



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

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I hope you have all had a lovely holiday. It has certainly been a very mixed week for weather, where I think we have seen a bit of everything! As always, we have had a very busy first week back at school. On Monday, during our assembly, we started off our week looking at what we achieved last term and what we would like to achieve this term. It is always great listening to the children talking about their goals.

We have welcomed some new children into our Nursery. They have all settled in brilliantly, making friends and having lots of fun. I have been able to pop around to see all of the children across school this week; as always, they have shown enthusiasm towards their learning, demonstrating positive attitudes towards their work, following our school rules, 'Be Ready', 'Be Respectful' and 'Be Safe'. It has been fantastic listening to what they have been up to during the holiday with family and friends.

This week, we have also welcomed Miss Young into our wonderful Parkhead team. She has taken over as teacher in Elm class and, so far, she is extremely impressed with all of the children. She can't believe how hard working and keen they all are.

Throughout this term, we have some excellent events planned for the children. You will have the opportunity to come into school to take part in activities alongside your child. For further information, please see our dates, which will be sent out separately next week. Our children will also be marking specific national events within school such as children's mental health week and science week. During these weeks, teachers will be planning lots of activities for the children to complete, which we know the children will enjoy.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

*Mrs Chard*

## **PARENTS EVENING:**

This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Once available, you will be able to sign up on Arbor for your parents evening slot. More information to follow.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026:**

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – last day of term

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – training day **school closed**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – half term **school closed**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - back to school

w/c Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – parent's evenings

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – last day of term

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter holidays **school closed**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – back to school

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday **school closed**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
KS2 SATS – YEAR 6**

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May – last day of term

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

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June – occasional day **school closed**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – back to school

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 2 weeks Y4  
Multiplication checks**

**Mon 8 June – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June Y1  
Phonic screening checks**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SPRING TERM CLUBS:**

As always, we have a range of clubs on offer for Spring term 1. Clubs will be starting next week. If your child was not allocated a place due to the club being over-subscribed, they will be on the waiting list. If a place becomes available for them, we will contact you to let you know.

**NUMBER DAY**

Next month on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 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.

**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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TRIPS:**

As part of our continued effort to offer enriching experiences outside of the classroom, as always, we have an exciting schedule of educational trips and activities planned for all children from Reception through to Year 6 throughout the year.

To make these trips as accessible as possible, the school heavily subsidises the cost of each one, covering a significant portion from our limited budget. We understand that the costs associated with these trips can place pressure on families, especially when payments are requested at short notice.

To help make paying more manageable, in September we introduced a single cost of £30 to cover all trips and activities for this academic year (to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026). This can be paid in instalments with a reducing balance. To make payment please log into Parent pay.

Please note, the Year 6 residential is a separate cost.

**RESIDENTIAL:**

We are delighted to be able to offer our next years 'Year 6' children the opportunity to attend a two-night residential visit when they return in September. A separate email has been sent regarding this. A deposit of £20 is required for your child's place on this trip, made payable by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**NUSTEM WORKSHOP:**

Year 3 will take part in a practical science workshop where children become Sports Scientists. They will use real equipment to measure grip strength, heart rate, and jump height, then analyse the results and create performance plans for their athletes. Year 3 and 4 (Maple) will be taking part in the same workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**HEADLICE:**

We have had a reported case of headlice in Year 3/4. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to avoid further spread.



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# Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Reggie
Acorns	Alivia
Saplings	River
Beech	Rocco
Elm	Hayden
Willow	Alfie
Cherry	Renee
Maple	Reese
Spruce	Tommy
Cedar	Oscar
Oak	Milo
Birch	Kacper
Pine	Lily-Mae

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Brooklyn
Key Stage 1	Jack
Key Stage 2	Blake Zoey

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Today we celebrated achievements in football

# FunClub

Well done

