



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

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Wow, what a wonderful week we have had. We started the week off with our assemblies focussing on teamwork. We looked at different teams such as in football, gymnastics, emergency services and other careers and how working together can be very useful in terms of supporting each other, completing a task more efficiently and achieving something we may not have been able to on our own. We also looked at how animals and insects also work together to achieve a set goal, for example ants all helping out to carry something heavy. At the end of our assemblies, we thought carefully about how teamwork can help us within our school. Throughout the week, the adults around school have been spotting excellent teamwork, right the way from Nursery through to Year 6.

Our visiting music teachers, Mrs Fildes and Mr Langford, have been very impressed with the year groups they work with. From beautiful singing to persevering with reading music to playing a tune on the ukuleles; excellent effort all round!

We had our first PINS coffee afternoon on Thursday. If you missed this one, don't worry, there is another one in February. If you have any questions about these, please see Mrs Cooper (SENDSCO).

Please remember, next Friday (6th) we will be joining schools across the country to celebrate **Number Day**, the NSPCC's nationwide mega-maths event. Our pupils will be taking part in a range of fun, number-based activities that we hope will build confidence, curiosity and problem-solving skills, while celebrating the importance of maths in everyday life. As part of this, like last year, children can come in non-uniform, with the theme 'Dress up for Digits' and wear an item of clothing or accessory with a number on it. The more creative, the better! Some ideas you could use are below.

If you would like to donate, you can do this direct to NSPCC through the following link:

[NSPCC fundraising](#)

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard



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.

Next Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 children have an online session all around personal internet safety. This session will provide a practical guide to navigating the online world safely and confidently helping the children to discover what's safe to use and what to avoid online and understand the potential risks and how to protect themselves.

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.

WATER BOTTLES:

We kindly ask that you provide only water for your children to drink in school, not juice. This is to promote good dental health. For more information on the benefits of water for children, please visit:

[NHS - Water, drinks and hydration](#)

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 Amy, Blake and David. The three most valuable players for upper key stage 2 were Noah, Jan and Jensen.



PARENTS EVENING:

This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 16th March. Once available, you will be able to sign up on Arbor for your parents evening slot. We will email to notify you next week when they are available.



SAFEGUARDING: - KS2 COLLECTION:

When collecting your child/ren from KS2, please collect from the KS2 yard and not stand on the steps or ramp. This is to ensure a clear walk way for people and also to enable good visibility for teacher's, prior to handing over children.

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Veronica
Acorns	Elo
Saplings	Leon
Beech	Spencer
Elm	Archie
Willow	Amelia
Cherry	Frankie
Maple	Adam
Spruce	Indi-Grace
Cedar	Ellie
Oak	Cruz
Birch	Layton
Pine	Connor

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Ayda
Key Stage 1	Jorgie
Key Stage 2	George Lenny

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.