

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

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What another busy week we have had at Parkhead. We have joined many other schools across the country to take part in Brakes National Road Safety Week, focussing on raising awareness about road safety in order to cut the number of injuries on roads.

**ROAD
SAFETY
WEEK** 

We have also had a few visitors in school. On Thursday, we had a visit from Chloe from Network Rail. She talked the children through how to stay safe near railways. On Friday, Liz Twist (Labour MP for Blaydon and Consett) visited our school where she met with all of Key Stage 2 to lead an assembly, and following this, she met with our KS2 school council to answer any questions they had. I am sure you have also spotted our Snowman out and about around school on a morning. Please do keep an eye out next week for the snowman who will pop up in various places every day. Don't forget that raffle tickets will be on sale wherever the snowman is. Next week, Reverend Alison will be joining us on Monday to lead our assemblies. We also have our wonderful Year 3 and 4 children out on a trip; hopefully the weather will warm up for them before they go.

As always, thank you for your support and have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard

RECEPTION OPEN EVENING:

For those of you with little ones preparing to start their educational journey, or if you know of families in this position, on [Wednesday 27th November, from 3:45-4:30pm](#), we're hosting our school open evening. This event is perfect for parents considering our reception class for 2025. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore our provision and meet key staff.

**COME AND
SEE US!**

Please do spread the word to anyone who might be interested in attending.

ASDA REWARDS:

We now have a massive **£507.00** in our Asda Rewards Cashpot. **We have one more week to go.** Please link our school to your Asda rewards as school receive 0.5% of your total spend every time you shop. Asda will also add £1 to our school Cashpot for every Reward Member who chooses to support our school. Hopefully we will raise lots before the end date which is 30th November. Thanks to everyone so far for adding us.

CHRISTMAS:

Please see dates in the newsletter and save them in your diary. If you are unsure of which dates apply for your child, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help you out.

We are currently looking for donations of tinsel and plastic tree decorations. If you have any spare, that you no longer need, please send them into the main school office as this will help us out with various Christmas activities.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Our Christmas lunch day at school will be Wednesday 11th December and can be ordered on School hub up to three weeks prior.

**Christmas
Dinner**

HOMEWORK:

Thank you for your support with homework as we know how busy family life can be to fit it all in. A reminder that it is given out on a Friday and need to be returned back to school by the following Thursday. In order to create independence, all tasks are pitched at a level where your child should be able to complete them with minimal adult support. Mrs Leach's homework club has been up and running for a number of weeks now on a Wednesday lunch time, where children in Key Stage 2 are able to drop in to complete any tasks and ask for any help. Please remind your child that this option is available in order to support them.

READING WORKSHOPS:

Thanks to all of the Reception parents/carers who joined us this week to take part in a phonics sessions. The children loved having you in school, showing you how good they are at fred talk, reading words and using their tiles to make words. We are all super proud of how much progress they are all making with their phonics. If your child is in Year 1, you should now have your date and time for coming into school to take part in a phonics session. We are looking forward to you joining us.

PARLIAMENT WEEK:

This week in school has been Parliament Week. In Key Stage 1, we looked at the role of the King and how he is involved in Parliament. In Key Stage 2, we took a virtual tour around the Houses of Parliament and found out about what happens in the House of Commons. We also recapped our British values and talked about how these are considered when making new laws. To end the week, our local MP Liz Twist visited school to tell us more about her role and the School Council had the chance to ask her some questions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

A gentle reminder that our uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (no leggings)
- Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Red polo shirt
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Flat black shoes with closed toes and straps (no trainers)



Daily uniform for children in Early Years is as follows. This is also the PE kit for children in years 1 to 6:

- Plain black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts.
- Red school t-shirt with logo
- Red school hoodie with logo (specifically only for PE) **or** school jumper
- Trainers

Trampoline socks for boogie bounce sessions for KS1 and KS2 (this will not be every term). Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length and no jewellery should not be worn.

WINTER RAFFLE:

❄️ We hope you've all enjoyed seeing our snowman this week! ❄️

If you would like to enter the Winter raffle, look out for Mrs Hawthorn or Mrs Lennox who will be with him on different gates over the next couple of weeks so don't worry if you've missed him.

Prizes include Newcastle match tickets for Boxing day, £50 Amazon voucher, 1 free ride for Go Karting, Tattoo voucher, Ring door bell, an Alexa, Christmas hampers, chocolate and cuddly toy hampers and many more! £1 per strip.



