

# Welcome to our new parent's meeting at Parkgate Primary School

Please could you sign in and your child's  
name as well on the signing in sheet.



# Parkgate Primary School

## A 'welcome' presentation to Reception class 'Lion Cubs'



# Introductions

- ◆ **Mrs. Jo Foster**                      **Class Teacher**
- ◆ **Mrs. Claire Barralet**              **Teaching Assistant**
  
- ◆ **Mr. Andrew Hutchings** **Head Teacher**
  
- ◆ **Mrs. Jazmin Rashid**                **Deputy Head**
  
- ◆ **Mr. Paul Simon**                      **KS1 lead & SENCo**



# A Brief Outline

- ❖ Important information
- ❖ Starting school – dates
- ❖ Useful information
- ❖ School uniform
- ❖ Supporting your child at home
- ❖ Preparing your child for school
- ❖ EYFS Curriculum
- ❖ Communication Tools
- ❖ More useful information
- ❖ PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- ❖ S4YC- Breakfast, afterschool sports provision



# Important Information

- ❖ The office should have sent your  
'data collection forms' electronically.

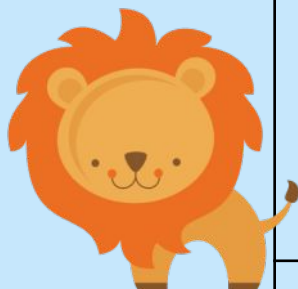
All of the forms must to be completed ASAP.



# Starting School

Children will start school on a part-time basis just for 2 days beginning Wednesday 3rd September 2025

<b>Wednesday 3rd September</b>		<b>1.15-3.15pm</b> Drop off at main office Collect from the playground door
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8.40 am – 1:15pm (inc lunch)</b> Drop off at the playground door Collect from main office	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September onwards</b>	<b>All day 8.40 am -3.15pm</b> Drop off at the playground door in the morning and collect from the same door in the afternoon	



# A date for the diary

## Reading and phonics meeting

Tuesday 9th September 2025@ 3:15pm  
in the  
school hall.

An introduction to how we teach phonics .





# Important Information

## Medical Issues

- ❖ Please ensure that you inform us of any medical issues and/or medication that your child needs.

## Medication

- ❖ Any medication such as inhalers, Epi-pens prescribed medicines etc, must be brought into school with a prescribed label. This must be handed to an adult.

**It is up to parents to ensure that all medication is in date.**

## Illness

- ❖ Please ring school/email **before 9.00am** if your child is going to be away from school due to illness. We will ring you if your child is not present and we haven't received a phone call/email by 9:30am.

## Injuries

- ❖ Accidents do happen and a slip will be sent home to let you know if your child has a bumped head. Most accidents are minor and can be dealt with in school by a First Aider. However if your child suffers a more serious injury then you will receive a phone call.



# Important Information

## Attendance

School gates will open at 8:40am. Registration will be taken at 8:50am. Lessons start straight after registration. If your child arrives after 9am, it will go down as a 'late' mark.

## Holidays

- ❖ If you wish to take your child out during term time, please let us know in writing. Please see our website for a 'Leave of absent form'
- ❖ The Head teacher can only authorise absences under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Local authorities will fine families if they take more than 10 or more sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absences within a rolling 10-week period. The absences can be consecutive or not and the 10- week period can span across different terms.



# Attendance

## Does it really matter in Reception?

Our whole school target is to achieve 96% attendance.

### Ofsted quote:

Good school attendance in Early Years provides the foundation to **positive attachments with staff and supports resilience and growth.**

Conversely, **poor attendance can lead to gaps in learning, difficulty catching up, and potentially negative impacts on a child's overall development and well-being.**



In primary school, every day missed equates to a day of lost learning. This can **significantly impact** a child's academic progress, especially if absences become frequent or persistent. For example, **95% attendance** (which means missing 10 days) can result in missing approximately 50 lessons.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **10 days missed (95% attendance):** Equates to approximately 50 lessons.
- **20 days missed (90% attendance):** Equates to about 100 lessons.
- **30 days missed (85% attendance):** Equates to roughly 150 lessons, or nearly 6 weeks of school, [according to Ealing Grid for Learning](#).
- **40 days missed (80% attendance):** Equates to about 200 lessons, or over 7 weeks of school.

Missing school, even by small amounts like being 5 minutes late each day, can add up to a considerable loss of learning over time.



# Useful Information



## School Dinners

A healthy cooked meal provided by Edsential, is available for free for your child.

Please visit

[www.edsential.com](http://www.edsential.com) for more information.

You have to book on-line for meals.



## Water Bottles

Your child will need a sturdy, easy to open water bottle. Please label it clearly with your child's name and ensure that it is taken home and washed everyday.



## Snack

We will provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for morning break.



## Packed Lunch

We encourage healthy eating at Parkgate and therefore expect each child to eat a balanced lunch which includes a piece of fruit/vegetable. Packed lunches should not include sweets or fizzy drinks.

Anything the children do not eat they will take it home in their lunch box.

## Dojos

We use Dojos as a reward. At the end of the week, Dojos are counted up and a certificate is given to the child(ren) with the most Dojos.



