing Areas
- Easy parking for quick pick ups and drop offs

**Interactive, Engaging Activities & Games:**

- Girls Only Football, Multi Sports, Competitions
- Arts & Crafts, Mini Games, Adventure Walks
- Badminton, Tennis, Dance, Archery, Cricket
- Gymnastics, Dodgeball and so much more!

**We deliver Holiday Camps all year round**  
Boys and Girls are invited from the age of 4 to 12

**Various Locations:**

Venue 1: Fullerians Rugby Club, Cassiobury, WD17 3BD  
Venue 2: Harvey Road School, Croxley Green, WD3 3BN

[www.xtratime.co.uk](http://www.xtratime.co.uk)

Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, X, Ofsted Approved Good

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

★	<b>3 Owl</b>	Aksharan
★	<b>3 Robin</b>	Ammara
★	<b>4 Heron</b>	Eva
★	<b>4 Puffin</b>	Harley
★	<b>5 Parrot</b>	Hanzalah
★	<b>5 Toucan</b>	Maleeha
★	<b>6 Eagle</b>	
★	<b>6 Falcon</b>	Keira

Congratulations to 5 Toucan for 99.17% attendance last week.

<b>3 Owl</b>	94.57%
<b>3 Robin</b>	96.06%
<b>4 Heron</b>	95.58%
<b>4 Puffin</b>	95.73%
<b>5 Parrot</b>	93.89%
<b>5 Toucan</b>	99.17%
<b>6 Eagle</b>	95.83%
<b>6 Falcon</b>	92.86%

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

<b>3 Owl</b>	Zach
<b>3 Robin</b>	Asher
<b>4 Heron</b>	Willow
<b>4 Puffin</b>	Sierra
<b>5 Parrot</b>	Zackariya
<b>5 Toucan</b>	Faye
<b>6 Eagle</b>	Lorenz