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN DROP-INS:

Gateshead Children and Young Peoples Primary Care Mental Health Service are looking forward to delivering another month of drop ins. Their theme this month is supporting children with **sleep**. However, they welcome anyone to come along and chat about children's wellbeing and mental health. They are a team of friendly therapists working with children (5 -18 years) and their families and their drop ins provide the opportunity to talk about children and their needs, get advice and guidance, and receive tips and resources. Their drop-in sessions are all over Gateshead. Please visit their website for more information: www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk

WELL DONE:

Well done to Vinnie for receiving his Trophy for Boxing.

We love to hear whenever children have won awards or taken part in activities outside of school.



FunClub



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SWITCH OF THURSDAY AFTERNOON:

We have some exciting news to share! For the past two weeks, our awesome Eco Ambassadors have been on a mission to cut down our energy use by making sure all the boards and lights are turned off during break and lunch times. They have put up posters around school to remind everyone of this responsibility and have been doing a brilliant job!



Yesterday, was extra special because we had a 'Switch Off Thursday Afternoon.' All classes turned off all lights and appliances for the entire afternoon. It really raised awareness and got the children chatting and thinking more about why we shouldn't waste electricity. Hopefully, you will start seeing them doing this more at home.

SAFEGUARDING:

On Thursday, we had the privilege of welcoming Chloe from Network Rail to our school. Chloe has extensive experience working with children to promote railway safety and her visit was both informative and engaging for the children. Throughout the assembly, children from all classes learnt about the importance of staying safe near railways. The central message was "Stop, Look, Listen, Live." Did you know when a train brakes, it travels the distance of 20 premier league football pitches before it comes to a stop?



switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

STAY OFF THE TRACKS

DON'T PLAY GAMES OR BE SILLY ON THE STATION PLATFORM AND STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE



USE LEVEL CROSSINGS SAFELY

DON'T THROW ANYTHING AT TRAINS

ELECTRICITY IS ALWAYS SWITCHED ON



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 27 th Nov	15:45	Reception Open Evening for prospective parents of children entering reception in Sept 2025
Thurs 28 th Nov		Y3/4 trip
Tues 3 rd Dec	2.15	Y3/4 Christmas crafts with parents
Thurs 5 th Dec	2.15	Y5/6 Christmas crafts with parents
Fri 6 th Dec		Cosy Christmas day – trees up
Tues 10 th Dec	9.15	Y3/4 Christmas singing concert
	2.00	Reception Christmas Nativity
Wed 11 th Dec		Christmas dinner day and festive wear
	11.00	Nursery Christmas sing a long
	2.30	Nursery Christmas sing a long
Thurs 12 th Dec	2.00	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Fri 13 th Dec	9.30	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Tues 17 th Dec	9.15	KS2 Carol Service
	2.00	Y3/4 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Wed 18 th Dec	2.00	Nur/Rec Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Thurs 19 th Dec	2.00	KS1 and Y5/6 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Fri 20th Dec		Last day of term
		Mon 6th Jan Back to school

Term dates:

Spring Term		
Start of Term	Half term	Last day of term
Mon 6 January 2025	Mon 24 February - Fri 28 February 2025	Fri 11 April 2025
SCHOOL CLOSED: training day Friday 21 February 2025		
Summer Term		
Start of Term	Half term	Last day of term
Mon 28 April 2025	Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2025	Fri 18 July 2025
SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank holiday Mon 5 May 2025 and Occasional day Mon 2 June 2025		

Important dates to note for next year:

KS2 SATs dates:	Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May 2025
Year 4 Multiplication tables check:	Mon 2 June – Fri 13 th June 2025
Year 1 Phonics screening check:	Mon 9 th June – Fri 13 th June 2025





KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 25th November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Glitter snow flakes	Spot the difference	Paper plate snowmen	Lego Night	Snowman biscuits

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Casey
Acorns	Hanvika
Saplings	Louis
Beech	Isla
Elm	Reese
Willow	Leon
Cherry	Ronnie
Spruce	Jasmine
Maple	Jake
Birch	Aiden
Cedar	Connor
Pine	Marnee

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Ashton S
Key Stage 1	Harley M
Key Stage 2	Yaqub I Charlie W



Parkhead Community Primary School is a safeguarding school and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

WINTER Raffle

Prizes so far include:

One free ride at Go Karting

Ring door bell

An Alexa

£50 Amazon voucher

Newcastle United match tickets for Boxing Day

Cuddly toys and chocolate

Chocolate hamper's

Christmas Hamper's

And lots more

Tattoo voucher

Raffle to be drawn 17th December 2024

Tickets are £1
per strip