# Useful Information

## School Uniform

- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers or skirt
- White polo top or shirt
- Black shoes  
(sensible footwear/no trainers).



## PE Kit

- Named PE bag on the outside
- White or black shorts for boys/girls
- Black cycling shorts for girls
- Blue t-shirt with our crest on
- Trainers/pumps
- All labelled please

## Spare clothes

Accidents can happen from time to time so it's always good to be prepared! Please can you place a spare set of underwear in your child's PE bag.

## Toys

Please do not bring children's toys from home into school as they could risk going missing or getting damaged.



# Purchasing school uniform from either...

## The Schoolwear Outlet



<https://schoolwearoutlet.com>

## Cain of Heswall



[www.cain-if-Heswall.co.uk](http://www.cain-if-Heswall.co.uk)



# Book Bags

- ❖ Book bags can be purchased from the uniform shops
- ❖ Every child must have a book bag to carry their belongings to and fro.
- ❖ Book bags must be brought on a Friday so reading books can be changed.

The following items should be kept in your child's book bag :  
reading record (green book) and reading books.



# Supporting your child at home with ...

- ❖ Speaking, listening and sharing



- ❖ Writing or mark making, i.e drawing, making lines and circles, etc



- ❖ Recognising their name or writing parts of their name

- ❖ Counting, counting rhymes, recognising shapes, colours  
Recognising numbers 1-5, then 1-10



# Starting Reception...

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

## The Road To School

**Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.**

- Speaking & literacy**
  - I like to read stories & look at picture books
  - I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
  - I am practising recognising my name when it's written down
- Listening & understanding**
  - I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
  - I can follow instructions
  - I understand the need to follow rules
- Writing skills**
  - I like tracing patterns & colouring in
  - I enjoy making marks
  - I am practising holding a pencil
- Sharing & turn taking**
  - I can share toys & take turns
  - I like playing games with others
  - I like interacting with other children
- Counting skills**
  - I enjoy practising counting objects
  - I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
  - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down
- Going to the toilet**
  - I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
  - I can wash and dry my hands without any help
- Routines**
  - I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
  - I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
  - I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days
- Interest in the world & new activities**
  - I enjoy learning about the world around me
  - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
  - I like asking questions
- What are you looking forward to the most? Is there anything you're unsure of?**
- Eating**
  - I can use a knife & fork
  - I can open my packed lunch on my own
  - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging
- Self-care**
  - I know when to wash my hands
  - I can wipe my nose
  - I can ask for help if I don't feel well
- Getting dressed & undressed on my own**
  - I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
  - I can put my own shoes & socks on
  - I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on
- Independence**
  - I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
  - I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
  - I am feeling confident about starting school

**School bus**

**School**

**Nursery Resources**  
www.nurseryresources.org

Remember - learning is not a competition, children learn at different rates. For more ideas to help prepare your child for school, talk to your childcare practitioner.

