

**November (4) 2025**

Dear parent,

We are delighted to share that final preparations are underway for our Open Afternoon tomorrow, and we are very much looking forward to showcasing our wonderful school and pupils.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who has worked so hard to promote the school and ensure everything is ready for a successful event. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Please read on for important information about upcoming events during a very busy three weeks in December, as we race towards the end of term.

## **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Ballot papers have been sent home with pupils today and should be returned to the school office no later than **THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**.

## **OPEN AFTERNOON**

The open afternoon is **tomorrow**. Pupils in **P1-P3** should be collected at **2.15pm** on this date.

All pupils should wear full uniform; P4-P7 - shirt and tie, smart trousers, skirt or pinafore and school sweatshirt, P1-P3 smart trousers or skirt/pinafore, polo shirt and school sweatshirt as all pupils will be performing in the choir prior to the principal's address.

**ALL PUPILS SHOULD BRING A PACKED LUNCH TOMORROW TO ALLOW FOR PREPARATIONS OF THE HALL FOR THE OPEN AFTERNOON.**

A warm invitation has been extended to new families and is also extended to sibling brothers and sisters who are due to join us in September.

## **CHRISTMAS NEWS**

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER**

The Parkgate and District Community Association has invited the **P1-P7** school choir to participate in the Christmas Lights Switch On. This is to be held on the evening of **Friday 28 November**.

**Pupils should meet school staff at the tree at 6.50pm.** Choir members should wear festive headwear and are not required to wear uniform.

The PTA has been working hard to arrange a Festive Tractor Run to take place after our choir perform. Proceeds from the Tractor Run will provide funds for the school but also help to support Cool FM's Cash for Kids charity. All children attending will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite tractor with the winner being announced later in the church hall. Entrants have the opportunity to win a range of prizes thanks to the kind donations of local families and businesses.

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH & SANTA STROLL- THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER**

A Christmas Buffet Lunch will be served on **Thursday 4 December**. To add to the festive atmosphere, pupils can wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt, a Christmas hat/headwear or a Christmas hair accessory on this date. Pupils will also participate in the Daily Mile Santa Stroll on this date.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER**

To help us prepare seating and refreshments, please complete the Google Form linked below to let us know how many family members will be attending this year's Christmas Concert. Due to limited space, each family will be allocated a maximum of **four seats**.

<https://forms.gle/sUPm2DZoxfweeYwt7>

## **LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION**

Date: Tuesday 9 December  
Venue: School hall  
Time: 6.30pm  
Event: *Lights, Camel, Action!* is a modern, musical adaptation of the Nativity story. It features a "dazzling dance show" format with a cast of "nativity celebrities" like funky camels and a disco star, retelling the birth of Jesus with humour and glitz!

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM FOR ALL PUPILS ON THIS DATE – Pupils who have PRE-REGISTERED for homework club will be supervised and collected as normal. NO WALK – INS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THIS DATE.**

Parents are asked to bring pupils (in costume) to school at **6pm** where they will be met and supervised by staff in classrooms. At the conclusion of the concert the PTA will serve refreshments for all.

**\*\*\*CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING –Taking photographs or video footage of the children is NOT PERMITTED. Staff should not be placed in the position where they have to ask parents to delete images/videos and put personal devices away.\*\*\***

## **COSTUMES AND DRESS REHEARSAL**

In preparation for dress rehearsals next week, costumes should be brought into school on **Monday 1 December**.

**Dress rehearsal dates are Tuesday 2 December and Friday 5 December.**

Costumes will be returned home on **Friday 5 December** to enable pupils to arrive at school, dressed in their costume on the evening of the concert.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Official school photographs will be taken by CS Moments on Thursday 11 December.

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Babies and toddlers will be made welcome on the first-floor lobby from **8.30am** for group portraits. Please complete the form linked below to book an allocated time slot. Forms should be completed by **Friday 28 November**. Times will be allocated from 8.30am onwards at 5-minute intervals. *You will be informed of your time slot week commencing 1 December.*

<https://forms.gle/7gCWsLEgkViv4Gua9>

Each pupil should wear their school sweatshirt and polo shirt/shirt and tie and should wear their skirt/pinafore or trousers and smart shoes for their photograph. Girls wearing a skirt/pinafore should wear either white knee length socks or black tights.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY P1-P7 – WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

Continuing the party atmosphere the pupils will have their Christmas party games on the **afternoon of Wednesday 17 December.**

Time: 1.00pm - **2.30pm**      **ALL PUPILS SHOULD BE COLLECTED AT THIS TIME**  
Pupils: P1-P7  
Venue: School Hall  
Charge: Free  
Supervision: Staff

Parents are asked to provide **two** lucky dip items. These can be sent into school from **Monday 1 December** onwards. The value of the gifts should be no more than £1.

Pupils may bring up to £2 spending money to try their luck in the 'Christmas Lucky Dip'.

This is a non-uniform event. Pupils may choose to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt or party clothes appropriate for party games. No fancy dress costumes are permitted.

## **SCHOOL MEALS – PRICE INCREASE**

The price of a school meal will rise from £2.60 to **£3.10** per day from January 2026.

## **SILVER SMASH**

Remember to send you silver change every Monday.

## **STORY & RHYME – 2025 DATES**

**Friday 28 November – NO STORY & RHYME – OPEN AFTERNOON**

Friday 5 December

Friday 12 December

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| 28.11.25 | P1 2026 Open Afternoon                              |
| 28.11.25 | Parkgate Community Lights Switch on and Tractor Run |
| 01.12.25 | Concert Costumes brought into school                |
| 01.12.25 | <b>Lucky dip items sent to school</b>               |
| 02.12.25 | Dress Rehearsal 1                                   |
| 03.12.25 | Library Van visit                                   |
| 04.12.25 | Christmas Party Lunch & Santa Stroll                |
| 05.12.25 | Dress Rehearsal 2                                   |

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| 05.12.25 | Concert costumes returned home                         |
| 09.12.25 | Christmas Concert (6.30pm)                             |
| 11.12.25 | Whole School Photographs                               |
| 16.12.25 | School Nurse – P1 pupils only                          |
| 17.12.25 | P1-P7 Christmas Party – all pupils collected at 2.30pm |
| 19.12.25 | End of Term – school closes at 12pm                    |

Mrs V Ferguson  
(Principal)