

Parkhill Junior School September 2026 Welcome Back Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year! As we look ahead to welcoming our learners back on Monday, there is a real sense of excitement across school as we prepare for another year of learning, discovery and opportunity.

A new school year brings with it a fresh start and plenty of opportunities for children to grow in knowledge, skills and confidence. We are looking forward for the school to once again be filled with smiling faces as our learners settle into their new classrooms and reconnect with friends.

There is so much to look forward to in the months ahead and we are excited about the learning, experiences and successes that await. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone bright and ready for a fantastic year ahead on Monday.

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	Ms G. Uppal Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Tanner Inclusion Lead
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs M. Ahsan Senior Leader and Phase Lead
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Hossain Senior Leader and Assistant SENCo

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin on, Monday 21st September 2026. 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.

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
14th September 2026	Year 3 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
15th September 2026	Year 4 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
17th September 2025	Year 5 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
18th September 2026	Year 6 teachers Curriculum Meeting with Parents and Carers. (In the main hall – 3:40pm)
18th September 2026	Jeans for Genes Day (jeans only with school uniform)
21st September 2026	After School Clubs Resume.
1st October 2026	Black History Month Begins
7th October 2026	National walk and roll to School day
10th October 2026	World Mental Health Day
23rd October 2026	Day Glow Day (Dress up Day) Dress Brightly!
26th to 30th October 2026	Half Term Holiday
16th November 2026	Road Safety Week
16th November 2026	Anti bullying Week Begins... with Odd Socks Day.
20th November 2026	Children in Need (Dress up day) Dress Spotty and Dotty!
3rd December 2026	Christmas Fayre.
18th December 2026	Big Breakfast for parents and carers in the hall
21st December 2026 to 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday
4th January 2027	Professionals Training Day – school closed to children
5th January 2027	Children return to school
15th to 19th February 2027	Half term Holiday
26th March to 9th April 2027	Easter Holiday
3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday
28th May 2027	Professionals Training Day – school closed to children
31st May to 4th June 2027	Half term Holidays
23rd July 2027	Summer Holidays Begin