

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 6th 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.

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

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs resume from, Monday 19th 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

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