



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

**Issue Number 5: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

We are certainly speeding through our first half term. It has been great popping in and out of classes this week, seeing the lovely maths learning. From counting and subitising in Early Years, through to flexible partitioning in Year 2 and multiple step problems in Year 6. It was lovely to see all of the children absorbed and engaged within their learning. I have been very lucky again this week as I managed to go down to the woods with one of the Year 6 classes where some whittled wood to make sticks. We all played a new game named capture the welly and others chilled on the swing. Its always good fun learning outdoors. On a lunchtime, it has been wonderful to see the older children helping and supporting the younger ones. As part of our OPaL, play our children get to mix with each other from Year 1 through to Year 6. From playing in the massive sandpit or mud kitchen area, to navigating the climbing equipment to spending time drawing and painting, there is always plenty to do for everyone.

On Thursday, some of our Key Stage 1 children took part in a fun athletics afternoon. Great fun was had by all! Next week, we have a team of Year 5 and 6 children out on a tag rugby event and our football team are also playing their first matched of the year. I can't wait to join them to cheer them on!

Always a busy week at Parkhead. As always, thank you for all of your support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Chard*

### **EARLY YEARS OPEN NIGHT:**

It was lovely to welcome families into our Early Years last night to look around at our wonderful provision. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in our Early Years and missed our open night, please do get in touch to arrange a suitable time for you to visit us. This is a great opportunity for parents/carers to view our Reception classes for September 2026 admission.

### **MACMILLAN CAKE SALE**

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and came along to join us for our cake sale. It was lovely to see all of you. We have raised over £185



### **KEYS DATES:**

We have now emailed all of our Autumn term dates to you to enable as many of you as possible to attend our events. Please look out for them and pop them in your diary.



### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DEADLINES:**

Year 6 parents/carers - the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

For Primary school admissions, the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY:**

**Friday 10th October** is Mental Health Day. To mark this day, we will be wearing yellow to show that nobody is alone with their mental health. If you don't have yellow, please wear bright colours instead to help spread positivity. In the afternoon, we will be completing a range of activities in class, including games, quizzes and mindful colouring. At lunchtime, our School Council will also be running fun games and activities on the playground to give everyone the chance to connect with others and celebrate the importance of looking after our mental wellbeing together.

### **NISSAN SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT DAY:**

This year, we have been lucky to secure Nissan coming into school to deliver a whole school assembly followed by workshops to some of our year groups. They will be in school next week. We are looking forward to working with them and hearing all about the job opportunities available within Nissan.

### **READING WORKSHOPS:**

Next week, Year 1 have their reading workshops in school. Please see separate info which was sent out on email via Arbor.

During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October, Reception will be hosting their reading workshops. Please see information sent on email via Arbor.

### **WORLD SMILE DAY:**

As today is world smile day, I have been out and about trying my best to make people smile. Ms Christensen has also been around school today telling her very funny jokes to make everyone laugh and smile. What a lovely way to end the week!



### **SAFEGUARDING - PARKING:**

It has been brought to our attention that many cars are being parked on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of our school. These lines mean you cannot park here. Cars are also being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with push chairs or in wheelchairs to get by safely or at all, forcing them into the road. Please be courteous and think carefully about where to park. Please can we ask that you do not drive into the staff car parks when collecting children before and after school for pedestrian safety.



### **HARVEST:**

This year we are helping Harvest come to life in school by asking parents/carers for donations of boxes of cereal for the Gateshead Foodbank. But there's a fun twist. Before they are sent to help other's we want to see how long we can make a domino chain around the yard before setting it off. EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will have three separate chains and we'll video the races to share on facebook for you to see. Whos' chain will fall first? Please bring your donations to school **by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

### **HALLOWEEN DISCO:**

The deadline to order and pay for your child's ticket on Parentpay for the Y1-6 Halloween discos is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. This deadline is so that we are able to order the treats ready. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add tickets after this date.

As ever, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help us decorate the halls prior to the parties and also to help on the night with the tuck shop. Please let us know if you are able to help.



**HEADLICE:**

We have received a report of headlice within school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to prevent the spread to other children. Thank you



# FunClub



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# Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Arwin
Acorns	Ayda
Saplings	AJ
Beech	Reuben
Elm	Marnie
Willow	Mila
Cherry	Riley
Maple	Geordie
Spruce	Aaron
Cedar	Skye
Oak	Zoey
Birch	Katie
Pine	Maisey

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Leon
Key Stage 1	Thomas
Key Stage 2	Veronica Jensen



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