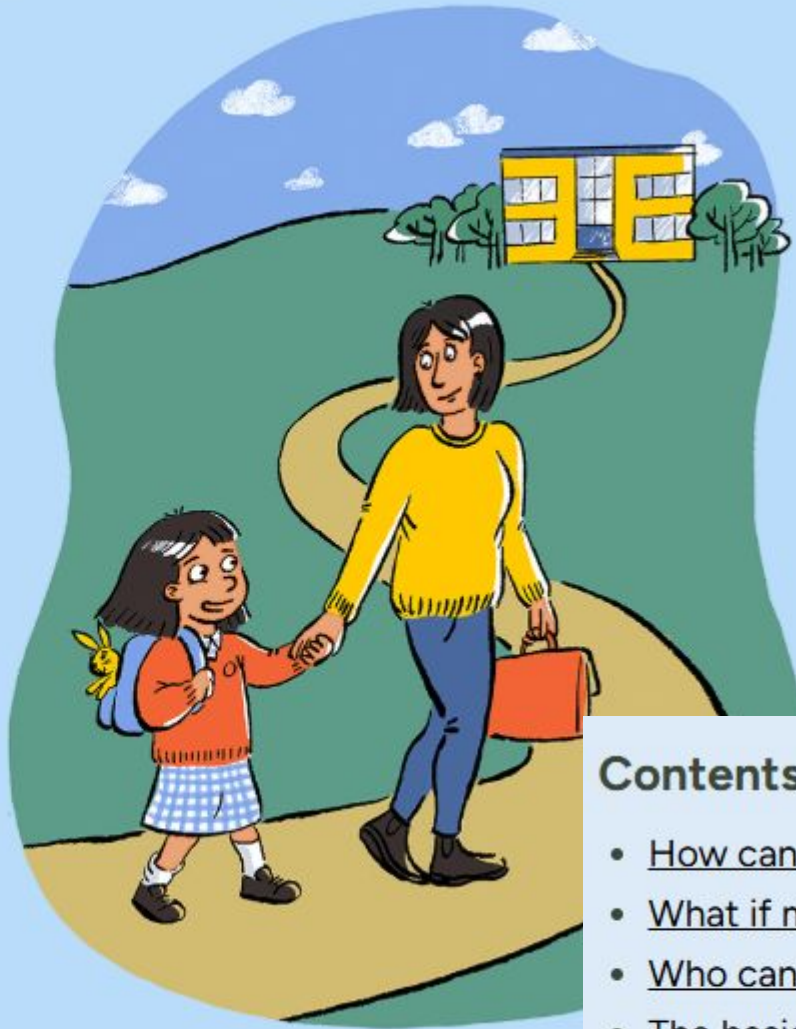


<https://growingtogetherearlyyears.co.uk/blog/whatischoolreadiness>



# Starting Reception...

## Starting Reception



## Contents

- How can I help my child get ready?
- What if my child has additional needs?
- Who can I speak to for help?
- The basic skills to practise before your child starts school
  - Growing independence
  - Building relationships and communicating
  - Physical development
  - Healthy routines
- What should I do if I have concerns about my child's d



<https://startingreception.co.uk/#the-basic-skills-to-practice>



# Early Years Foundation Stage

(EYFS)

- ❖ EYFS Curriculum – Education from birth to five years.
- ❖ The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is taught through a mix of adult led group work activities, adult initiated and child-initiated activities.
- ❖ **PLAY!** The value placed on play in the early years is very high. Children learn best through carefully thought out and structured play activities. The staff are highly skilled in moving the play forward, supporting each child's stage of development.



# Outline of a school Day for a Lion cub

8.40am- Self registration

8.50am- Registration

8:50am-9:30/40am- Read Write Inc (Phonics Programme)

9:30/40am- 11:45 pm – Shared reading and writing

Rainbow challenges

Exploring time in the continuous provision

Guided small group writing session

Snack time

11:45pm- Topic input

12:10pm- Getting ready for Lunch

12:15pm- Lunchtime

1:15pm- Afternoon session- Maths input & guided small group session

Rainbow challenges and exploring time in the

continuous provision

2:30-2:50pm- Topic input

2:50pm -Story Time & then getting ready for home

3:15pm- Home and chill!



Throughout the week the children have a number of challenges to do. The challenges consolidate the children's learning.

It could be a fine motor-skill task, a writing task, a maths task, physical or a science task, etc.

We like these tasks to be completed as independently as possibly.



# Behaviour Expectations

At our school, we take pride in maintaining high standards of behaviour.

The school has a behaviour policy which can be found on the school's website.

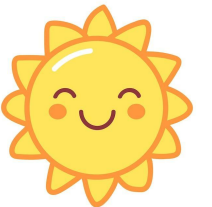
In Lion cubs we have a 3-tiered system.

All children begin on 'Sammy Sun'- this represent positive behaviour.

If a 'minor misdemeanor' occurs, they move to 'Oliver Overcast',

A major misdemeanor results in moving to Clarence Cloud' we will speak to the parents about the behaviour.

When the child has demonstrated 'good behaviour', they can move back up the tier system to 'Sammy Sun'.



# School Trips

## Formal Outings in Lion Cubs

At Lion Cubs, we have two exciting formal outings each year that involve the whole school.

In **December**, we attend a **pantomime**—a lively and interactive performance that the children thoroughly enjoy (oh yes they do!). It's a wonderful way to experience live theatre and celebrate the festive season.



In **July**, we take a trip to **Chester Zoo**, which links to our summer topic of '**Sea Creatures and Pollution**'. This outing helps the children connect their classroom learning to real-life experiences and inspires their curiosity about wildlife and conservation.



