



A message from Mrs Barton

It has been another busy and positive week at Parkgate. The children have continued to work hard, enjoy their learning and show their commitment to our school rules of Be Safe, Be Kind and Try Your Best.

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our class open mornings. Families joined their children in the classroom and had the opportunity to share in their learning. Working closely with parents and carers is incredibly important to us and we look forward to continuing to develop more opportunities for families to take part in school life.

Alongside our weekly 'Golden Time' enrichment activities, a wide range of extracurricular opportunities began this week. These include Rocksteady, violin, piano, LAMDA, singing, tag rugby, girls' football, origami, gymnastics and Skill 7. We have been delighted by the fantastic uptake and by the enthusiasm shown by the children. For further information about the clubs, including availability and how to sign up, please refer to the emails sent earlier.

Congratulations to Year 4 Heron, who were last week's winners of our new 'The Parkgate Way' award with an impressive 19 points. Each week, classes earn points for following our school rules through excellent corridor walking, safe and kind play at break and lunchtime, being ready to learn and demonstrating positive classroom behaviour. The children's positive behaviour this term has been recognised by staff, our catering team, external visitors and importantly, the children themselves. It is wonderful to see the children working together and taking such pride in their class and our school. At the end of the half term, the class with the most points will be treated to a special pizza lunch!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 21st September Family library drop in - after school
- Tuesday 22nd September Infant sibling & individual photos
- Friday 25th September PTA Bakesale
- Wednesday 30th September PTA AGM
- Thursday 8th October Year 4 Tri Golf Tournament
- Thursday 15th October Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 16th October Year 4 Knutsford playing fields trip
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- 2nd - 6th November Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Wednesday 2nd December Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip
- Thursday 17th December Carol concert, Nativity & Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December End of Term (1.30pm)
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term
- Tuesday 9th February Young Voices

Gates

We would just like to remind parents of the times that school gates are open.
 Both front and back gates are open at 8.40am and 3.10pm.
 If you arrive between the hours of 8.50am and 3.10pm you must come to the front gates on Southwold Road.
 We also understand that holding the gates open for another parent or visitor is a kind thing to do, however we need each visitor to ring the bell so that we know when someone comes onto the school grounds.

SMART WATCHES

Smart watches

Children should not bring smartwatches into school. This is in line with Department for Education guidance and helps us to minimise distractions, keep children focused on learning and support safeguarding and the privacy of all our children.

Toys

Children should also not bring toys into school, as they can be distracting and may get lost or damaged.
 We understand that some children may benefit from a fidget toy to help with focus or regulation. If you feel your child would benefit from one in school, please speak to Ms Williams so that we can discuss their individual needs.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school day calm, focused and enjoyable for everyone.

Library

Summer Reading Challenge Success. We celebrated everyone who took part in the reading challenge during assembly. What a great achievement and very well done to everyone who read over the holiday.

Family Library Drop In. It was brilliant to see so many families last Monday, after school. Monday after school drop in every week is a great opportunity for parents, carers and children to see the library and spend time choosing books together. Juice, biscuits, games and crafts also available for everyone.

PTA

Please see the attached flyers from the PTA with exciting news about their bakesale next Friday and the PTA AGM which you can access using the following link and passwords.

[PTA AGM TEAMS LINK](#)
 Meeting ID: 358 484 611 619 193
 Passcode: Y57kt7GS

Year 6 PGL

Please make the payment by 30th September 2026 to secure your child's place on the trip. Please also complete the [online medical form](#) if you haven't already done so.

Stars of the week

3 Owl - Pritesh
 3 Robin - Shehzeen
 4 Heron - Caitlin
 4 Puffin - Lina
 5 Parrot - Lorenz
 5 Toucan - Aaron
 6 Eagle - Radia
 6 Falcon - Aiza

Raffle winners

Pearl Ware
 Chinwem Adiele
 Ayaan Mahmood
 Hoorain Ashar
 Lina Ounis
 Caitlin Hale

Attendance for last week

3 Owl - 94.48%
 3 Robin - 98.62%
 4 Heron - 97.24%
 4 Puffin - 98.06%
 5 Parrot - 97.33%
 5 Toucan - 96.67%
 6 Eagle - 97.33%
 6 Falcon - 99.67%