



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

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It has been a lovely festive week in school. On Monday, we welcomed our Year 5/6 parents and carers into school to take part in our first craft session. It was lovely to see so many of you; I do hope you enjoyed it. On Tuesday, it was Y3/4s turn to complete their craft afternoon. Again, what a fantastic turnout for them. I hope you had fun completing the activities with your child. Reverend Alison also joined our Reception children on Tuesday where they had a great time completing various activities. On Wednesday, our Nursery children were wonderful at their Christmas sing-a-long. They sang so beautifully, showing enthusiasm throughout the sessions, what super stars. By Thursday, it was Christmas jumpers and school Christmas lunch, which always goes down a treat! Reception performed their Christmas Nativity, which I am sure you will all agree definitely had the cute factor with fabulous singing, dancing and acting. They were absolutely adorable. Finally, on Friday it was Year 1 and 2s turn to show off their amazing acting skills and fabulous singing. What a top performance! We have certainly sprinkled Christmas joy around this week! As always, thank you for your support.

Next week, our final events include KS1 going to church to complete Christmas related activities, Year 5 and 6 taking part in our annual carol service, Years 3 and 4 performing their Christmas songs for parents/carers, some of Y4 popping over to Winton Court to sing for the residents and our fun Christmas parties. What a lot to pack into our final week. Always a busy but magical week in school.

I can't believe we only have one more week left at school until the end of this term!

Have a great weekend. *Mrs Chard*

STAFFING:

As you all know, Miss Crabtree has one week left with us before she travels on her new adventure. We wish her lots of luck in her new role. Miss Young, who is taking over from Miss Crabtree, has been into school this week to complete a thorough handover and to meet all of the children. She will also be in school a few times next week. Miss Young can't wait to join us in January.

CHRISTMAS:

Please remember during the final week, Year 3 and 4 will be surrounding you with their beautiful Christmas singing and Year 5 and 6 will be sharing reading and carols with you during their service in church. We also have our Christmas parties. Children to bring their party wear into school to change. Please see dates which have been sent out separately.



PARTIES:

Next week is Christmas party week in school. Please remember to send in party clothes on the day of your child's party. There will be lots of dancing and games and a few treats to eat. We are sure that everyone will have a fantastic time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

If you have signed up for any of the after-school clubs in the spring term, you will be notified by email if your child has a place by end of today.

KLUBZ 19TH DEC 2025:

Please note, on Friday 19th December Klubz will only be available **until 4.30pm**. This will show as a separate payment item in Parentpay.



WINTER RUNDERLAND:

We are well underway with the Winter RUNDERLAND challenge. This is a Christmas themed, physical activity challenge set by the Gateshead School Sports Partnership for schools in Gateshead. The aim is for children to take part in as much physical activity as possible to earn carrots to feed the reindeers, which will give them enough energy to travel around the world. There will be a treat for the winning class at the end of the challenge. Keep going everyone!



SCHOOL CHOIR:

Miss Brown, Miss Coates and some of our Year 4s will be popping over to Winton Court during the last week to sing some Christmas songs for the residents, who we know will absolutely love listening to their beautiful voices. It is always great getting our children out and about in the community.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

On Thursday, we all had a lovely time, putting on our Christmas jumpers and sitting together for our Christmas lunches. Thanks to our wonderful catering team for ensuring everything went according to plan!



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

This week it was lovely celebrating achievements in dancing.

PARKHEAD STAR:

Our very own Mrs Hawthorn received an award from Unison after being nominated for a Star in Our School 2025. This is an annual celebration to honour the dedication and hard work of school support staff and very deservedly, Mrs Hawthorn has been recognised for this. I'm sure you will all agree she is always a huge support to the staff and families of Parkhead and we couldn't do without her.



FunClub

Well done



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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Carter
Acorns	Eve
Saplings	Ashton
Beech	Aryan
Elm	Ryan
Willow	Freya
Cherry	Dylan
Maple	Veronica
Spruce	Layla-Ann
Cedar	Frances
Oak	Adem
Birch	Imogen
Pine	Jake

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Reuben
Key Stage 1	Frankie
Key Stage 2	Archie Kuba



WINTER RAFFLE: purchased during events except the Christmas carol service

Thanks to everyone who has already purchased tickets. **The last day to buy tickets will be Tuesday 16th December. Remember you can also buy on Parentpay.**

Top prizes include football boots signed by the one and only Sean Neave. There are also tickets for Newcastle V Aston Villa game January 2026. Please note, these tickets cannot be sold nor transferred.

We also have a children's digital camera, mengadash kids tablet, blue tooth earbuds, 2 vouchers for Activate in the Metrocentre, a family of four voucher for the upside down house, Greggs voucher, toys, games, hampers and various other prizes.

Look out for our winter friends selling tickets over the next few weeks or you can buy tickets on Parentpay.



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