Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



This week

What a fantastic first week back. On Monday, during our assembly we looked at Diwali, including the celebrations during this period. We shared a video where two children talked through their experiences of preparing for Diwali.

Our wonderful Year 3 children took part in another pedestrian training session, teaching them vital skills around road safety.

Our Year 2s held their parents reading session to show what they are learning in school and how parents/carers can further support their reading at home. Thank you to those who joined us.

Our Year 3/4 and Y5 started their weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Langford. It was great to see Year 3 showing enthusiasm towards learning how to play an instrument, and our Year 4 and 5 children remembering what they had been taught the previous year. I can't wait to see how they progress over the next half term.

This half term we have lots of exciting events and experiences planned into our diary, including some visits out of class as well as visitors into school. Today, we were extremely lucky to have a visit from Liz Twist (Labour MP for Blaydon and Consett). Our Y4 and Y6 school council members took her on a tour of our school. After the tour, she popped into our Key Stage 2 classes to meet our children and answer any questions they had.

Next week, Early Years are looking forward to celebrating Nursery Rhyme Week and our whole school are starting 'Switch off fortnight.'

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Chard*

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings are week commencing Monday 23rd November. Parent evening slots are available on your Arbor app for you to book to see your childs teacher.

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Remembrance Day



This year's Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 8th November, with Armistice Day on Wednesday 11th November 2026. Within school, classes will be learning about this appropriate to their age. All classes will complete art work related to poppies, with the History ambassadors taking some over to Winton Court to share with the residents. Mr Boutflower and our History ambassadors will also lead a Remembrance day assembly within school, where we will take part in the two minute silence.

Interfaith week

To celebrate interfaith week next week, we will be looking at the theme, 'Lighting the way for a shared future.' We will also be entering a competition to design a logo for Gateshead SACRE.

World Nursery Rhyme Week



From 9th – 13th November, Early Years will be celebrating world nursery rhyme week. For more information about this event please click on the link: www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com
Keep an eye on our school facebook page throughout this week as Early Years will be using it to share lots with you.

Switch off Fortnight

From November 6th until November 20th it is 'Switch Off Fortnight'. On Wednesday Mrs Kirby met with the eco ambassadors to discuss ways in which we could save electricity in school when it isn't being used. One of the main things the ambassadors came up with was to make sure everything is switched off when not in use. Throughout the fortnight the eco ambassadors will be making sure that boards, lights, switches etc are switched off after every use and they will be policing this in their own classroom and also in the corridors / communal areas within school. On the final Friday we will all be taking part in Switch Off Afternoon where all lights and electronic devices will be turned off and children across school will be looking at ways they could save electricity in their own homes.
To find out more information about the fortnight and to play some games or even sing some karaoke songs visit www.jointhepod.org/students

Children in Need



This year, we will be supporting Children In Need in school. On Friday 13th November, your child can wear something spotty, Pudsey clothing / accessories or come to school in non-uniform. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link. https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/
As part of the day, our school council have decided that we will host Parkhead's very own Talent Show. They have worked very hard with Miss Glenton on ensuring all classes have selected acts to perform on the day. We can't wait to watch them. Our school council will help with running the talent show on the day.

Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week is the UK's largest annual road safety campaign, organised by the charity Brake to promote safer journeys for everyone. In 2026, Road Safety Week takes place from 15th to 21st November. The theme this year is "Safe People on the Move", encouraging everyone who walks, wheels, rides or drives to think about how they can use the roads safely and help protect others. Throughout the week, schools, communities and organisations take part in activities designed to improve road safety knowledge and encourage safer travel habits.

Anti-bullying week



Anti-bullying week will take place from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November. The theme for this year is Break The Silence. We will be doing lots of activities throughout school to mark this important week. Odd socks day will take place on Monday 16th November; this is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Safeguarding - Road Safety Reminder

As the mornings and afternoons get darker, we want to remind our school community about the importance of road safety. Children judge the speed and distance of traffic differently than adults, so practicing these habits together makes a huge difference. Please talk through these with your child to help them stay safe.

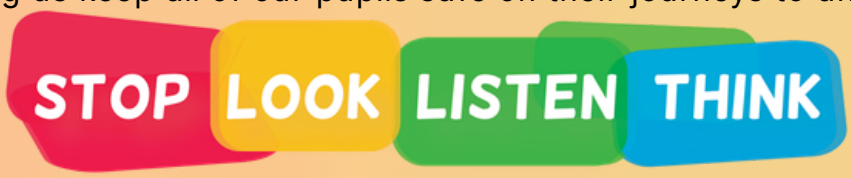
The Green Cross Code: 6 Steps to Remember

- **Think:** Find a safe place to cross away from sharp corners or hidden spots.
- **Stop:** Stand safely on the pavement, just back from the kerb.
- **Look & Listen:** Look all around for traffic (right, left, and right again) and listen out.
- **Wait:** Let any traffic pass completely before making a move.
- **Look & Listen Again:** Double-check that the road is still clear.
- **Cross Safely:** Walk straight across the road—never run—and keep looking and listening.

Top Tips:

- **Be Bright, Be Seen:** Wear high-visibility, bright, or reflective items on coats and bags so drivers can spot you easily in the dark.
- **Ditch the Distractions:** Keep phones away and headphones off while crossing roads to ensure full attention is on the surroundings.
- **Use the Crossings**: Whenever possible, use zebra crossings or traffic lights, Always wait on the pavement until they signal it is safe to cross.
- **Holding Hands:** It is recommended that children under the age of 8 always hold an adult's hand near any roads.

Thank you for helping us keep all of our pupils safe on their journeys to and from school!



SAVE THE DATE

Please also see Key Dates emailed every Friday

Don't forget!

REMINDER

Year 3/4 and 5/6 - Sign up on Parent pay to attend the Christmas crafts with your child.

Year 3/4/5 - Please remember to log into Parentpay to give consent and make payment for the trip.

Everyone:

- Sign up to attend your childs Christmas performance
- Book parents evenings
- Friday 13th November - children to wear something spotty/non-uniform
- Monday 16th November - odd sock day

Christmas

We have some exciting Christmas events planned for this half term. These include singalongs, performances and carols and reading in church. Please save the dates in your diary.

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 **Last day of term:** Fri 18 Dec

SPRING **Return:** Mon 4 Jan 2027. **Half term:** Mon 15 - Fri 19 Feb. **Last day:** Thurs 25 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

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

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Margot
Acorns	Ayda
Saplings	Payton
Y1 Beech	Matilda
Y1/2 Elm	Jacob
Y2 Willow	Theo
Y3 Maple	Carson
Y3/4 Cherry	Koben-Lee
Y4 Spruce	Hunter B
Y5 Oak	Indi-Grace
Y5 Pine	Emilia
Y6 Birch	Sahand
Y6 Cedar	Stephen

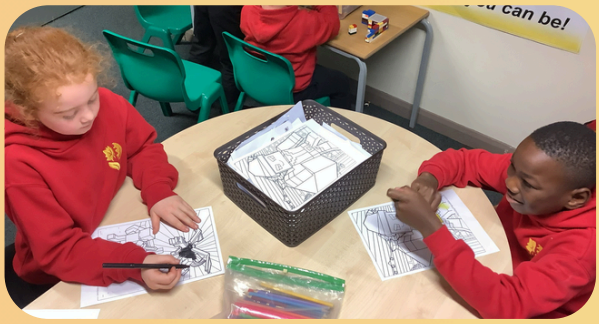
Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Miles
Key Stage 1	Sana
Lower Key Stage 2	Blake
Upper Key Stage 2	Nathan

Fun Club!









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