

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

A WEEK OF MUSIC AT SCHOOL

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our children, staff and families for the warm welcome I have received during my first few weeks at the school. It has been a pleasure getting to know our community and seeing the enthusiasm, kindness and positivity shown each day across the school.

This week, has been full of music! We were delighted to welcome Rocksteady into school on Wednesday. All children had the chance to taking part in exciting rock assemblies. The sessions were full of energy and enthusiasm and children who are interested will have the opportunity to sign up to become part of the band themselves.

On Wednesday evening, we held our own music concert. A huge thank you goes to all of the staff involved in organising and supporting the event and to all parents and carers who came along to watch and support the children. The performances were fantastic and the evening was a real celebration of our pupils' talents. Opportunities such as these are incredibly important, as we know children flourish not only through academic success but also through creativity, performance and the arts.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed parents into school for a successful "Book Look". It was lovely to see families sharing and celebrating the children's achievements and progress.

As we move towards the break, I would like to thank our staff for their continued hard work and dedication, our children for their enthusiasm and effort and our families for their ongoing support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term here and look forward to continuing to work together as we further embed our values of being safe, kind and always trying our best.

We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Kellie Barton
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 25th - 29th May Half term
- 1st June INSET Day
- 4th June Y6 Cricket trip
- 7th - 10th June Year 6 PGL
- 12th June Parkgate Day
- 19th June Sports Day
- 7th July Year 6 Play
- 20th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st July End of Term - school closes 1.30pm



DSPL9 - FOR OUR 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 15](#).

Newsletters and other support for parents can also be found on the [DSPL9 website](#).

SCHOOL DINNER

Our school meals are cooked to order every day. The school office must order the meals by 9.30am.

If your child is arriving after this time you must email or call the school office with your child's lunch choice or send a packed lunch.

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

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CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

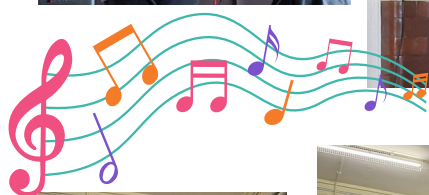
This week has been filled with music across the school, with children enjoying a range of exciting musical activities and performances.

Our music lesson children delighted parents, staff and classmates with a wonderful concert showcasing all their hard work and talent. Performances included violin, piano, guitar and drums, as well as songs from the singing club. The children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see how much progress they have made.

We also welcomed the Rocksteady School of Music for a special assembly. The session was energetic, interactive and extremely engaging, with children joining in enthusiastically throughout. There was lots of singing, clapping and excitement — and it was certainly very loud!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were inspired by the live performances and opportunity to learn more about playing in a band.

It has been a fantastic week celebrating music and creativity in our school.



PARKGATE DAY

On **Friday 12th June** we will be holding our annual 'Parkgate Day'. This will be a chance for children at the Infants and Junior schools' to get together and celebrate being part of the Parkgate community.

The children at the Junior school will walk to the Infants where they will enjoy a picnic, and share a joint assembly. The children will be able to choose a cold lunch on the day, we will send a menu closer to the time, or you can send your child with a packed lunch.

This years theme will be the World Cup.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Today your children will be bringing home the order forms for their school photographs. Please order and pay online using the link on the forms. If you **order within 10 days** the photographs will be sent to school free of charge, if you place your order after 10 days you will incur a postage fee.

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.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Please could we remind parents that the school gates open at 8.40am and close promptly at 8.50am. Any children arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late.

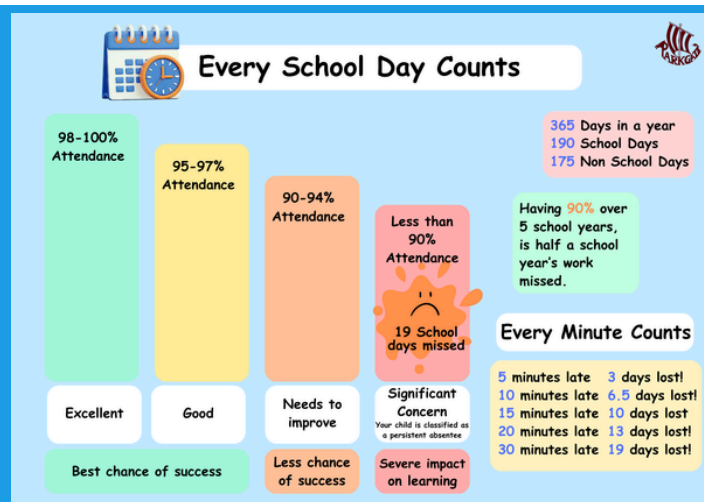
For the safety of all children and families, we also ask that parents park considerately around the school site. Please do not stop or drop children off in the middle of the road or on the yellow zig-zag lines.

Collection time at the end of the school day is 3.20pm. If you know you are going to be late collecting your child, please inform the school office by 3.15pm.

Please be aware that if children are collected late on a regular basis, they will be placed into Parkgate Pirates wraparound care and a charge will be incurred.

If you would like to make use of the wraparound care provision provided by the school, please contact the school office for registration forms and further information.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Congratulations to the stars of the week:

3 Owl	Lina
3 Robin	Simar
4 Heron	Enzo
4 Puffin	Mariyah
5 Parrot	Lara
5 Toucan	Upi
6 Eagle	Aidan
6 Falcon	Willow

Congratulations to 5 Toucan for 100% attendance last week.

3 Owl	94.33%
3 Robin	98.62%
4 Heron	99.66%
4 Puffin	98.67%
5 Parrot	91.33%
5 Toucan	100%
6 Eagle	99.33%
6 Falcon	94.33%

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

3 Owl	Harry
3 Robin	Isla, Caitlin
4 Heron	Felix
4 Puffin	Riyan
5 Parrot	Nuriyah
5 Toucan	Dua
6 Eagle	Theviru

