



Another fabulous week this week at Parkhead. We started off with Miss Glenton leading an assembly all about World Mental Health Day. During the assembly a little bird decided to join us as well; all of the children were fantastic at not scaring our little visitor, enabling us to let it back outside. Today it was great to see everyone dressed in yellow or bright colours to mark World Mental Health Day. We had a lovely time in school, completing mindful activities and spending quality time with each other.

Like last week, I have had the pleasure of popping around the rest of our classes to see their wonderful maths learning. It has been great watching all of our children engaging within their learning, using some of our new Kagan approaches very well.

Last night, our Y5/6 football team played their first match. They showed resilience, perseverance and excellent sportsmanship. It is always lovely watching them working well with each other, coordinating their passes, finding space and finding the back of the net. We are pleased to say that they played 5 games, with 2 wins. Please see page 5 for further details.

Next week I am looking forward to welcoming lots of you into school to take part in our Early Years crafts and reading workshops. Please remember to sign up on parent pay for these.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Chard

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Reading Workshops

Learning to read is one of the most important steps in a child's education. Strong early reading skills open the door to learning across every area of the curriculum, which is why reading is such an important focus throughout KS1.

Our upcoming Year 1 Reading Workshops are a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about how we teach reading in school. We will share how we use Read Write Inc. phonics, provide practical ideas for supporting your child at home and, most importantly, invite you into a short lesson with your child so you can see our approach in action. Sign up to attend is now available on Parentpay.



We would love as many parents and carers as possible to attend. By working together, school and home can give children the strongest possible start on their reading journey. We look forward to welcoming you!

Oracy October

Oracy October is now well under way. This year our theme is all about Listening. Throughout the month, we will be promoting the importance of oracy, helping children develop the skills and confidence they need to listen, speak and communicate effectively.



Each week, children will explore a different aspect of effective listening and take part in a related activity in class:

This week we looked at listening to understand.

Next week the focus will be listening to resolve an issue

Week beginning 20th October: Listening to empathise

Week beginning 28th October (half term): Listening to provoke thought

Our final focus will become a family listening challenge for half term, so everyone can get involved at home!

Year 3/4 Harvest Service

Our Year 3 and 4 children are in full swing learning their harvest songs ready for going to church; it is always lovely hearing them all singing together. Please see key dates attached to email for date and time.



Cereal Challenge

This year we are taking part again in the Cereal box domino challenge set by Gateshead Foodbank. These boxes will then be donated to them to help local families. Please bring your unopened cereal box donation to school by Wed 14th October. Thank you

Halloween Parties

Tickets for our KS1 and KS2 Halloween parties are available to buy on Parentpay at £2.00 for entrance, crisps, sweets and a drink. The deadline to buy is 14th October. Please see key dates email with this newsletter for the party dates and times.



Early Years Autumn Crafts



We would love to invite parents and carers of our Nursery and Reception children to join us for a special seasonal craft session! Our children have a wonderful time exploring the outdoors recently—discovering all the beautiful changing colours of the season. Now, they are eager to bring all those natural ideas inside to create some fantastic artwork with you. Coming along is a brilliant way to share in your child's learning, see their creative ideas come to life, and enjoy some hands-on fun together. Please see the separate notification for specific session times and dates—we can't wait to see you all soon!

Community corner

Our Community Corner will be open Mon - Fri from 8.35 - 8.50am



Safeguarding - Play equipment

A reminder that the schools play equipment is only for use by school pupils and only through the school day, when supervised by a member of staff. Please do not let children play on this before and after school when waiting for the doors to open. Thank you.



Fun Club!



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

SAVE THE DATE

Please also
see Key Dates
emailed every
Friday

Don't
forget!

REMINDER



Early Years - Sign up on Parentpay to attend the Autumn crafts with your child.

KS1 - Sign up on Parent pay to attend the reading workshops with your child.

Year 6 - Please remember to log into Parentpay to give consent and make payment for the trip.

Year 1-6 - Deadline for Halloween disco is Wed 14th Oct. Order and pay on Parentpay.

Everyone - Unopened cereal boxes for the food bank to be donated by Wed 14th Oct. Thank you!

School photos - Tues 20th Oct

These will be for individuals and siblings only. If you wish to have family photos taken, these will take place in the KS2 main hall at 8.15am in KS2 hall. Please can all children come to school in their uniform. If your child has P.E could they please bring it with them to get changed into.

Key Assessment dates

Year 1 Phonics screening checks - Mon 14th - Fri 18th June 2027

Year 4 Multiplication Checks - Mon 7th - Fri 18th June 2027

KS2 SATs Year 6 - Mon 10th - Thurs 13th May 2027

Term dates

Autumn

Half Term: Mon 26 Oct-Fri 30 Oct

Last day of term: Fri 18 Dec

SPRING

Return: Mon 4 Jan 2027. **Half term:** Mon 15 - Fri 19 Feb. **Last day:** Thurs 27 Mar

School closed: Fri 12 Feb - Training day **and** Fri 26 Mar - Bank holiday

SUMMER

Return: Mon 12 Apr **Half term:** Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun. **Last day:** Fri 16 Jul

School closed Mon 3 May - Bank holiday



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Star of the week



Class	Star	Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Seedlings	Billy	Early Years	Kain
Acorns	Miyah	Key Stage 1	Louie
Saplings	Rosie	Lower Key Stage 2	Sienna-Rose
Y1 Beech	Carson	Upper Key Stage 2	Millie
Y1/2 Elm	Franky	Year 5/6 Football What a fantastic start to this year's football fixtures at West Lane school tonight. The team played 5 games; 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats with some fantastic goals, excellent defensive tackles, brilliant goalkeeper saves and, most importantly, great teamwork and attitude throughout. Every single player gave their all and represented our school exceptionally well. They are a real credit to both Parkhead and themselves. They should be incredibly proud, as we most certainly are!! A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us!	
Y2 Willow	Zach		
Y3 Maple	Frankie		
Y3/4 Cherry	Reese		
Y4 Spruce	Nancy		
Y5 Oak	Ruby		
Y5 Pine	Gabriel		
Y6 Birch	Delilah		
Y6 Cedar	Jack S		