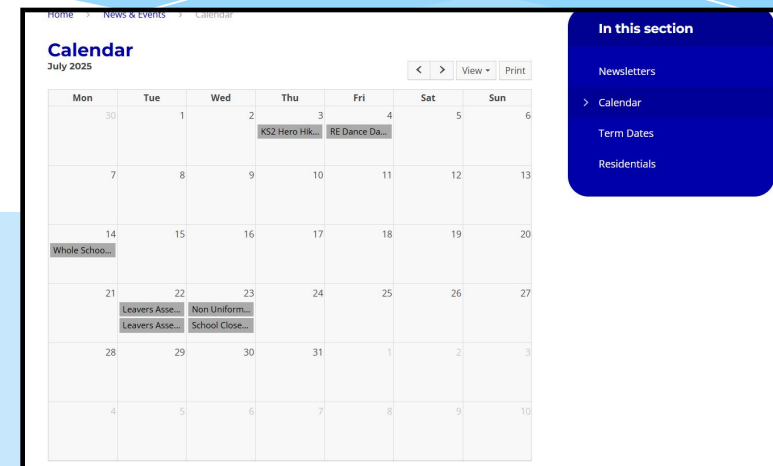
# Communication Tools

Social Media Platforms :  
School Website

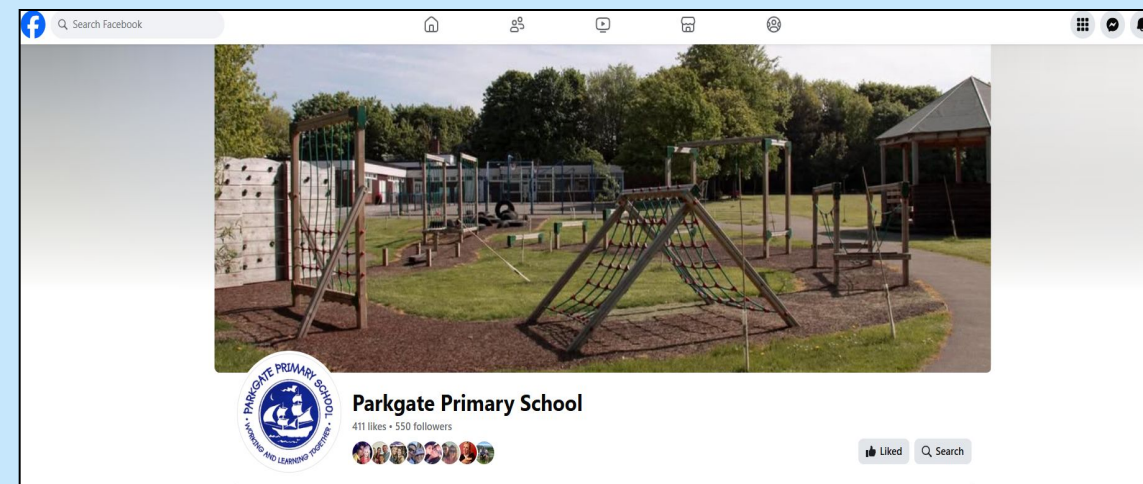


## School Calendar

All events and important dates can be found on the school calendar.



## Facebook



## Instagram



# Class Whats App groups



## Warning!

Social media sites/applications are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils.

Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

# Communication Tools

We have 3 different electronic platforms to communicate between home and school.

## Schoolgateway

General notices and information about school, e.g. school events, dates, trips, lunch payments etc :

More information on 'Schoolgateway' will be given to you by the office

**Class email:** Information about your child (between home and school) [lioncubs@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:lioncubs@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Google classroom:** Information relevant to our class only (Lion cubs) Used for quick updates and messages and weekly homework.



