

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK

The warm weather has certainly been with us this week and I would like to thank everyone for helping to keep the children safe and comfortable. The children have enjoyed spending time outside in shaded areas before the midday sun, including cooling off with the hose during playtimes, which has certainly been a welcome way to enjoy the sunshine! As you know we have adapted our routines where needed to ensure children stayed hydrated and avoided spending too much time in the hottest parts of the day.

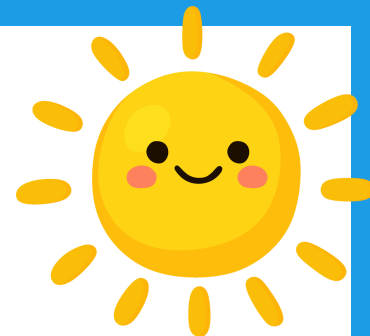
As a school, we continue to focus on embedding our simple school rules: **Be Safe, Be Kind and Try Your Best**. These expectations underpin everything we do and help us to create a positive environment where every child feels supported to learn, grow and achieve their potential.

Looking ahead to next week, the weather forecast suggests cooler temperatures, so we will be returning to our usual school uniform expectations and our normal finishing time of **3:20pm**. However, as the weather can still be warm at times, please continue to ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream already applied before the school day where appropriate.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. It is greatly appreciated and plays an important part in helping us provide the very best for our children.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Kellie Barton
Head Teacher



SPORTS DAY ASSEMBLY

We know the children are very keen to hear the winners of Sports Day.

Mrs Tearle will be holding a special sports assembly on Monday to celebrate all of our children and their sporting achievements.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd July Spanish Day (Note: Date change)
14th July Year 6 Play (Note: Date change)
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	SPANISH DAY Chicken Enchilada's	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato sauce	Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spanish Omlette	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Herby rice, roasted vegetables and sweetcorn	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



PGL 2027 - for current Year 5 children

If your child is going into year 6 and would like to attend PGL, the **non-refundable** deposit must be paid via Arbor by **Tuesday 30th June 2026**.

SPANISH DAY



We are happy to announce that our school will be celebrating Spanish Day on Thursday **2nd July 2026**.

This special day is dedicated to exploring and enjoying the rich culture of Spain through fun activities and delicious food.

Here's what your child can look forward to:

•**Non-Uniform Day:** To celebrate, students are invited to wear red and yellow—the vibrant colours of the Spanish flag. No football kits please.

•**Art activities:** Students will learn about a Spanish artist and will create an art work.

•**Spanish Menu for Lunch:** Our kitchen will be serving a special Spanish-themed lunch. Please see the attached menu.

•**Tasty Treats:** The children will have the opportunity to taste some traditional Spanish food. Please make sure your child's Arbor account is up to date with any allergy/intolerances and dietary requirements.

KEEPING OUR COOL! ☀️💧

What a scorcher it's been this week! To help everyone stay safe, happy and as cool as possible, we've made a few changes around school.

We've relaxed the uniform, adapted lessons and pick-up times where needed, enjoyed plenty of water breaks, stayed indoors during the hottest parts of the day, kept the blinds closed to keep classrooms cool, and even simplified our lunch menu to avoid adding extra heat to the building.



Of course, no heatwave is complete without a bit of fun! A huge thank you to Mr Slavin, who created an amazing sprinkler system for everyone to enjoy. And yes, when we say everyone, we really do mean the children and the staff! There were lots of smiles, plenty of laughter, and a few very soggy teachers by the end of the day!

Thank you to everyone for helping us keep cool and making the most of the sunshine safely.

SCIENCE NEWS

We're happy to announce the winners of British Science Week poster competition 2026. We had a lot of fantastic entries this year with so many creative approaches to put theme on what children think will make a 'good/positive' childhood in the future.



Here are the winners:

Ashal
Aiden
Anish
Shreya
Anna
Anoushka



LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge



READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge

We welcomed the librarians from North Watford Library to assembly this Tuesday to learn about 'Read to the Beat', the summer holiday reading challenge. It's a great, fun holiday activity, with lots of prizes and incentives for reading. To find out more, call in at North Watford Library or explore the [website](#).

Book Sale June 29th

Our next sale will be after school on Monday. All books 10p. Children are welcome to bring coins up to the value of £1. There's no family drop in next week but it will return July 6th.



MOBILE TELEPHONES

A reminder that, for safeguarding purposes, the use of mobile phones is not permitted while on school premises. We kindly ask that all parents and visitors refrain from using mobile phones anywhere on school property, including during drop-off and collection times.

This measure helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all children and protects their privacy.

If you need to make or take a call, please do so before entering the school grounds or after leaving the premises.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us uphold our safeguarding responsibilities.



A REMINDER ABOUT SAFETY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when arriving at and leaving school. Please:

- 👁️ Please help children to cross the road carefully, keeping an eye out for traffic.
- 🚗 Park thoughtfully and considerately, helping to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.
- 🚫 Please don't stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines. They are there to give children a clear view of the road and help drivers see them too.

By working together, we can help ensure that every child has a safe journey to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

MHST WOW CAMP 2026

FREE NHS WELLBEING CAMP FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS
Note you can sign up for specific days, and not just the whole week



• DATES •

10th August – 14th of August

• TIME •

09:30am – 14:30pm

• LOCATION •

St. Margaret's School
Merry Hill Rd, Bushey WD23 1DT

• ACTIVITIES •

Meeting new people.
Wellbeing workshops involving psychoeducation.
Access to qualified Mental Health Practitioners.
Arts, crafts, baking, games, sports, and more.

• REGISTER INTEREST HERE •

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REMEMBER!

READY TO LEARN!

Please can we ask that children arrive at school with everything they need for the day, including school bags, PE kits, packed lunches, homework, musical instruments, and any other essential items.

While we understand that the occasional item may be forgotten, a large number of belongings are being brought into school during the day. This creates additional work and interruptions for our busy office team and takes staff away from other important duties.

We would therefore appreciate your support in checking that your child has everything they need before leaving home each morning. This helps the school day run smoothly and reduces unnecessary disruption for both staff and pupils.

Thank you.

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	3 Owl	Emilia
🌟	3 Robin	Amelia
🌟	4 Heron	Rihan
🌟	4 Puffin	Ismael
🌟	5 Parrot	Prisha
🌟	5 Toucan	Joao-Gil
🌟	6 Eagle	Aanya
🌟	6 Falcon	

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 96.9% attendance last week.

3 Owl	93%
3 Robin	96%
4 Heron	96.9%
4 Puffin	93.67%
5 Parrot	90.5%
5 Toucan	95.19%
6 Eagle	96.33%
6 Falcon	93.33%

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

3 Owl	Harry
3 Robin	Asher
4 Puffin	Sierra
5 Parrot	Rebecca
5 Toucan	Xavier
6 Eagle	Tasha
6 Falcon	Keira

