



Parkroyal Life

Edition 85 - Autumn 2 2025

REMINDER – school closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December at 1.15pm and reopens on Monday 5th January at 8.35am. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026.

Picture News stories are discussed in Mrs Beaumont's Monday morning Assemblies. Picture News shares current issues with our pupils and helps to make British Values relevant and meaningful and develop links between personal, school and community values. These are the following questions we have explored this half term:



- **Should fireworks be changed?**
 - An animal charity has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people
- **Power for Good - Anti Bullying week**
 - The 2025 theme for Anti-Bullying Week was "Power for Good," which encouraged everyone to use their influence to make a positive difference by speaking up, supporting others, and challenging bullying behavior both online and offline
- **Can technology ever help us too much?**
 - NIKE has revealed a new type of powered shoe aimed to boost a person's walking and running
- **How might challenges help us grow?**
 - An adventurer, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to cross the Antarctica on a sit ski to raise money for charity.



Key Dates – Jan/Feb/Mar

19th December	School closes for Christmas holidays - 1.15pm
5th January	School reopens for Spring term 1 - 8.35am
16th January	INSET day - school closed to pupil all day
29th January	Y1 trip to Bridgewater Gardens
3rd February	Y2 trip to Peak Wildlife Park
11th/12th Feb	Y5 Level 2 Bikeability
12th February	School closes for half term 3pm/3.15pm
13th February	INSET day - school closed to pupils all day
23rd February	School reopens for Spring term 2 - 8.35am
12th March	Aspire Trust Public Speaking competition
20th March	Red Nose Day
20th March	Y6 Crucial Crew trip
27th March	School closes for Easter holidays - 1.15pm

Updated term dates

Our final INSET training dates for 2025-26 are included in the dates list on page 18 of this newsletter.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA Friends of Parkroyal for creating such fabulous hampers to help raise money for the school. Thank you for your creativity, hard work, and generosity shine through in every detail, and we are truly grateful for the time and care you put into making these hampers so special. Your efforts not only raise essential funds but also bring our school community together. We appreciate everything you do!



Reception

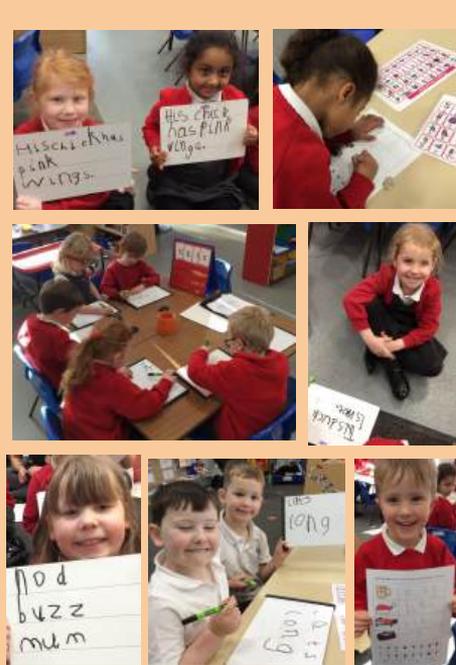
The Reception children have had a fabulous second half term at Parkroyal. They have loved learning all about Autumn and Celebrations.



Art, DT & Maths
Leaf Man & Land Art



Science & Geography
Autumn & Senses



Phonics & Writing
Spelling & Sentences



RE & Oracy
The Christmas Story

Phase 1 Performance - The Wrong Way Home!



Otto - an occupational therapy trial to boost gross and fine motor skills to improve handwriting.

Year One

We do super fun warm-ups including using playdough, scrunched up paper and even beach balls! These exercises are helping to build our writing muscles!



In year **Year Two** this half term...



This half term year 2 have been tasked to create a piece of Rights Respecting artwork inspired by **Giuseppe Arcimboldo** and article number 24.

We began by looking at his own artwork to inspire our physical creations.

We then drew and painted our own pieces for display.



It has been incredibly busy rehearsing and performing our **Phase 2 Christmas performance** of 'A Muppet Christmas Carol'. The children did themselves proud with their enthusiasm singing and performing the actions.

