



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

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We have had a lovely first week back at school. As always, full of busy with our week starting off with Key Stage 2 school councillors helping to pack the Food Bank van full of cereal boxes to go back to the warehouse ready to be distributed to those in need. It has been great popping in and out of classes this week, seeing all of the wonderful learning right across school. We have welcomed a few new nursery children into school. They have settled in brilliantly to the nursery routines. We have also welcomed a couple of children into Key Stage 2; they have had a fantastic week, making lots of friends and having lots of fun. This week, Cherry and Maple have started their ukulele lessons; I look forward to hearing them play as the term progresses. Year 6 went out of school to take part in a safety works session. On Thursday, to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day, we all had an OPaL play session, which our children and adults loved.

Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Chard*

STAFFING:

We have welcomed Miss Johnson into our wonderful team, who is supporting Mrs Kirby and Mrs Wallwork in nursery. She has enjoyed her first few weeks with us. Miss Johnson has already been very impressed with our Nursery children and has said that they are all amazing.

At the end of Autumn term (December) we say goodbye to Miss Crabtree, who has worked at Parkhead for ten years, supporting many children and families. Miss Crabtree is off on a new adventure; she will be a big miss at Parkhead.

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. You will be order this on Parentpay nearer to the date.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, we will be supporting Children In Need In school. On **Friday 14th November**, you child can wear something spotty, Pudsey clothing / accessories or come to school in non uniform. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link.



<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

PARENTS EVENINGS:

As we hurtle toward half term, please note that parent night consultations will take place during the week beginning **17th November**. It is always lovely to welcome you into school to look at your child's books and give you the opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made since September. It is also a great way for you to ask any questions you have. You will be able to sign up for an appointment on **Arbor**. Please log on to and make a booking if you haven't already.



KLUBZ UPDATE:

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

This year's Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 9th November, with Armistice Day on Tuesday 11th November 2025. Within school, children will be using their History lessons to learn about the significance of the day and explore stories from WW1 and WW2 in an age appropriate way. We'll also be coming together to mark the two minutes silence and our History Ambassadors will be sharing our poppy themed artwork with the residents of Winton Court. At Parkhead we always welcome this day as a chance to concentrate on the themes of remembrance and respect for those who have served.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025:

Anti-bullying week will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November. The theme for this year is Power for Good. We will be doing lots of activities throughout school to mark this important week. **Odd socks day** will take place on **Monday 10th November**; this is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK:

From 10th – 14th November, Early Years will be celebrating world nursery rhyme week. For more information about this event please click on the link:

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>



Keep an eye on our school facebook page throughout this week as Early Years will be using it to share lots with you. [Parkhead Facebook Page](#)

SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT (10th November – 21st November)

Over the next two weeks, our Eco Ambassadors will be on a mission to help save energy during Switch Off Fortnight! They will be making sure that all lights and interactive boards are turned off during break and lunchtimes, and will be putting up posters around school to remind everyone: 'If you're not using it, switch it off!'.

Every class will also take part in a special Switch Off Afternoon, where all lights and appliances will be turned off for the whole afternoon. This event will help raise awareness and get everyone talking and thinking about why it's so important not to waste electricity. We're sure the children will show great enthusiasm — and hopefully, you'll start seeing them switching things off more often at home too!

Did you know a TV and games console left on standby all the time can use up to £80 of electricity a year?

OPaL – OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY:

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors to play and learn part of every child's day. We are very lucky at Parkhead as our children have wonderful space and opportunities for outdoor play and learning. To help celebrate this, we spent additional time outside this Thursday having an extra OPAL session. The children all had a wonderful time playing with friends from across the school, in the wide range of activities we have on offer. From parachutes to mud kitchens, football to art and crafts, scooter tracks to the library bus: there was something for everyone!



Check our facebook page for more photos. [Parkhead Facebook](#)

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INTER FAITH WEEK:

Next week in school we are celebrating Inter Faith week. Inter Faith Week is an annual initiative held in November that aims to strengthen interfaith relations across the UK. It aims to raise awareness of the diverse contributions of faith communities and promote an understanding among people of different religious and non-religious beliefs.

Inter Faith Week



This year's theme is 'Community-Together we serve'. In school the children will be carrying out different tasks and holding lots of discussions around what they think 'Community' means.

We are also holding a poetry competition in which we would love parents, carers and children to get involved.

With your child could you please write a poem all about 'Community'. It has to be up to and no longer than 10 lines long and should be written by you and your child. Think of these three questions to help you: 1. What does helping the community look like? 2. How can serving others bring us together? 3. Would it be a community without kindness? All entries should be sent into school no later than Monday 24th November. There will be a KS1 and KS2 winner announced the same week. The two winning poems will then be entered into the national competition where certificates and prizes can be won, Good Luck!

Y6 SAFETY WORKS:

Y6 had a brilliant time at Safety Works this week. The main theme of the session was peer pressure and what we can do when we find ourselves in potentially dangerous situations. We learnt all about railway safety, water safety (particularly around lakes), fire safety, online safety and choices and consequences. The children had fantastic ideas to share and the staff were very impressed with their knowledge on keeping safe.



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 only and only Sean Neave. There are also tickets for Newcastle V Aston Villa game January 2026.

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ZONES OF REGULATION:

As a whole school, we are continuing to use Zones of Regulation to support our children with managing their feelings.

By categorising the different ways we can feel and states of alertness, children can be supported to identify their own feelings and understand how their feelings can then affect their behaviour.

The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

Why do we use it? To teach our pupils:

How to identify their feelings as well as read others' facial expressions

Understand how their behaviours can influence others' thoughts, feelings and behaviours

How to regulate their own feelings and in doing so, develop their own 'toolbox' of strategies to self-manage their thoughts and emotions.

Problem solve and find positive solutions to different emotions

The ultimate goal is for independent regulation.

How can it be used at home?

Ask children 'how are you feeling?'/check in with their feelings.

Identify which zone they are in. 'Which zone are you in?'

Talk through strategies in their toolbox.

If you would like to know more about this, please do speak to a member of staff who would be happy to share further information with you.

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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Esme
Acorns	Sam
Saplings	Leon
Beech	Evelyn
Elm	Hayden
Willow	Darcey
Cherry	Leon
Maple	Daisy
Spruce	Will
Cedar	Lillie
Oak	Jasmine
Birch	Olly
Pine	Jan

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Frankie
Key Stage 1	Freya
Key Stage 2	Georgie Jayde

FunClub

Well done

