

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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I can't believe that this week has been the last week of the full academic year. What another busy week to end the school year on. Our Year 5 children were out on their trip to the zoo on Monday and our Year 1 and 2 children were at Lilidorei on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, our fantastic Year 3 and 4 sang their hearts out for parents/carers. They have worked extremely hard this year, continuing to develop their singing skills with Mrs Parkin. A massive thank you to Mrs Parkin for coming into our school every week to help our lovely children and thank you to everyone who came along to watch them. The children were amazing.

Our wonderful Reception children completed their Graduation on Wednesday. They will be staying with us to continue their journey into Year 1. We can't believe how grown up they all look. They are certainly ready for their next adventure.

We have spent our final week with our Year 6s; we wish them all good luck for their move to secondary school. On Thursday, they all performed brilliantly in our leavers assembly. Well done to all of them. On Friday it was our traditional t-shirt signing day. We hope that they will keep in touch with us to let us know how they get on at secondary school. We will miss them next year. Thank you for all of your help and support throughout their primary school years.

The rest of the children in school have been preparing for their move to their new classes. It has been lovely to see so much excitement around school.

Thank you all for your help and support this year. I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday. I can't wait to welcome everyone back in September.

Mrs Chard



ARBOR:



Thank you to all for accepting the change from Operoo to Arbor. We now have 80% of parent/carers signed up to the portal which is amazing.

We hope you are finding this app easier and useful. Thank you for your patience as we roll this out as this is also new to us. Please can we ask if you have not yet registered to please do so via the login-in details sent in your email. If you have not received this or having problems, please let the office know.

To confirm **we no longer use Operoo** and you will not be able to log in to this.

PARENT PAY: ParentPay

After Friday 18th July you will no longer have access to school hub. This will be replaced with ParentPay for school meals selection and payments as well as Klubz bookings, trips and after school clubs. Over the summer we will be loading all the information required in order to launch to parents before we return in September. Please check your emails over summer for further details.

RETURN IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

**Children will return to school Tuesday 2nd September 2025.
School will be closed to all children for staff development on Mon 1st September.**

STAFFING:

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Bew and Mrs Kyle. We wish them both lots of luck on their new adventure. They will be a big miss at Parkhead.

Miss Edgar will be joining us in September as HLTA. She has already been in school a couple of times this half term and is excited to start working with both yourselves and your children.

A couple of weeks ago, Mr Boutflower (our new Teacher in Year 6) joined us for our transition morning. He is eager to get started in our school in September. He has already commented on how fantastic all of our children are.



Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project:

Thank you to everyone who managed to complete the parent/carer surveys. We appreciate your support with this. We are looking forward to working with other agencies on this project as soon as we return to school in September. More information will follow.

FOOTBALL SHIRT:

Thank you to everyone who purchased a number for our draw. It has now been drawn and the winner has been notified. Please keep an eye out during Autumn term for further raffles, including a chance to win signed football boots from the incredible Sean Neave.

We will be using some of the money raised to purchase school PE kits for when we go out on sporting competitions.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please look out for sign up information for our Autumn term clubs in the first week back. This will be available as soon as we return to school in order to get the clubs up and running for the second week back.



MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS:

Meet the teacher sessions are planned in for week 2 of the autumn term (week 3 for Year 6). Each class will be holding two sessions, one at 3.30pm and the other at 4.00pm. You only need to attend one, however, it gives you more flexibility as we know that many families have more than one child attending our school. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, so remember to add the dates to your diary. The sessions will provide you with information regarding the curriculum for their year group, expectations and how you can help at home.

GATESHEAD LOCAL OFFER:

The Gateshead Council newly re-designed SEND Local Offer is the go-to website for services, support, and information for children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Whether you're a parent, carer, young person, or professional, the updated website makes it easier to:

- find out about support for education, health, and care needs
- understand the SEND Thresholds to find out what help is available and when
- explore our new Stepping Up page and app for guidance on transitions from birth to adulthood
- access clear, up-to-date information on local services and how to get involved.

Visit the new site today and see how we're working together to help every young person in Gateshead thrive.

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/32439/Gateshead-SEND-Local-Offer>

FRIDAY FUN CLUB DOJO CLUB:

It has been lovely to see so many children come along to join me at our weekly dojo club. Always great to recognise and reward the hard work and effort of children across our school.

FunClub

KEEP
UP
THE
Good
Work

Well
done!



Reception Graduation



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SAFEGUARDING:

Please see the useful guide: Supporting children to return to routine.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

- 1 START SMALL AND EARLY**
Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.
- 2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE**
Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetables, they feel more secure and in control.
- 3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN**
Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.
- 4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS**
Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.
- 5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY**
Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.
- 6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION**
Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.
- 7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY**
Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.
- 8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING**
Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.
- 9 PREP TOGETHER**
Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.
- 10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE**
Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently; so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Parkhead Community Primary School is a safeguarding school and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

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End of Term Awards



Most Improved Reader	Number Facts Champion
Brooklyn	Caleb
Cole	Charlie
Salma	Ellie
Emilia	Jayde
Amelia	Amy
Tyler	Kyran
Kacie	Joseph
Nathan	Blake
Georgie	Tommy



Handwriting champion	Supporter of Class
Ebenezer	Seleana
Elicia	Kayden
Jan	Savannah
James	Kayden
Calvin	Sienna
Will	Imogen
Ella	Haydn
Bertie	Frances
Alisha	Leon



Mrs Chards Award for having a FANTASTIC Summer Term
Harlow
Holly
Louis
Charley
Ollie
Harley
Blake
Charlie
Evie
Jamie
Harrison
Silver



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Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6

