



A message from Mrs Barton

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

This week, we held our first fire drill of the school year. Fire drills give the children and staff an opportunity to practise leaving the building safely and calmly and help us make sure everyone knows what to do.

We also had school photographs taken this week. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces! Thank you to our PTA for organising the Macmillan bake sale, and to everyone who baked, donated or bought a cake. It is lovely to see our school community coming together to support such an important cause.

This week we also said goodbye to Sarah Penny, who has been part of our catering team for 23 years. Sarah has been a familiar and much valued face at Parkgate for so many children and staff. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done for our school over the years and wish her all the very best for the future.

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 28th September Family library drop in - 3.20pm
- Wednesday 30th September PTA AGM
- Thursday 8th October Harvest Donations for Watford Food Bank
- Thursday 8th October Year 4 Tri Golf Tournament
- Thursday 15th October Flu Vaccination
- Friday 16th October Year 4 Knutsford playing fields trip
- Wednesday 21st October Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October Halloween Fun Lunch
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- 2nd - 6th November Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Monday 30th November Year 5 National Space Centre
- 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

Supporting our school

We're often asked by families if there are ways they can support our classroom, so we've put together a small [Amazon Wishlist](#) with some of the resources and supplies that would be particularly useful for the children.

There is absolutely no expectation to purchase anything – your support in so many different ways is already greatly appreciated. The wishlist is simply an option for anyone who may wish to contribute.

Every item, big or small, would be very gratefully received and will be put to good use by the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and classroom!

Harvest Assembly

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival with the children on Monday 5th October, with a special visit from Watford Foodbank, who will talk to the children about their important work in our local community.

We would be grateful for any non-perishable food donations, which can be brought into school by Thursday 8th October.

Thank you for your generous support!

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening bookings will open soon and will be made via Arbor.

The booking system will open on Friday 2nd October at 6pm and close on Friday 16th October at 6pm.

Please remember to book only one appointment slot per child. Thank you!

DSPL 9 - 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 attached link if you are interested in reading [newsletter 9](#):

This can also be found on the [DSPL9 website](#).

Stars of the week

3 Owl - Xavi
 3 Robin - Dora
 4 Heron - Grayson
 4 Puffin - Saisha
 5 Parrot - Logan
 5 Toucan - Ysabel
 6 Eagle - Joshua
 6 Falcon - Umar

Raffle winners

Levi Byfield
 Finnley Follows
 Eesa Lais
 Alice Benson
 Asher Byfield-Lyons
 Amelia Akhtar
 Beth Stewart

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%

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.