

Parkhill Junior School September 2025 Welcome Back Newsletter

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm and hearty *Welcome Back*, to you and our young high performance learners to Parkhill Junior School - a wonderland of learning! We had a windy, energetic and joyful first day – a crucial day - and it has set us up, to enjoy, thoroughly, the high performance learning ahead. We look forward to the coming year and all the exciting high performance learning that it will bring!



The Parkhill Vision

At Parkhill Junior School, we passionately believe in the potential of our children, regardless of their starting point. They are at the heart of everything we do.

Everybody in our culturally diverse community is valued, celebrated and encouraged, in a positive, safe, happy and caring environment.

Through our rigorous, systematic and holistic approach, we aim to empower every child to recognise that there are no restrictions on learning and anything is possible. We constantly explore new approaches to teaching and learning, in order to encourage them to become global citizens.

Our goal is to ensure that children learn how to learn and barriers to success are overcome. Our vision is to equip each child with advanced cognitive skills and the essential values, attitudes and attributes that they will need for lifelong success. Every child can be a high performance learner.

We encourage everyone in the Parkhill community to make a positive contribution to our world class school.



Please read the important information and guidance below. It is intended to support you and your child throughout the year. Please pay particular attention to our uniform and communication policies.

Enjoy Learning!
Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please act on it. School is here to help and support. We all share the responsibility of safeguarding children.

Safeguarding Lead	Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Tanner Deputy Headteacher and SENCO
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin on, Monday 22nd September 2025. Further information to follow next week, on how to register your child for a club, online. Breakfast club runs all year round.

Birthdays and all other Celebrations

We all love birthdays and want to share the joy of this special day with friends, at school! Should you wish your child to give a gift to members of their class, **please ensure that it is not any type of food/sweets. All birthday food will not be distributed and will be returned to the parent/carer. We respectfully ask you not to distribute birthday food, in the playground.**



We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products. (Always check the label)

Fruit Time

A mid morning energy boost for our learners. Please provide a piece of fruit daily. No other food is permitted.



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Attendance and Punctuality

We work hard to ensure that our young learners hold high, the value and importance of attendance and punctuality. Core values instilled at this stage of their education and life, remain with them as they grow into citizens of our world and of the future.

‘A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.’

Miss education... and you miss out!

‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!’

Every second counts!



Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. **Without this evidence, you risk being issued with a penalty notice.**

Appointments

Dental appointments, optician appointments and GP appointments must be booked, outside school hours. **Appointments booked during school time will be unauthorised.** Hospital appointments, with supporting evidence, are routinely authorised.

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/attendance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform. Please adhere to our school uniform policy. It can be found by clicking on the link below.

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Parkhill-Junior-School-Uniform-Policy-2025-26.pdf>

Communication with our Learning Community

It is crucial that we have your up-to-date contact details i.e. mobile number and email address. All letters and messages are sent via email. You risk missing important information if School has not been given accurate details. **You can find our Communication Policy on our website. Please take a moment to read it.**

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Home-school-Communications-Policy.pdf>

Thinking of Employing a Private Tutor?

Please visit the website below for more information and guidance.

<https://www.redbridgescp.org.uk/parents-carers-and-the-public/private-tuition/>

Online Safety

On more than one occasion, it has come to our attention that, without their parents' knowledge, children are using chatrooms, social media platforms and other forums to communicate. We cannot emphasise enough, the danger of this or any unsupervised online activity. We send you a monthly online safety newsletter to advise you about the risks and dangers that our children face. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing at all times, when they are online.

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE SUPPORT MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO YOU, FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

Our Website – www.parkhilljunior.com

Important dates, information and so much more can be found on our website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and daily school life.

CALENDAR OF LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

DATE	LEARNING and CELEBRATION
1st and 2nd September 2025	Professionals' Training Day 1 and 2 – School closed to children
3rd September 2025	Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a day later.
15th September 2025	Year 3 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
16th September 2025	Year 4 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
18th September 2025	Year 5 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
11th September 2025	Year 6 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
27th to 31st October 2025	Half Term Holiday
22nd December 2025 to 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
5th January 2026	Professionals Training Day 3 (school closed to children)
6th January 2026	Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a single day later!
16th to 20th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
30th March 2026 to 10th April 2026	Easter Holiday
13th April 2026	Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a single day later!
4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
7th May 2026	Local Elections – school used as a polling station. (Closed to children)
25th May to 29th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
1st June 2026	Professionals Training Day 4 (school closed to children)
17th July 2026	Last Day of Term...and not a single day earlier!