

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. Sam Wilson** **Teaching Assistant**
- ❖ **Mr. Andrew Hutchings** **Head Teacher**
- ❖ **Mrs. Jazmin Rashid** **Deputy Head**
- ❖ **Mr. Paul Simon** **KS1 lead & SENDCo**



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 2nd September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September		1.15-3.15pm Drop off at main office Collect from the playground door
Thursday 3rd September	8.40 am – 1:15pm (inc lunch) Drop off at the playground door Collect from main office	
Friday 4 th September onwards	All day 8.40 am -3.15pm 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 15th September 2026@
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 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 for more information.

You have to book on-line for meals. If your child has a food intolerance, Edsential need a medical note from the doctors.



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**
- 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



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/all 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

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

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

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

What are you looking forward to the most? Is there anything you're unsure of?

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.

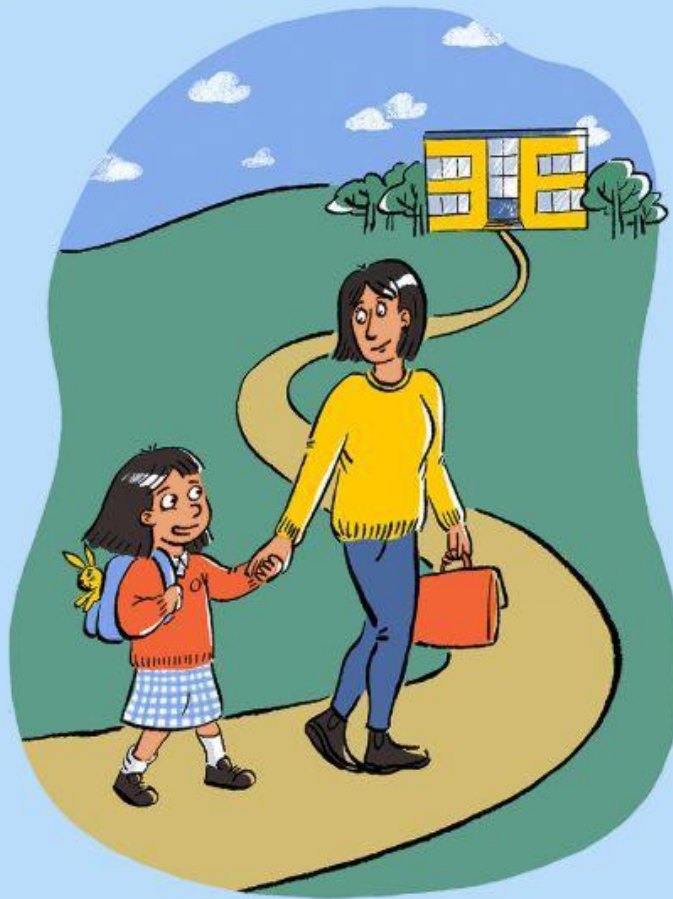


<https://growingtogetherearlyyears.co.uk/blog/whatischoolreadiness>



Starting Reception...

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The Potty Training Guide



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 development?



<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 & a morning activity

8.50am- Registration & visual timetable

8:55 -9:50am Exploring the continuous provision including challenges

9:50-10:05am Shared reading and writing

10:05-10:55:

Snack time

Exploring in the continuous provision inc' rainbow challenges
Small guided English group session

11:10- 11:35am Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics session

11:35- 12:00 Specific topic input

12:00 -12:10pm Getting reading for lunch

12:15-1-15pm Lunchtime

1:15-1:30pm Handwriting

1:30pm- 1:45pm Maths input

1:45- 2:30pm Small guided maths group session

Continuous provision

2:30- 2:50pm Specific topic input

2:50- 3:10pm Storytime and song time

3:10-3:15pm

Getting ready for home



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 possible.



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**' and 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.



