

## Parkhill Junior School January 2026 Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful holiday and are ready to get going again! We look forward to seeing all our high performance learners dancing through the Parkhill Junior School gates tomorrow – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026...and not a day later.

Please read the important information and guidance below. It is intended to support you and your child. Kindly note, our policy on birthdays and nuts.



### 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.



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.

<b>Safeguarding Lead</b>	Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall <b>Headteacher</b>
<b>Safeguarding Deputy</b>	Ms G. Uppal <b>Deputy Headteacher</b>
<b>Safeguarding Deputy</b>	Mrs N. Tanner <b>SENCO</b>
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Ms N. Reeves <b>School Business Lead</b>

## After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs resume from, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## 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)*



## 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.

# **CALENDAR OF LEARNING AND CELEBRATION**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LEARNING and CELEBRATION</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a single day later!</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Movie Night – Year 4 (children to be collected at 4:00pm)</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Movie Night – Year 5 (children to be collected at 4:00pm)</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Movie Night – Year 6 (children to be collected at 4:00pm)</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Movie Night - Year 3 (children to be collected at 4:00pm)</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>After school clubs resume this week</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>National Storytelling Week <u>and</u> Children's Mental Health Week</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>International Women and Girls in Science Day</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Parents Evening 1</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Chinese New Year Begins.</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Parents Evening 2</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Book Week</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>World Book Day (dress up day – dress as your favourite book character)</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>British Science Week</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Last week of after school clubs for this term.</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Big Pedal Week (cycle or scoot to school)</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a single day later!</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Local elections – school used as a polling station. (Closed to children)</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>Professionals Training Day 4 (school closed to children)</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Last day of term...and not a single day earlier!</b>