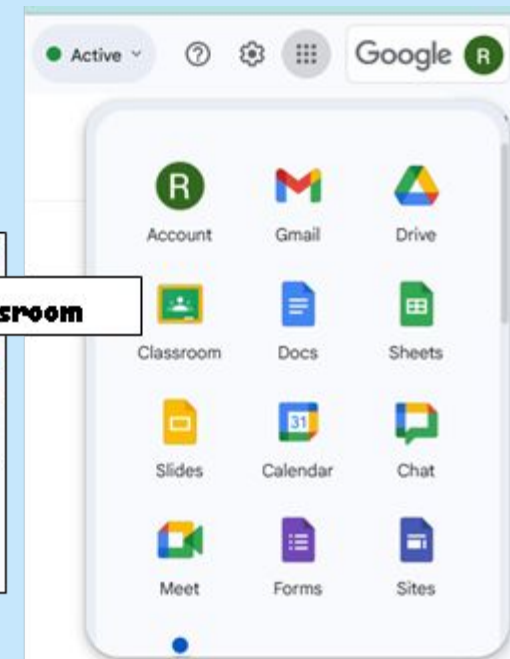
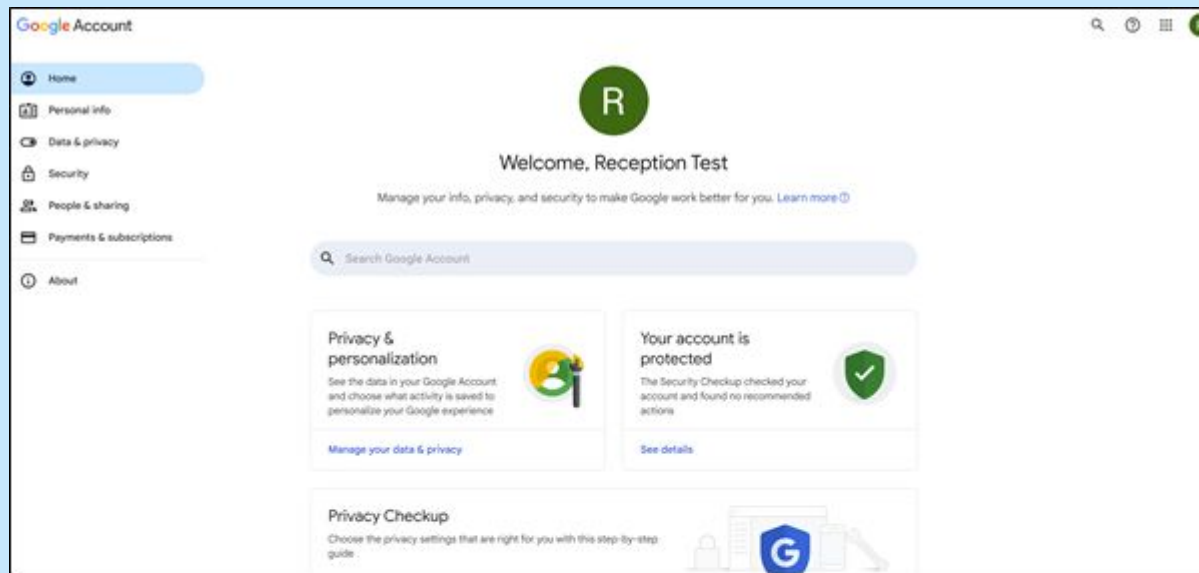
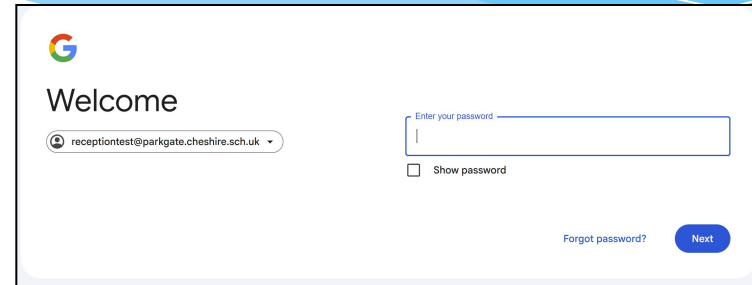
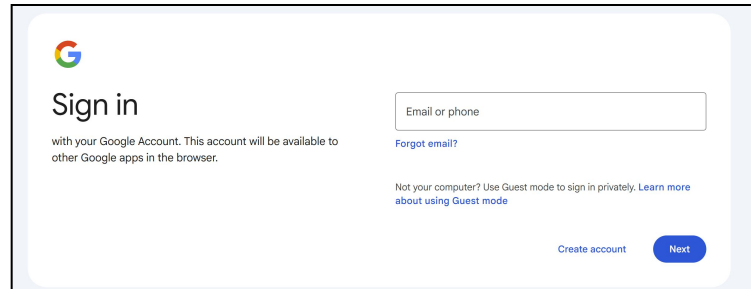
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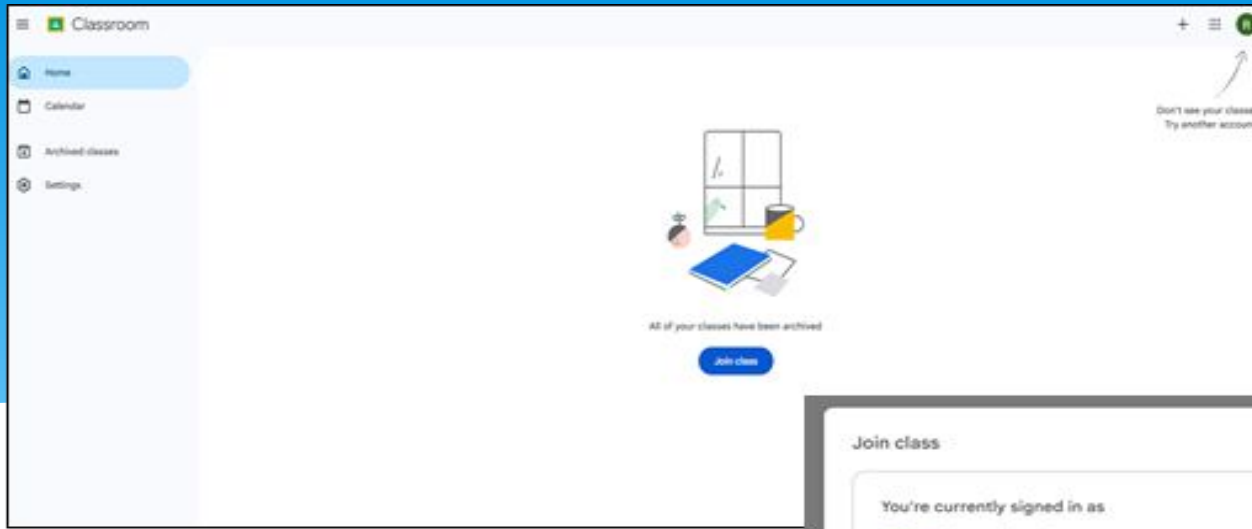
## Google classroom

Your child will be given an individual email.

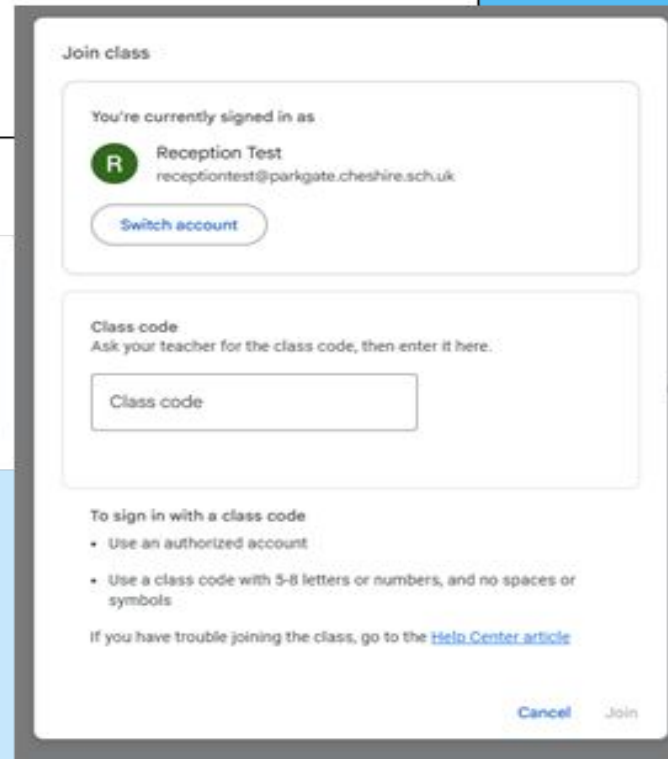
It will end in .... @parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk

Sign into google account using the email.