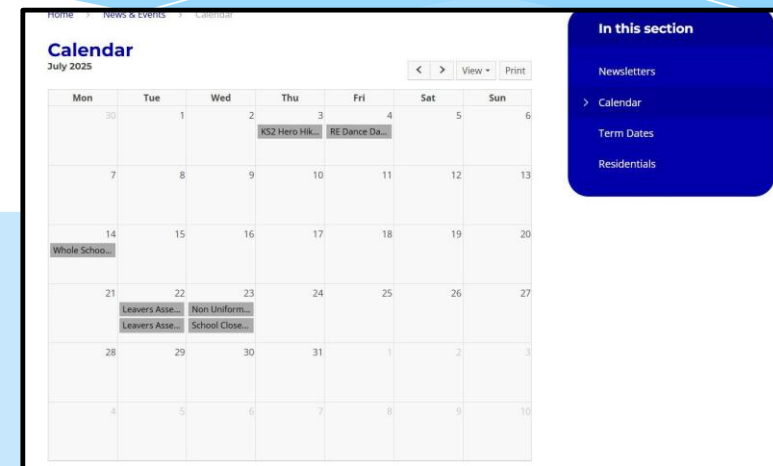
Communication Tools

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

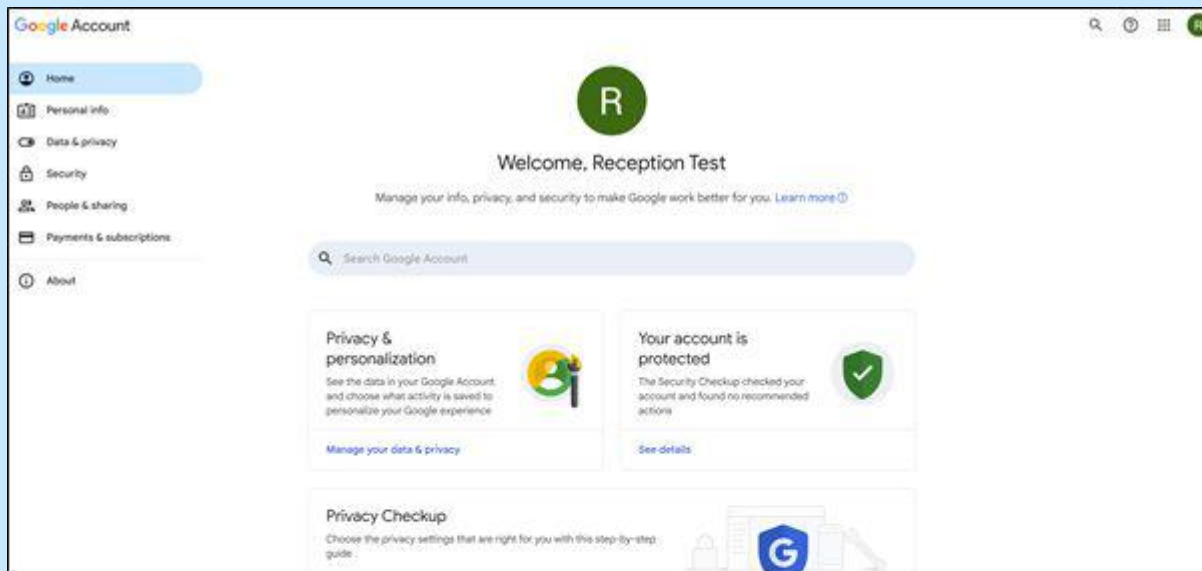
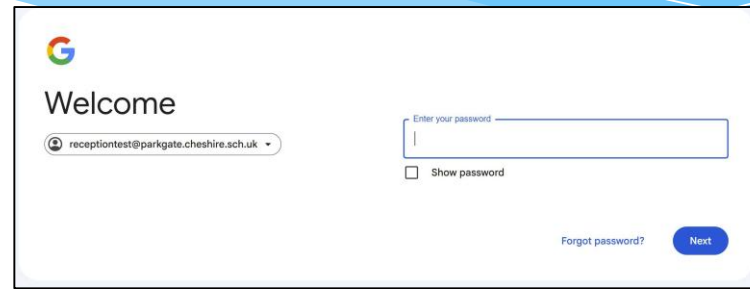
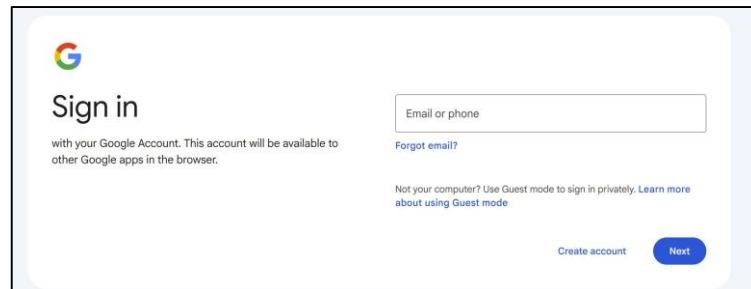
Google classroom: Information relevant to our class only (Lion cubs) Used for quick updates and messages and weekly homework.



