



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

Issue Number 11: Friday 21st November 2025

What another exciting week in school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place from Nursery through to Year 6. On Thursday, all of our children were very pleased to see the snow making its first appearance this term. Unfortunately, we didn't get very much time in it as it quickly melted away. However, don't be too disappointed as our very own snowman will be out and about next week selling our Winter raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are £1 per strip with some amazing prizes to be won. Keep an eye out for the snowman and make sure you say hello!

Nursery and Reception have enjoyed working with NUF this week, developing their ability to control a ball. I have popped into Year 1 and 2 a few times this week, where every time, they have shown excellent behaviours for learning. On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 children brightened up everyone's morning with their lovely singing with Mrs Fildes. Over lunchtime this week, I have enjoyed playing football with some of our Year 5 children; they were very impressed at my goalkeeping skills! Within Year 6 I had the pleasure of working with some of the children to support them with developing their arithmetic skills; great to see their enthusiasm when completing the set tasks.

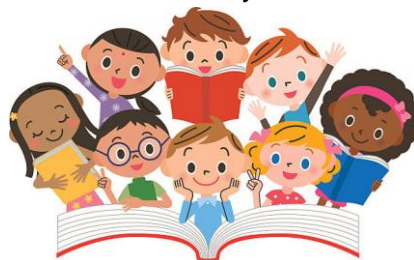
Well done to all of our children for being amazing this week and thanks to all of you for your continued support.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. See you all next week.

Mrs Chard

READING WORKSHOPS – YEAR 2:

Next week our Year 2 reading workshops will be taking place (information has already been sent to Year 2 parents/carers). Reading is key to every child's progress in school and is a strong focus of our KS1 provision. We know that you will love joining your child for a short reading lesson where you can see the teaching of reading in action! We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.



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.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Our Christmas lunch day is Thursday 11th December and is available to order on Parentpay from Monday.

Please can we ask you to order by 1st December so we have an idea of numbers for ordering. Many thanks

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

KLUBZ UPDATE:

Please note, on Friday 19th December Klubz will only be available **until 4.30pm**. This will show separately in parentpay.



PARENTS EVENINGS:

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. It was lovely to see you all. I do hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's books at their wonderful learning. As always, if you ever have any queries or concerns regarding your child's progress throughout the year, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

● Switch Off Fortnight (10th November – 21st November) ●

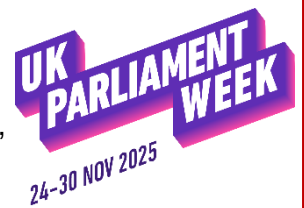
This week our Eco Ambassadors completed their mission to help save energy during Switch Off Fortnight! They have been making sure that all lights and interactive boards are turned off during break and lunchtimes, and they have put up posters around school to remind everyone: 'If you're not using it, switch it off!'.



Today, all classes took part in a special Switch Off Afternoon, where all lights and appliances were turned off for the whole afternoon. This event helped to raise awareness and get everyone talking and thinking about why it's so important not to waste electricity.

PARLIAMENT WEEK:

Next week in school is Parliament Week, an annual event in November designed to help children understand what Parliament does and how it works. Throughout the week, classes will explore the role of Parliament and revisit the British Values, looking at why these are important in everyday life. Children will also take part in classroom voting and share their ideas on key topics with their School Council representatives, just as MPs would in Parliament.



TT ROCKSTARS:

On Wednesday 26th November it is the return of the KS2 TTRS 'Top of the Rocks' battle! Last school year, some of you may remember we were victorious against another local Gateshead school! To ensure the battle is fair, the children will only be able to battle in school. On the day, each class will be given a 30-minute slot to play and the school with the most correct answers will be the winner. As the reigning champions, we want to hold onto our title!



FUN IN THE SNOW:

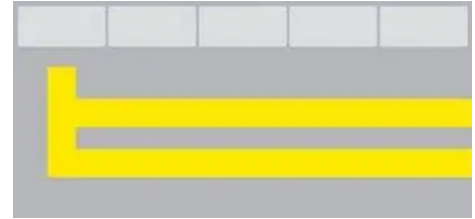


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SAFEGUARDING - ROAD SAFETY WEEK:

Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to share important road safety messages. The theme this year has been 'Safe Vehicles Save Lives.' This week we have all been completing activities around road safety.

At school drop off and pick up, please can I remind everyone to be courteous and think carefully about where to park, as recently we have witnessed cars being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with buggies or in wheelchairs to get by safely, often forcing them to go on the road.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Please remember that your child can bring in any medals, certificates or trophies they receive outside of school for the hobbies they take part in. It is always lovely to celebrate everyone's achievements.



WINTER RAFFLE:

Our wonderful winter raffle will be on sale from next week. £1 per strip with many prizes to be won.

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.



WIN *ter* Raffle



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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Jack
Acorns	Carson
Saplings	Reuben
Beech	Koby
Elm	Zach
Willow	Frankie
Cherry	Daisy
Maple	George
Spruce	Arlo
Cedar	Jack
Oak	Zoey
Birch	Roxanna
Pine	Jamie

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Matilda
Key Stage 1	Eden
Key Stage 2	Daisy Kayden

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.