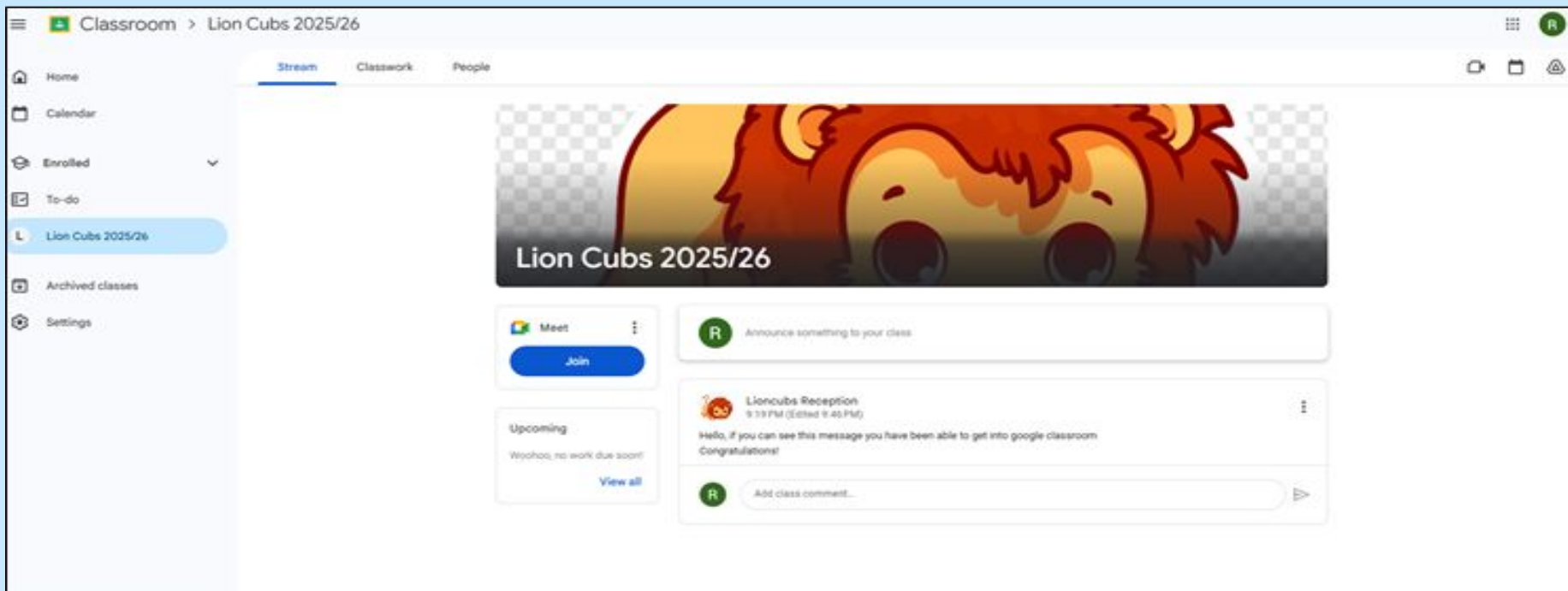




Class code  
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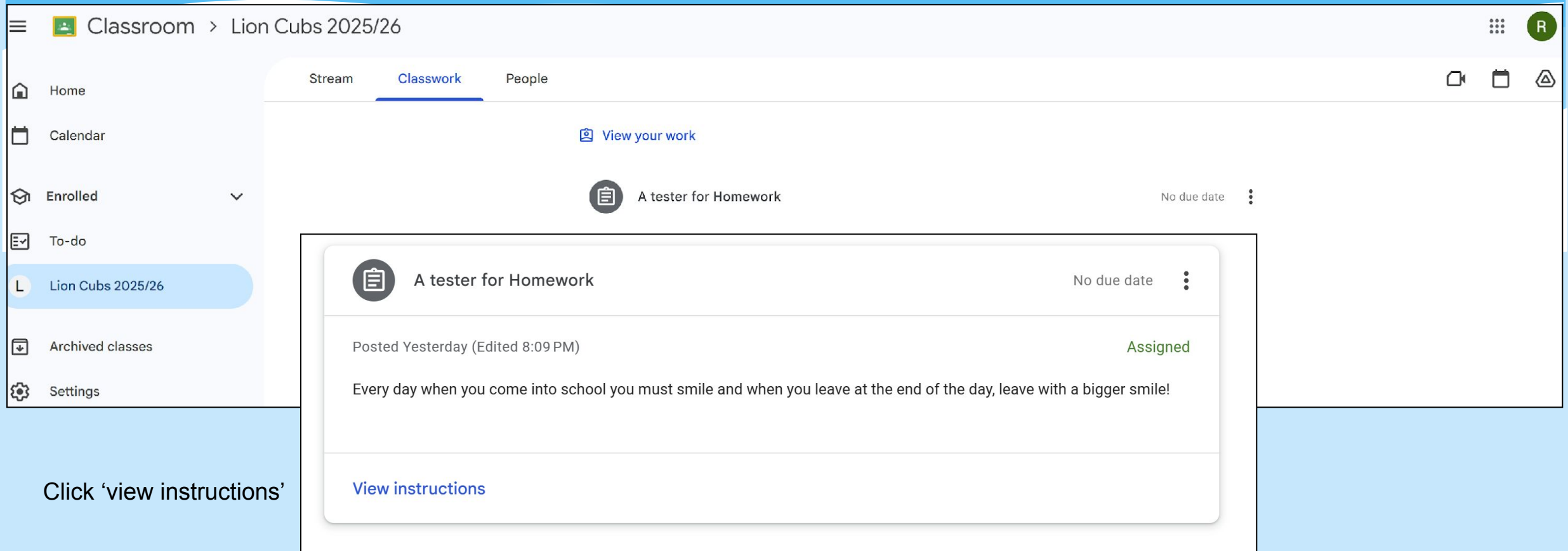


