



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

Issue Number 2: Friday 12th September 2025

What an amazing week we have all had this week. Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential at Robinwood. They certainly looked very tired when they arrived back in school.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been focussing on our rules in school. All of the children know exactly what they need to do in order to be ready, respectful and safe. Do-jo Friday Fun club is up and running which all of the children enjoy, especially when we manage to get out on the scooter track.

On Monday, it was lovely to welcome Reverend Alison back into our school. She led our assemblies for both Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2.

Thank you for your support during the last couple of weeks with settling the children back into school. I am sure you will agree that they have all returned with excellent attitudes towards learning, giving 100% effort to all that they do.

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

Mrs Chard

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS:

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meet the teacher sessions. I hope you found them informative and were able to have any questions answered. Due to the residential this week, the Year 6 session will take place next week on **Monday**. There are two sessions, one at 3.30pm and then repeated at 4pm. You only need to attend one.

NEWCASTLE UNITED FOUNDATION:

We were excited to welcome Mr Elliot back into school this week. He will be working with us again for the full year, with classes taking it in turns to work with him each half term. This half term we have Reception, Y1, Y1/2, Y2 and Y4. Mr Elliot was pleased to be back and has been very impressed with everyone's behaviour and attitude this week.



MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

This year we will be supporting the Macmillan cake sale where you will be able to buy a cake after school. This will be on Monday 29th September on our KS2 yard. We would love to take donations shop-bought cakes for us to sell, this would be gratefully received. Please send this into school on Monday 29th September. Unfortunately, we can't accept homemade due to allergies within school.



WEATHER:

As the weather seems to be very unpredictable at the minute, with sun, rain and wind all featuring within the same day, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, as we play outside in all weathers.



DATES:

We have now finalised all of our Autumn term dates in plenty of time to enable as many of you as possible to attend our events. All dates will be emailed next week. Please look out for them and pop them in your diary.

WHOLE CLASS INSTRUMENT TUITION AND SINGING:

Mr Langford was back in school this week. He delivers ukulele to classes in Key Stage 2. This term he is working with all of Year 5. The classes will change every half term, with all classes in Key Stage 2 accessing the tuition.

We also welcomed Mrs Fildes (nee Ms Parkin) back into our school this week. It is always lovely to hear our Year 3 and 4 children singing. They raised the roof this Tuesday with their beautiful singing voices. Like last year, we have already booked in some dates for you to pop in to hear their wonderful singing.

WOODS:

Next week, Willow class and all of our Year 6 children will commence their woods sessions. They will attend woods for this rest of this half term. Throughout the course of the year, every year group will get to go to the woods for a half term to complete various activities. It is always fantastic to see the children getting an opportunity to be outdoors, having fun.

NATIONAL CODING WEEK:

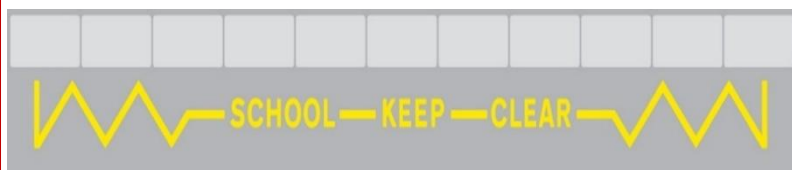
As part of our ongoing commitment to preparing our children for the future, Parkhead will be taking part in next week's National Coding Week. Coding helps children develop their creativity, logical thinking and problem-solving skills in a fun and accessible way. Each class will spend time next week exploring coding activities and hopefully building up their confidence and digital literacy too. For anybody who would like to join in the fun at home, Scratch Jr is a great place to start.

<https://codejr.org/scratchjr/index.html>

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.



KEY STAGE 2 DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

We have noticed that some of our children are coming to school a little too early (good that they are eager). However, they are having to wait around on the top road for the gate to open. This is making it difficult for children, parents/carers who are going to the KS1 / EYs drop off areas to get past without needing to cross over and walk on the other side of the road. The KS2 gate doesn't open until 8.45am and remains open until 8.50am. If your child walks to school on their own, please make sure they are setting off at a suitable time to avoid them waiting around for the gate to open.

On an evening, please keep the exit stairs free by going down the stairs and waiting on the yard for your child to be dismissed. This won't only help with congestion but will also help the teachers to be able to hand over the children safely as they will be able to see you better.

Thanks for your support with this.

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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. EY, 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?

HALLOWEEN DISCO:

Due to the amount of fun the children had at our Halloween parties last year, we've decided to host them again this year just before we break up for half term. There will be three parties held over two nights for KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6. These will be straight after school and will finish at 4:15/4:20pm. Collection will be from the normal collection points. Please see key dates and more info will follow. 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.

FunClub



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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Oscar
Acorns	Kayla-Rae
Saplings	Margaret
Beech	Scarlett
Elm	Harrison
Willow	George
Cherry	Hunter T
Maple	Mila
Spruce	Olivia
Cedar	Nelin
Oak	Payton
Birch	Hallie
Pine	Alyssa

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Eve
Key Stage 1	Louis S
Key Stage 2	Adam G-S Salma



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