

January (2) 2025

Dear parent,

Hopefully the worst of the weather is behind us. All pupils should still remember to bring a warm coat to school daily.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR – WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

The book fair will be held in school on **22 January**. There are over 200 books for you and your child to choose from. Your participation will provide enjoyable reading resources for the family and free books and teaching resources for our classrooms/libraries.

Parents will once again be able to visit the fair with their child/ren and if you wish to pre browse the available books you can do so at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

PAYMENT

No cash payments will be accepted by the school; parents are asked to purchase **vouchers** in advance of the fair, print the voucher and bring to the fair with you. Vouchers are available to order at any time in advance of the fair using the link below. A **QR code** will also be available at the fair for those parents who wish to make an online payment.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

If you are not able to attend with your child, please pre browse the available books, purchase vouchers to the value of your chosen books and staff will then assist pupils to select their books on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January.

To assist with the smooth running of the event please note the time slots below for your child/ren. Older siblings will have permission to visit the fair during the time slot of younger siblings.

1.45pm – 2.00pm	P1 – P3
2.45pm – 3.00pm	P4 – P7

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1

Online applications for a Pre-School or Primary 1 place for September 2025 are now open via EA Connect.

Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 24 January 2025, and it is important to note that applications are not considered on a first come, first served basis.

A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website.

<https://www.parkgate-primary.co.uk/>

Visit <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/> to apply and see EA's website for more information on the admissions process: www.eani.org.uk/admissions

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS KEY DATES

5 December 2024	Admissions criteria for Primary schools published on the EA website.
10 January 2025 12noon	EA Connect opens for online applications for Primary 1.
24 January 2025 12noon	EA Connect closes for online applications for Primary 1.
29 January 2025 by 4pm	Deadline for submitting verification/supporting documents via EA Connect. Final date for late paper applications.
9 April 2025	Parents/carers will receive application outcomes via email (where one is held) or by letter.

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/HgGguhvQdggdfajn6>

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. Pupils in P3-P7 should wear **PE UNIFORM** on these dates.

P5-P7 SWIMMING JANUARY 2025

Swimming began for P5-7 pupils on Thursday 9th January 2025. From this week pupils who are swimming should wear PE kit on a Thursday. If they wish to use a locker, they should bring £1.00 (refundable).

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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 still coming up.

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 22nd January at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

Don't forget the PTA are hosting a Zumba evening, 16.00 – 17.00pm on Saturday 18th January 2025. Please arrive 10 minutes early for a prompt start.

The Lucky Dip at our recent Christmas Party raised an excellent £90.00.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Annie and Isaac Mallon's Granda for clearing the path into school last week, and helping to keep the pupils safe.

PARENTING FOCUS

This group is holding an online programme called 'Parenting Children's Challenging Behaviour' for 6 weeks beginning Thursday 16th January from 7.00 pm to 8.30pm. Call to register on 08088010722.

Please refer to the attached flyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18.01.25	PTA Zumba evening
22.01.25	PTA Meeting at 6.00pm
22.01.25	Board of Governors Meeting at 7.30pm
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 10.02.25 – 14.02.25.</i>
20.02.25	Post Primary Admission Portal closes.
26.02.25	Parent Consultations
27.02.25	Parent Consultations

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