If successful, you will be connected to google classroom. If you have more than one child at the school, multiple accounts can be connected together



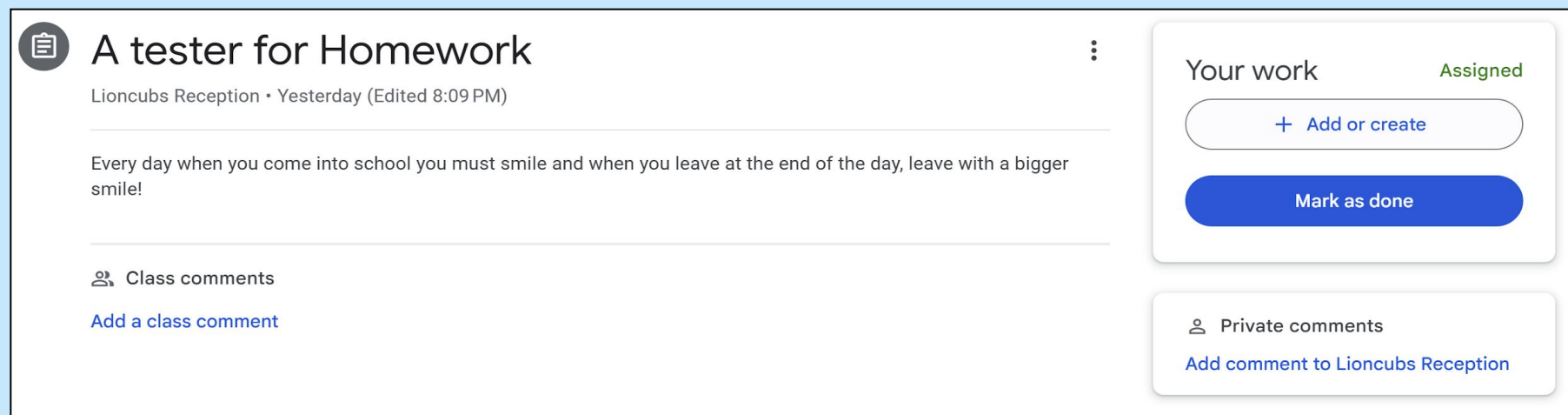
# Homework:

This can be found on 'Classwork'. A photo of your child's homework can be uploaded to the site. We can then see it and comment on the piece of homework.



The screenshot shows a classroom interface for 'Lion Cubs 2025/26'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Calendar, Enrolled, To-do, Lion Cubs 2025/26 (selected), Archived classes, and Settings. The main area is titled 'Classwork' and shows a homework assignment titled 'A tester for Homework' with a 'No due date' and 'Assigned' status. The assignment text reads: 'Every day when you come into school you must smile and when you leave at the end of the day, leave with a bigger smile!'. A 'View instructions' link is visible at the bottom of the assignment card.

Click 'view instructions'



This block provides a detailed view of the homework assignment. The title is 'A tester for Homework' from 'Lioncubs Reception', posted yesterday (edited 8:09 PM). The assignment text is: 'Every day when you come into school you must smile and when you leave at the end of the day, leave with a bigger smile!'. Below the text are sections for 'Class comments' (with an 'Add a class comment' link) and 'Your work' (with 'Add or create' and 'Mark as done' buttons). There is also a section for 'Private comments' with a link to 'Add comment to Lioncubs Reception'.