Thank you for supporting us with costumes and your presence at our performances.



A Muppet Christmas Carol

For our writing unit this half term we have been using 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' as our stimulus.

Here are a couple of snippets of their writing...

Owls live on sturdy branches so that they can escape any predators and can watch over their prey.

Plop flew down to the park and landed with a thump. The girl said "The park is brilliant because you can eat ice-cream but be careful it doesn't melt!"

The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark

Year 2 were lucky enough to experience a live ballet lesson from the **Royal Ballet and Opera Company** narrated by Olivia Colman.

We had the opportunity to:

- Explore the story of Alice's Adventures through dances performed by Royal Ballet dancers
- Meet the characters, including the White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, and Queen of Hearts
- Create and perform a short dance alongside children from schools across the country
- Meet and be inspired by professional Royal Ballet dancers



Royal Ballet & Opera

Year Three

History - Silk Museum

To introduce our history topic learning about Ancient Egypt, we visited the Silk Museum to explore their exhibit and complete three fantastic workshops. We learnt so many interesting facts and even saw a real sarcophagus!



6WTBS!

We were blown away (just like the volcanic eruptions!) by the children's fantastic 6WTBS. There was an incredible range of undiscovered fossils, Ancient Egyptian relics, wild volcanoes, creative mythical creatures, and tasty autumn dishes! It has been so lovely to see the children sharing their work with such pride.



Art - Collage

In Art, we took inspiration from Yinka Shonibare to create our own collages representing a UNCR article that matters to us. We explored overlapping, layering, texture, and embellishment to develop our final collages - pieces of art we are proud of!



Christmas Performance!

We hope you enjoyed Phase 2's adaptation of the film 'A Muppet Christmas Carol.' We are all so proud of the children who worked so hard to learn the lyrics, lines and actions to pull off a wonderful performance!



Merry Christmas to you all!

Year Four

6WTBS

The children all worked so hard and produced some incredible pieces of work for their Six Ways to be Smart.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting this. We were blown away with the standard of work! We enjoyed sharing our work with the rest of our school community.



Christmas Fun

We have soaked up the Christmas season by immersing ourselves in festivities! We created wonderful Christmas trees using layering different coloured tissue paper and have helped decorate the school! We have also been rehearsing songs and lines for our show stopping performance at St Michaels. We are so proud of all of the children! We had a fab time at our cinema visit funded by the PTA and loved wearing our Christmas jumpers and eating our Christmas Dinners together!

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Festive wishes,
Miss Dolton, Mrs Levy
& the Y4 team.



DT

This half term in DT we have been learning all about different types of bridges and exploring the different bridges all over the world. We learnt about how we can use triangles to add strength to our structures. We then designed our own bridge and using a mixture of paper, cardboard and the occasional toilet roll we had a go at making our own!



Computing

In our computing unit we have explored Stop Motion Animation, we were inspired by Wallace and Gromit. We learnt the importance of having lots of different frames and for our final piece of work we used play doh and created our own stop motion movies! It took great perseverance but the final productions were very impressive!



In Year Five, this term...

6WTBS

This half term the first round of the 'Six Ways to be Smart' projects were due. The children have done a fantastic job working on their projects and producing some great final pieces! We have shared them all within our classrooms and talked about our favourite parts, elements we found challenging and what we learnt during the process. The 6WTBS showcase was also a fun opportunity to share our projects with other children within school. Thank you to everyone's support and help to complete the projects.

Cricket

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed having Nigel from Cheshire Cricket as part of the Chance to Shine project as part of our outdoor PE slot this half term. Each week we have learnt a new skill and developed our overall cricketing ability as the weeks have progressed. The children have also improved their resilience and cooperation skills when working with different children and as part of a wider team.

Buddies

This half term we have commenced reading buddies with the Year 1 children. Each child in Year 5 has been buddied up with a Year 1 child and every week we will meet for a short period of time to read together. In the early week it was lovely to see the children getting to know each other and building friendships. As the weeks progressed, the children were keen to have this time together, read and share exciting things from our week.

