

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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This week has been another busy week in school. As always, we have had lots of great learning taking place across school, which has been fantastic to see.

During the SATs tests, Years 3 to 5 have showed outstanding behaviour, ensuring that the building was lovely and quiet for our Year 6 children.

A massive shout out to all of our Year 6 children this week. They have shown determination, perseverance and resilience this week. We are extremely proud of all of them for their hard work and effort. They are certainly becoming secondary school ready which is great to see. As a special treat for working very hard this year, we enjoyed a visit to the local sweet shop. Once again, well done Year 6. You are all amazing!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Chard

STAFFING NEWS:

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have appointed a new teacher to join our great team from September. Mr Boutflower can't wait to pop into our school to meet all of our wonderful children. He will be coming into school after the half term holiday to get to know all of our wonderful children across school.

RETURN IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please remember that we have our Summer term dates now listed. These are attached separately. Don't forget to add them to your diary as we would hate you to miss out on some of our fun events.

SAFEGUARDING:

As the summer is here, please remember your child's water bottle, sun cream and sun hat for school.

SUMMER TERM EVENTS:

- Reception visit
- KS2 SATs
- Leaver hoodies
- Local History week
- Y5 Bikeability
- Y1 Visit
- Y4 Multiplication checks
- Y1 Phonics checks
- Field work week
- Sports week
- Police workshops
- Water safety assembly
- School reports
- Transition day
- Summer Fayre
- Y6 Visit
- Reception graduation
- Leaver's graduation
- Nursery stay and play for new starters
- Reception stay and play for new starters
- School closed:**
 - 26th – 30th May Half term
 - Mon 2nd June

Further info will be sent next week with a list of dates and details of the above.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS:

Year 1 phonics screening will be taking place week beginning 9th June.

Year 4 multiplication tables check will be taking place during the first two weeks back after May half term.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

TRANSITION DATE AND MEET THE TEACHER SESSION:

I can't believe that it is already that time of year. This year, our children will visit their new teacher and classroom on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July. We will send out more information before this date. Parents / carers will also have the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher at the very start of the new term in September. This will provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the year ahead and for the class teacher to share all of the lovely learning experiences the children will experience throughout the year. Once we have confirmed our staffing for next year and have completed class lists, we will get these out to yourselves as soon as possible.

OPAL

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is a huge part of our play times at Parkhead. We really try to make the most of our wonderful school site and give children as many opportunities as possible to be active and involved. As well as continuing our normal play provision we have also had some new fixed exercise equipment installed this year. Therefore, we would like to invite all families for a Stay and Play session after school. This is an opportunity for parents to come and play with their children and get a taste of what OPAL is like at Parkhead. Further information has been sent out on Operoo.

INVEST IN FUN – Did you know you can support our OPAL with donations of items we can use in our outdoor learning? Any donation is fantastic and really makes a difference to our children helping them play, learn and grow. We are currently developing some of the OPAL areas, to give our children the best experience. [This week we are looking for small world items such as cars, blocks, dinosaurs.](#) If you have anything like this that you no longer use, we'd love to take them. Please pop them to the office at any time.

NON-UNIFORM

On the last day of term, [Friday 23rd May](#), children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle for the tombola in our summer fayre. This can be any bottle such as shower gel, pop, shampoo etc. Parents / carers kindly wishing to donate alcohol, please bring it to the school office and not give to your child to carry in.

BIKEABILITY:

We have Bikeability in school the first two weeks back after half term for Year 5. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the consent form on Operoo if you haven't already.



LOCAL HISTORY WEEK:

Next week in school, it's going to be Local History Week. Each class will be learning about an aspect of Winlaton's History and the impact Winlaton has had on the wider world. Years 3 and 4 are also going to be going out into the community with the Winlaton Local History Society to explore some of our local landmarks. At Parkhead we're so lucky to have so much history right on our doorstep and we can't wait to get started.

EARLY YEARS:

Did you know it is National Smile Month?! We love to show off our gorgeous smiles in Reception.

In order to help us keep our smiles looking fresh, our Early Years teachers have now been trained to deliver a supervised toothbrushing programme in our Reception classes.

The purpose of this programme is to help improve the oral health of our children by increasing their exposure to fluoride through daily toothbrushing in school and promoting behavioural and self-care skills from an early age.

All of our children will be provided with toothbrushes and toothpaste to use in school and will participate in toothbrushing activities in a fun way! Of course, this will be in addition to brushing every morning and night at home.

More information to follow soon but we can't wait to get started! (although Mrs Wallwork has become quite attached to the big model teeth that we use to demonstrate on ... we may need to steal them back!)

TRIPS AND VISITORS:

This term we have a number of trips currently being organised for different year groups. We appreciate that the cost of transport is rising and is therefore impacting on the cost of our trips. However, we know it is really important to offer these experiences as they are extremely beneficial to the children's learning.

Each trip will be added to the school hub for payments. To help with paying, we have increased the period of time you can pay by leaving the payment open until the end of the year. We have also changed school hub so that you can now pay in instalments over the year instead of one single payment.

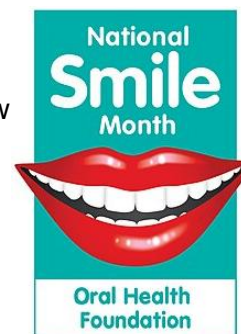
We are continuing to arrange for some visitors to come to school, for example to lead workshops and assemblies.

SPORTS DAYS:

We will be holding our annual sports days very soon. Mrs Bewley is working hard on organising these events. This year, we will be selling refreshments for our spectators so make sure you bring along some loose change. For further information on dates and times, please see our key dates info.

RESIDENTIAL:

During the Autumn term our Year 6 children will be going on their residential. A meeting has been arranged with Mrs Leach for Year 5 parents/carers to discuss this in more detail. It will give you a chance to have any questions answered and also provide you with information on what the children will need to bring with them for their stay.



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Y6 SWEET SHOP TREAT:



FunClub



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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 19th May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Colour by numbers	Recycle night	Floor Art	Ipad fun	Free Night

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Mya
Acorns	Thomas
Saplings	Rocco
Beech	Eden
Elm	Amelia
Willow	Koben
Cherry	Amelia
Spruce	Indi-Grace
Maple	Stephen
Birch	Jude
Cedar	Chessie
Pine	The full class

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Rocco
Key Stage 1	Alisa
Key Stage 2	Frankie All of Year 6

