



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

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This week has been an action-packed week in school. We started our week off looking at one of our values, resilience. Key Stage 2 looked at what being it looks like and how we can become more resilient. Key Stage 1 looked at the magic of yet, whereby adding the word yet makes something possible, for example 'I can't swim yet.'

On Monday afternoon, Emily, from 52 lives, came into school to work with our Key Stage 1 children on a kindness workshop. She was extremely pleased to see how engaged all of the children were during the session, and how they put lots of thought into their answers. Emily would love to come back to our school again to work with our fantastic children.

On Tuesday, Maple class took part in their NUSTEM workshop, where, again they were fully engaged and had a great session.

On Friday, we all took part in Number Day. Throughout the day, all of the children completed in various maths activities. Great fun was had by all!

Next week, we are looking forward to our Nursery 'I love you crafts', Reception 'I love you café' and Year 5/6 computing session. We can't wait to see you at these sessions.

Thanks for your continued support.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard

SAFEGUARDING:

Please see attached guidance – *10 Top Tips For Respect Online*.

PE UNIFORM:

A reminder that our schools PE uniform for children in Years 1 - 6 is:

- Plain black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Red school t-shirt
- Red school hoodie or school jumper
- Trainers

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026:

Thurs 19th Feb – last day of term

Fri 20th Feb – training day **school closed**

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Feb – half term **school closed**

Mon 2nd Mar - back to school

w/c Mon 16th Mar – parent's evenings

Thurs 2nd Apr – last day of term

Fri 3rd Apr – bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 6th – Fri 17th Apr – Easter holidays **school closed**

Mon 20th Apr – back to school

Mon 4th May – Bank holiday **school closed**

**Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May 2026
KS2 SATS – YEAR 6**

Fri 22nd May – last day of term

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May – half term **school closed**

Mon 1st June – occasional day **school closed**

Tues 2nd June – back to school

**Tues 2nd June – 2 weeks Y4
Multiplication checks**

**Mon 8 June – Fri 12th June Y1
Phonic screening checks**

Fri 17th Jul – last day of term

Please note we will continue to send all other dates in a separate email to parents/carers only. These will include dates of trips and events in school.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

We know how much our pupils enjoy spending time online, and we're proud of how computer-literate Parkhead pupils are becoming. We will therefore be marking **Safer Internet Day, 10th Feb**, with a variety of age-appropriate activities to help children learn how to stay safe online. Further information about the activities planned, including how families can support learning at home, will be sent soon.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9–15 February. The theme this year is "This is My Place", which focuses on helping children and young people feel a sense of belonging. The aim of the week is to support children and young people so they feel safe, valued, and accepted. Throughout the week, we will be taking part in activities linked to the theme to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.



WORKSHOPS:

We are inviting parents/carers from Early Years and Key Stage 2 into school this half term to take part in at least one session with your child. This is a great opportunity for you to see what happens in school and gives you the opportunity to speak to the adults who work with your child. Please see separate email, with a list of key dates for your diary.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

All of our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed taking part in battles again this week. I am pleased to announce that the winning class for lower key stage 2 was Maple and the winning class for upper key stage 2 was Pine. The three most valuable players for lower key stage 2 were Gabriel, James C and Mya. The three most valuable players for upper key stage 2 were Noah C, Lenny and Jan.



PARENTS EVENING:

This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 16th March. Appointments will be available to select on Arbor from 5pm, Friday 6th February.

Don't forget parents evening!

SCIENCE WORKSHOP:

This week, Maple class took part in a practical science workshop with Mel, from NUSTEM, where they got to be Sports Scientists. They used real equipment to measure grip strength, heart rate, and jump height and then they analysed their results.



NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK:

This week is National Story Telling Week. At Parkhead, we love reading and we want to encourage all our children to love reading too. As well as choosing books from our school library, we have been talking about all the different ways we can access books. Remember reading isn't just picking up a book it can be reading on an app, listening to audio books, watching stories be read on video and, most importantly, having someone share a book with us.

We've also been talking about some of the different texts our children like to read from comics, to football programmes, stories and non-fiction; there is something for everyone. The libraries in Winlton and Blaydon are always happy to help and if you are looking for ideas to encourage your child to read and the books are free.

The National Literacy Trust has lots of advice for parents to support your child with reading. Please click on the link [National Storytelling Week 2026 Activities](#)

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing a lot to promote reading. We have our book fair in school next week. Please see the letter we sent out for the times you and your child can access this. World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Further information about the activities we will be doing on that day will be sent out next week.

NUMBER DAY:



Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Brody L
Acorns	Albie
Saplings	Isaac
Beech	Niyaesh
Elm	Laylah
Willow	Bodhi
Cherry	Georgie
Maple	John
Spruce	Kayden M
Cedar	Stephen
Oak	Evie
Birch	Chessie
Pine	Salma

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Harry N
Key Stage 1	Rex
Lower Key Stage 2	Madison
Upper Key Stage 2	Mila

FunClub

Well done



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