

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

WRAPPING UP THE SCHOOL YEAR

This week has been another busy and positive one at Parkgate. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in workshops delivered by Show Racism the Red Card, providing an important opportunity to explore equality, inclusion and respect. These sessions reflect our commitment to ensuring that every member of our school community feels valued, respected and safe, and link closely to our school values of Be Safe and Be Kind.

We also enjoyed celebrating our pupils during our Achievement Assembly, recognising children who have consistently demonstrated our Parkgate values of Be Safe, Be Kind and Try Your Best. It is always a pleasure to celebrate the many positive choices our children make each day, and I am incredibly proud of the kindness, resilience and determination they continue to show.

As we look ahead to the final week of term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of providing healthy lunchboxes. A balanced, nutritious lunch helps children to concentrate, learn and maintain their energy throughout the school day. Please also remember that Parkgate is a nut-aware school. To help keep all of our children safe, we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts, including peanut butter, are brought into school.

We appreciate that, as children become more independent, some may begin preparing their own lunchboxes. To support families in promoting healthy choices and to help keep all children safe, staff may occasionally monitor the contents of lunchboxes and contact parents if there are any concerns.

The final week of term is an important one, with plenty of opportunities for learning, celebrating achievements and spending time together as a school community. We would therefore encourage all children to attend every day, right up until the end of term. A reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm on Tuesday** for the summer break. We kindly ask that all children are collected promptly at this time.

As we come to the end of the school year, we will also be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. We would like to wish Mrs Wallis, Mrs Bogahawatta, Ms Ruhani and Ms Mahay every success and happiness for the future.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Wallis for her many years of dedicated service to Parkgate. Throughout her time at the school, she has made an incredible contribution to the lives of our children and to the wider school community. Her passion for music has inspired generations of pupils, and her hard work, commitment and unwavering dedication will leave a lasting legacy. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done and wish her every happiness in the future.

We would also like to thank Mrs Bogahawatta, Ms Ruhani and Ms Mahay for their hard work, dedication and commitment during their time at Parkgate. Each of them has made a valued contribution to our school community, and we wish them every success and happiness in the next chapter of their careers.

As we approach the end of the school year, there is a real sense of excitement around the school, with lots of opportunities for learning, celebration and reflection still to come. Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. It makes a significant difference and helps us to provide the very best experiences for all of our children.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday for a fantastic final week of the school year.

Kellie Barton
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2026

2nd Sept Start of Autumn Term

26th Oct to 30th Oct Half Term

18th Dec End of Term 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027

5th Jan Start of Spring Term

15th Feb to 19th Feb Half Term

25th Mar End of Term 1.30pm

Summer Term 2027

13th Apr Start of Summer Term

3rd May Bank Holiday

31st May to 4th Jun Half Term

7th June Inset Day

20th July End of Term 1.30pm



CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 2

MONDAY

Cheese &
Tomato Pizza

Lentil & Sweet
Potato Curry
with Rice

Jacket
Potato

Cheese or
Tuna
Baguette

TUESDAY

The kitchen
will provide a
range of food
from the
menu to suit
all tastes and
requirements



When we return in September we will be on **week 3**. The menu is available on the [school website](#). Remember **meals must be ordered on Arbor by 8.30am on the day it is required** or a packed lunch provided.

An inspiring learning community

SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER

- School meals will be ordered and paid for through Arbor from September.
- Caterlink will no longer be used for meal bookings or payments.
- Meals must be ordered by **8.30am** on the day they are required.
- Meals can be ordered daily, weekly or for the whole half term.
- Children entitled to Free School Meals must still have their meal ordered through Arbor.
- The cost of a school meal will increase to **£3.10** from September.
- If a meal is not ordered by 8.30am, your child will need to bring a packed lunch, as a school meal cannot be provided.
- If you have unused credit on your Caterlink account, you can request a refund directly from Caterlink.

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher's Award this term. These awards are nominated by members of staff to recognise pupils who have shown outstanding commitment, made a positive contribution to school life, and consistently demonstrated our school values. We are incredibly proud of all of their achievements.



- ★ Darcie Essex-Hill
- ★ Vinuli Muhandiramge
- ★ Elliott Painset
- ★ Olive Parsons
- ★ Dora Mohebpour
- ★ Vihaan Rajput
- ★ Amara Iqbal
- ★ Samuela Owusu
- ★ Anoushka Conjamalay
- ★ Keira Cyrus
- ★ Sophie Kloss
- ★ Edward Holmes

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY & PICNIC



The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on Monday 20th July at 3.30pm, we look forward to seeing our year 6 families there.

- Parents should arrive at school for 3:30pm and make their way to the school hall for the leavers' assembly.
- Families should bring their own food and drinks for the picnic, which will begin as soon as the assembly finishes, at approximately 4:30pm.
- To help us plan for numbers, please complete this form to let us know how many people from your family will be attending the assembly (maximum of two per family) and the picnic.
- Your child must be accompanied by an adult at the picnic.

LIBRARY NEWS



The long holiday is a great time to dive into reading, for everyone. I look forward to hearing all about the books you've read for the Summer Reading Challenge. Parents and carers: why not choose a book for yourself whilst you're visiting the library?

(North Watford Library).

Our Family Drop In on Monday, after school is a great opportunity to browse and choose a book for the holiday. (Make sure all your books are returned first.) With so many books returned last week, use this chance to choose titles that are usually on loan. (NB Dog Man fans 😊) We will also have a selection of older reads for parents and carers to browse and borrow for the holiday. Everyone welcome.

Thank you for returning all your library books. The library is looking well stocked which is brilliant. Please continue to return books you find over the weekend. It means all children can look forward to finding a book they'll really love in the new term.

Mrs Scott

TUCK SHOP

There will be no tuck shop today after school. The last Tuck shop of the year will be on **Monday 20th July 2026**.

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

- ★ **3 Owl** Hassan
- ★ **3 Robin** Saoirse
- ★ **4 Heron** Pearl
- ★ **4 Puffin** Joaquim
- ★ **5 Parrot** Nuriyah, Aiza, Grace
- ★ **5 Toucan** Scarlett
- ★ **6 Eagle** Farwah
- ★ **6 Falcon** Etana

Congratulations to 5 Toucan for 98.67% attendance last week.

- 3 Owl** 96%
- 3 Robin** 95.33%
- 4 Heron** 97.33%
- 4 Puffin** 93.67%
- 5 Parrot** 94.67%
- 5 Toucan** 98.67%
- 6 Eagle** 94%
- 6 Falcon** 93.67%

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

- 3 Owl** Zach
- 3 Robin** Abigail
- 4 Heron** Eva
- 4 Puffin** Alfie
- 5 Parrot** Abeeha
- 5 Toucan** George
- 6 Eagle** Thea, Theviru
- 6 Falcon** Ruhani, Hurrah