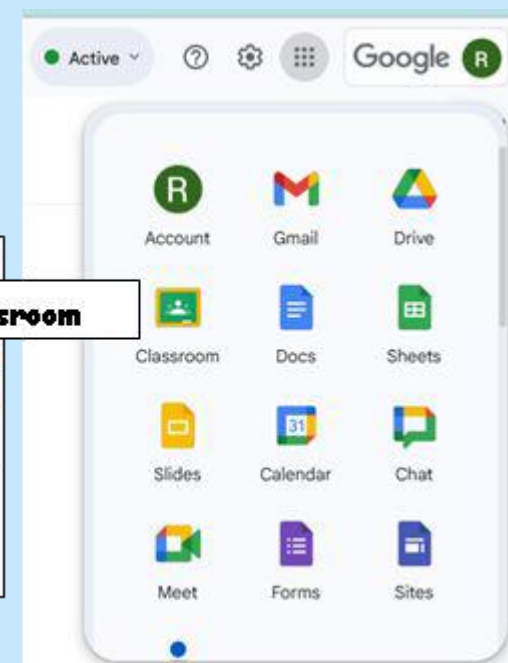
How to log on to ...

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.



Click classroom





Lioncubs Reception

lioncubs@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk

Invited you to join Lion Cubs 2026-2027

Join class

Class code

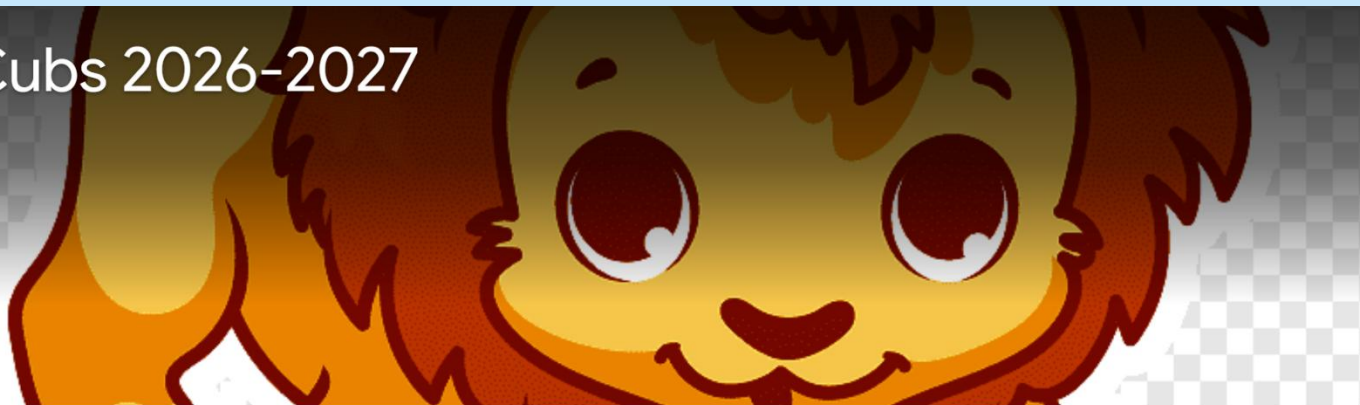


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If successful, you will be connected to google classroom. If you have more than one child at the school, multiple accounts can be connected together

Lion Cubs 2026-2027



Upcoming

Woohoo, no work due soon!

[View all](#)

[New announcement](#)



Lioncubs Reception posted a new assignment: A tester for homework
Jul 5



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.



A tester for homework

Lioncubs Reception • Jul 5

When you have been successful in navigating around google classroom, upload a photograph of your little one, with two thumbs up and a big smile on their face!



Class comments



Add comment



Your work

Assigned

+ Add or create

Mark as done



Private comments



Add comment to Lioncubs Re...



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 & 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>Speaking</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

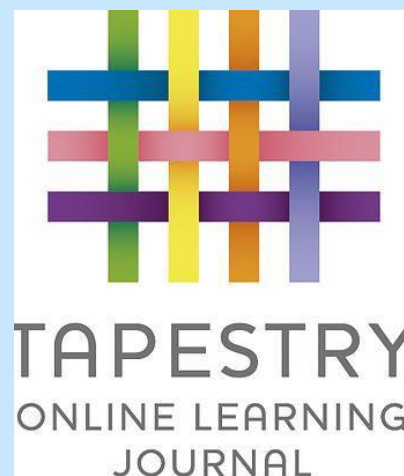


Early Years Foundation Stage

(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

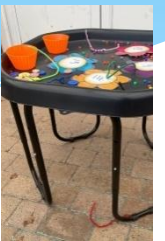
Please join our PTA.
What do they do?

❖ The PTA arranges events and activities throughout the year, including the Halloween & Neon Discos, Christmas & Summer Fairs, Springo Bingo, Wreath making workshop and Clothing Collections.

❖ These events are lots of fun for the children and their families, and help to raise funds for the school. We hope to see some of you there!