# Homework Expectations

## Homework Expectations

Year Group	Reading Books	Reading Comprehension	Writing	Spellings	Maths
Reception Friday - Thursday	<p>Reading books are changed every week by an adult. At the start of the year, children take Oxford Owl picture books. They then move on to Read write Inc (RWI) books</p> <p>An electronic book on Oxford Owl and RWI home book is sent home when children start RWI Red books.</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to read with their children and ask them questions about the story/pictures.</p> <p>Also, encouraging them to retell the story in their own words, predict what might happen and make-up a sequel or a new version of the story</p>	<p>To be set on google classroom.</p> <p>Including fine motor skills e.g. cutting and mark making.</p> <p>Written task to reflect the current week's learning e.g writing your name, writing labels, researching a topic etc</p>	<p>To be encouraged by home</p> <p>When the children start taking Lilac sound blending books - encourage your child to spell 3 CVC words from the book.</p> <p>When children start learning Set 1 &amp; 2 RWI sounds -spell one word from each of the week's 3 focus sounds. (3 words)</p> <p>Watch RWI videos to support this.</p>	<p>To be set on google classroom -</p> <p>Consolidation of the current week's skills and concepts</p>
		<p><b>Speaking</b></p> <p>To be encouraged at home</p> <p>Hold a conversation with your child asking them about what they did in school etc. Encourage speaking in full sentences and model back the correct pronunciation of words.</p>			

This can be found on our school website



# Early Years Foundation Stage

(EYFS)

We have many ways of recording your child's progress. Our on-line electronic journal 'Tapestry' is one of the methods.

We get to showcase what the children have been doing in school for you to see AND it is an opportunity for school to find out what they have been doing at home.



# Parents & Teachers Association

## PTA

Please join our PTA.

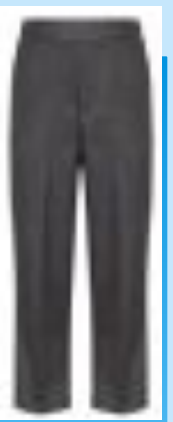
What do they do?

- ❖ The PTA have raised money through many fun family activities, fairs, collections etc. And it is all for our children's learning.
- ❖ They have purchased numerous things over the years... To name but a few: guided reading books, equipment for the science department & EYFS class and the outdoor classroom on the field. The most recent project was raising funds for the spectacular stage in the hall.
- ❖ They meet once a term to make all the magic above happen.
- ❖ Please contact the office if you would like to be apart of this 'dedicated and all volunteers' group.
- ❖ On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3:15 pm, the PTA will be holding a uniform sale in the hall. A great opportunity to maybe buy your child some spare uniform?





# The Parkgate Primary School PTA Uniform Shop!



- We have a range of high quality second hand items, from uniform to shoes and coats, in an array of sizes
- Prices are low (20p - £2), and it's open to everyone. The idea is to help everyone to save the pennies while also helping the environment.
- The shop will normally run each half term, after school in the main hall. Dates will be announced via school email system
- The next date is Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July (main hall, 3.15pm) – Please feel free to come, browse, and pick up a bargain!
- If you cannot make the next date, but would like some uniform, please contact Kim on [Kimirisbaker@gmail.com](mailto:Kimirisbaker@gmail.com)
- If you'd like to donate any uniform, please hand it into the school office. Thank you!





# S4YC



@ Parkgate

At S4YC, we specialise in child care, preschool, sporting activities, and wrap-around care, including school holidays, for children aged 3 - 11 years of age.

Through all of our activities we help children realise their capabilities, improve social skills and boost fitness levels.

You will find all the information you need about our exciting and fun range of activities as well as our online booking system by visiting our website:

[www.s4yc.co.uk](http://www.s4yc.co.uk)

but, if you would like to speak with us directly please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Online registration and booking instructions

To register your child/children please follow the instructions below:

1. Visit [www.s4yc.co.uk](http://www.s4yc.co.uk)
2. On the home page, scroll down to the middle and click "Bookings".
3. If registering your child/children for the first time, complete the "New Parent Registration" filling in ALL details.
4. Once you have registered, you will then need to add your child/children.

To make bookings

5. Once you are logged in, select the "Make Bookings" tab at the top of the page then select your activity.
6. Please follow the simple instructions to book your child, their school and the sessions required.
7. Select payment.
8. Finalise your booking using your desired method of payment. If you are paying via childcare vouchers you will also need to log onto your voucher provider's account and make the payment manually to S4YC. Voucher payments can take up to 10 days to be verified.
9. You will receive a confirmation e-mail. Should this e-mail go to your junk mail please mark it as safe for future confirmation e-mails and bookings.

Additional

10. To check that your booking has been successful click "My Bookings". You can also look at your booking in more confirmation e-mails and bookings.
11. While in the "Invoice" tab you can also cancel and amend any bookings (within the cancellation period).
12. The system will also allow you to book courses for the entire year and pay monthly, add money to your online wallet, leave notes for staff, and track usage and times you sign in/out and much more...

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# Thank you for your time

Please see our school website:  
<https://www.parkgateprimary.org.uk>

We will add this power point onto your section and other pieces of information which you and your child may need.

*Home page- scroll across to the green section 'Parents'- click- down to the bottom 'Welcome to our Reception Class 2025'*

Please browse the other pages for, our curriculum, term dates, staff list and other information about the school

If you have any queries or any concerns, please do not hesitate to email the Lion Cub team

[lioncubs@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:lioncubs@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk)

No question is daft!

Thanks again and have a lovely evening.

