

PARKGATE PARENT NEWSLETTER

October (2) 2025

Dear parent,

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our Harvest Hooley and Pantomime forms — your support is greatly appreciated!

We're excited to launch the first sessions of our Tuesday After-School Club, and the sign-up link is included below. Please ensure responses are submitted by **Friday 17 October**.

A gentle reminder: all parents must complete the permission slip for the annual pantomime to ensure their child can attend this much-loved event.

HARVEST HOOLEY

Parents and relatives are invited to attend our Harvest Hooley in the school hall on <u>Friday</u> <u>17 October at 1.00pm</u>. The event will begin with a cup of soup and sandwiches for our parents and visitors followed by our pupils leading our celebrations.

Weather permitting and with the support of the PTA we hope to have a pumpkin patch and bouncy castles in the playground.

ALL PUPILS will finish school at the conclusion of the event, approximately 2.50 pm.

To support our wider local community we are asking each family and member of staff to provide *two items* of food to donate to local charity 'Antrim Foodbank'.

The food items needed are;

Beans Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables Tinned fish

Rice / Pasta/Noodles Tinned meat

Pasta Sauce Biscuits

Juice UHT milk

Rice Pudding Custard

Donations can now be sent to school.

Thank you for your support.

To assist with preparations for the event, please complete the form below. Forms should be completed by Monday 13 October.

https://forms.gle/oJUffjzF1DyEm9z37

All pupils should come to school dressed as farmers for the harvest assembly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These will commence on **Tuesday 4 November** for all pupils. Please complete the google form below to enrol your child/children into these sessions.

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MAX CODING

6 Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November 2nd and 9th December £44 payable online. Information leaflet to follow.

https://forms.gle/7RooaExnzyctebKs5

HOMEWORK CLUB – CHANGE OF DAYS

Due to the Max Coding Club taking place on Tuesdays, Homework Club will run on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from **November to December**. This change will be reflected in the booking forms for those months. From **January to June**, Homework Club will return to its usual schedule of **Mondays and Tuesdays**, as our other after-school clubs will be held on Wednesdays.

The November registration link will be included in next week's newsletter.

FLU VACCINATION

The school nursing team will be in school on *Wednesday 22 October* to administer Flu vaccinations to pupils in P1-P7.

ANNUAL PANTOMIME

Date: Friday 9 January 2026

Classes: P1 – P7

Venue: Grand Opera House

Event: Pinocchio

Charge: Pantomime £12.00

Double Decker Bus £ 6.40

Total £18.40 per pupil

More details will follow in due course.

Payment should be sent to the account below before <u>Friday 10 October</u>. To assist with administration please use the correct reference.

Account: Parkgate Primary School

Acc. No. 77461057

Sort Code: 98-09-40

Reference: Pupil Surname + PANTO

Parents must also complete a permission slip for your child/ren to attend using the link below.

https://forms.gle/PsR3ZEaMS89Z8kaaA

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

P1-P7 Tuesday 21 October (ALL pupils home at 1pm)
P1-P7 Thursday 23 October (ALL pupils home at 1pm)

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Appointments have been sent home, and replies should be sent to school by Monday 13 October.

SILVER SMASH

Remember to send you silver change every Monday; we can reach our first reward target before mid-term break.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SEND Transformation – Parent Information meetings

BHS SEAG information letters – See attached folder. Relevant for all SEAG pupils.

<u>Library Van</u> – The next library van visit is Wednesday 15 October.

Rhyme Time with Mrs Moore – continues on Friday 10 October.

Please read on for dates for your diary.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15.10.25	Library Van visit
17.10.25	Harvest Hooley
21.10.25	P1-P7 Parent Consultations – School closes at 1pm for all pupils
22.10.25	Flu Vaccinations
23.10.25	P1-P7 Parent Consultations – School closes at 1pm for all pupils
24.10.25	Library Van visit
27-31.10.25	Mid-Term break
03.11.25	Homework Club (every Monday and Wednesday until end of term)
04.11.25	Max Coding After School Clubs commence for all pupils.
21.11.25	School Development Day 2
09.12.25	Last Max Coding Club
09.12.25	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
11.12.25	Whole School Photographs (previous date incorrect)
19.12.25	End of Term – school closes at 12pm

Mrs V Ferguson (PRINCIPAL)