

January (1) 2025

Dear parent,

I would like to wish all Parkgate Primary families a happy new year and hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas break. With a range of bugs and viruses continuing to circulate in the community I cannot stress enough how important it is to **keep your child/ren away from school if they are unwell.**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FEBRUARY - MARCH

Playsport will commence on Wednesday 19 February if numbers are viable. Please complete the google form below to enrol your child/children into these sessions by Friday 17 January.

Multisport organised by Playsport
6 Sessions: Wednesday 19th Feb – 26th March 2025
Cost: £27 – Payment via signup link in advance of first session.
Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/HgGquhvQdggdfajn6>

SHINING LIGHTS – P3-P7

Our friends at Shining Lights will once again be visiting the school on Tuesday afternoons to give the pupils in P3-P7 football coaching sessions. These sessions will be weekly running from Tuesday 7th January. Pupils in P3-P7 should wear **PE UNIFORM** on these dates.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Lunches continue with week 2 from 6th January 2025.

All pupils will require a packed lunch on Friday 10 January due to the pantomime trip.

ANNUAL PANTOMIME

All pupils should arrive at school on **Friday 10th January 2025** at **11.00am.**

There will be no school dinners on **Friday 10th January** as the pupils require an early lunch to arrive at the Grand Opera House on time. All pupils should **bring a packed lunch** on this date.

Date: Friday 10th January 2025

Time: 12.30pm – 4.15pm

School start time: All pupils **11.00am**

Collection: Pupils are to be picked up from school on their return.

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Refreshments: Please provide each pupil with a strong plastic bag containing **one treat** e.g., a chocolate bar or packet of crisps or sweets etc. and one drink. No cans or glass bottles are permitted on the trip. We have been informed by the Opera House that no confectionary containing nuts can be taken into the auditorium.

P5-P7 SWIMMING JANUARY 2025

Swimming will begin for P5-7 pupils on Thursday 9th January 2025. Payment of £35.00, by bank transfer, is due by **Friday 7 February**.

Account: Parkgate Primary School
Acc. No. 77461057
Sort Code: 980940
Reference: Pupil name + swim (e.g. Smithswim)

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

No pupils should enter the playground after the 08.45 bell until a member of staff is present.

P6/P7 POST PRIMARY OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Admission criteria for post primary schools is currently available on the EA website. Some open afternoon/evening dates are listed below.

Ballyclare High School	9th January 2025 6pm – 9pm
Ballyclare Secondary School	6th January 2025 2pm – 4pm
Antrim Grammar School	11th January 2025
Parkhall Integrated College	16th January 2025 6.45pm – 9.00pm
Slemish College	22nd/23rd January 2025

PTA NEWS

A meeting of the PTA will be held in school on Wednesday 22 January at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.
The PTA are hosting a Zumba evening, 16.00 – 17.00pm on Saturday 18th January 2025. Please RSVP parkgateps.pta@gmail.com to confirm you will be attending.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10.01.25	Annual Pantomime Grand Opera House All pupils start at 11.00am.
10.01.25	P1 Admission Portal opens at noon.
18.01.25	PTA Zumba evening
24.01.25	P1 Admission Portal closes at noon.
28.01.25	Post Primary Admission Portal opens.
07.02.25	School closes at 2pm for all pupils – mid-term break <i>School closed 10.02.24 – 14.02.24.</i>
20.02.25	Post Primary Admission Portal closes.
26.02.25	Parent Consultations
27.02.25	Parent Consultations

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