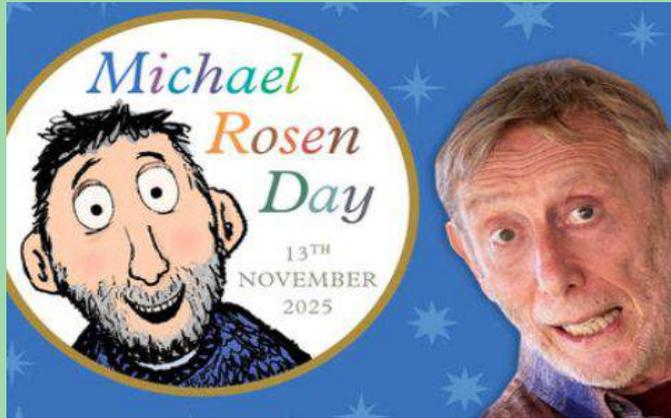
Christmas

It has been a fantastic and busy half term, the children have worked so hard! All of us have enjoyed learning new things about the Suffragettes in History, different mechanisms in Design and Technology and also how to effectively strike and field in Cricket. Towards the end of this term, we have really enjoyed all the Christmas treats, including a cinema visit, a fantastic Christmas dinner and of course our fabulous Phase 3 Christmas performance at St Michaels and All Angels church. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year 6

Poetry...

We were lucky enough to take part in an online assembly with National treasure, Michael Rosen! We listened to Michael perform some of his most famous poems including 6RJ's favourite 'nice!' It was really inspiring to hear such a well known poet reading his own work!



Buddies...

Although our Children In Need ramble had to be cancelled due to poor weather we still met our Reception buddies for a Joe Wicks workout to celebrate Pudsey's big day!



Christmas preparation...

We have soaked up the festive season by helping to create Christmas decorations to make the school look very Christmassy. We have been rehearsing songs and lines for our show stopping performance at St Michaels.



Year 6 trip to Chester Zoo...

We had an amazing time at the Zoo. The children were a credit to Parkroyal with their enthusiastic and respectful attitudes and everyone learnt something new which they were keen to discuss back at school.



Zones of Regulation



Supporting our pupils' emotional wellbeing is central to our school's ethos and this term Parkroyal has introduced the '*Zones of Regulation*' as a whole-school approach to support children's emotional development and wellbeing. Each Newsletter we will share updates and information about this approach and how you can support your child/ren.

The Zones of Regulation is a framework designed to help children gain a better understanding of their emotions, develop self-regulation skills, and learn strategies to manage their feelings in a healthy and productive way. It uses four colour-coded "zones" to represent different states of alertness and emotions:

Blue Zone – low states of alertness (e.g., sad, tired, bored, sick)

Green Zone – calm, focused, and ready to learn

Yellow Zone – heightened alertness (e.g., excited, worried, silly, frustrated)

Red Zone – extremely heightened states (e.g., anger, panic, rage)

Children will be taught to recognise which "zone" they are in, understand that it's normal to move between zones throughout the day, and learn strategies to help themselves return to a zone that supports learning and positive behaviour.

How can you support your child at home with the approach? _____

We encourage you to talk to your child about the Zones and ask them what they're learning.

Pastoral Support for parents and carers



Visyon offer a number of in person and online workshops aimed at providing information and advice to parents and carers to help you support your child with understanding their emotions and wellbeing.

<https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentworkshops>

<https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentwebinars>



The Government's new campaign, Best Start in Life, is aimed at helping parents navigate online misinformation about early childhood development. The initiative brings together NHS and government-backed guidance.

To access this information please click on the following link [BestStartInLife](#)

Togetherness

Cheshire East Family Hubs are delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing Children.

Togetherness - the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Link: <https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/cheshire-east/?scrlybrkr=82811770>

Just Drop-In



Just Drop-In is a registered charity that supports children and young people aged 11-25 who live in the north of Cheshire East (Macclesfield, Bollington, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Poynton.) Their expertise and operating model is embedded in Early Help and Prevention. All of their services are free of charge.

They are there to help and support children and young people who are finding life hard, to improve their mental health and wellbeing and help them to find their feet.

<https://www.justdropin.co.uk/resources-for-parents-and-young-people/>

Girls Football

Our girls team attended a MSSP girls football tournament at Tytherington High School. There were 9 teams which were split into two groups.

We won 1-0 against Marlborough with a goal from Scarlett and some great goals saved my Emme.

We then lost 1-0 against Prestbury, this was a close match and Jannat and Gabriela made a great defensive team.

Against Alderley Edge School for girls we drew 2-2 with our girls playing great upfront and Scarlett managed to seal the deal with both girls.

Unfortunately, in our last match we took a defeat against Lacey Green.

We were so proud of how well our girls played as a team for their first time and they truly showed great perseverance during the horrible wet, windy and cold weather!



Netball

The Parkroyal netball team had our first tournament of the year at Wilmslow High School and it was a very competitive afternoon. There were 5 teams from across Cheshire and there were 10 games to be played.

We played Marlborough, Alderley Edge, Lacey Green, Ashdene and Dean Valley. The standard of netball was truly incredible across all schools and despite the perseverance and inspirational team spirit of our team, we were not successful in winning any of the games.

It has given us something to work towards and a focus for our training for the new year and we can't wait to start our league matches after the Christmas break.

Mrs Roberts and I were so proud of the team and their optimism in the defeats, it demonstrated what brilliant team players the children are. I particularly loved the chant they came up with, it kept our energy high!

Miss Davies and Mrs Roberts



Dodgeball

A group of Year 6's including some of our Sports Leads heading to Macclesfield Academy for a dodgeball event organised and coordinated by our School Games Organiser. We played in a friendly tournament against lots of other schools. We came out 3rd and the progression shown from the start to the event was phenomenal. The children were awarded with a certificate which stated they had demonstrated teamwork, cooperation, respect and determination. We were really proud of how the children represented Parkroyal!



Jingle Bell Jog

On Monday 1st December Parkroyal took part in the East Cheshire Hospice Jingle Bell Jog! Although the weather was miserable, the mood was most certainly the opposite! The children and staff were grinning from ear to ear, jogging around the pitch in the rain singing their favourite Christmas songs! Cheshire East kindly donated festive headbands/ elve hats which went down a treat!

We even had a special appearance from Sonny the Dog!

Thank you for all of your donations, we managed to raise £415 for the hospice!



Trampolining superstar!

On 7th December Lottie attended a Regional Schools Trampolining competition and Macclesfield Leisure Centre. She competed against 42 other children and won! We are so proud of how Lottie represented herself and also represented the Parkroyal; demonstrating all of our positive attitudes!

Well done Lottie!



School Term Dates 2025-26

Start of school year	School reopens on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 8.35am
	School will be closed to pupils on the following dates:
October Half Term (including Trust training day)	SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 24th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025
Christmas holiday	School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 19th December 2025
	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026
INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 16th January 2026
February Half Term (including INSET)	SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 13th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026
Easter holiday	School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 27th March 2026
	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026
May Day	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 4th May 2026
May Half Term	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026
End of school year	School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 17th July 2026
Summer holiday (including INSET)	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 20th July 2026 - Monday 31st August 2026
<p>Provisional staff INSET training days (SCHOOL CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS) Monday 1st September 2025, Tuesday 2nd September 2025, Friday 24th October 2025 (Trust training), Friday 16th January 2026, Friday 13th February 2026, Monday 20th July 2026</p>	
PLEASE ENSURE ALL FAMILY HOLIDAYS ARE BOOKED OUTSIDE OF THESE TERM DATES.	

Term Time Absence

Please may we remind all parents and carers that Headteachers may only grant leave of absence in term time **in exceptional circumstances**. All requests for absence **MUST** be put in writing to the Headteacher at least one month before the required date. If your request is not agreed it will be marked as unauthorised.

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19/8/24

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Fixed Penalty Notices – New Guidance for Parents and Carers

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for:

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the penalty thresholds i.e. 3 days followed by a further 2 days later in the academic year.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. Unauthorised absences include being late after registers have closed on 10 or more occasions.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued.

The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.