❖ The funds raised are used to support a range of things, big and small... helping to fund the new school stage, the school trip to the panto, and the year 1 toy workshop, purchasing iPads, keyboards, a sound mixer, a reading den, guided reading books, equipment for the science department & EYFS class and the outdoor classroom on the field.

❖ Even the small things, like providing the ice lollies at Sports Day and the crackers at Christmas lunch are greatly appreciated by the children!





The Parkgate Primary School PTA Uniform Shop!



❖ The PTA run a second-hand uniform shop aims to help parents with the cost of uniform, reduce waste and help the environment.

❖ Sales are normally run at the end of each half term, and are advertised in advance via email.



❖ The uniform is all very good quality and prices are low, so if you need anything, do please pop along to a sale, have a browse and grab a bargain!

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❖ Kim from the PTA is here today, with uniform for sale, or contact Kim on Kimirisbaker@gmail.com



❖ If you'd like to donate any uniform, please hand it into the school office. Thank you!



Parents & Teachers Association PTA



❖ The PTA meet once a half term to make all the magic happen. They are a friendly bunch of people (men and women), and it's a great way to meet other parents and make new friends, so please join them!



❖ You don't have to commit to fully joining the PTA – they also have a wider group of people who like to volunteer at events and help in that way. Helping at events is a lot of fun, and the support is vital to ensuring the events can take place and run smoothly.


❖ To find out more, speak one of the PTA members here tonight, email the PTA at pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk, or come to the next meeting!

❖ You can also support the PTA by signing up to Easyfundraising, which allows parents to raise money for the PTA when shopping online with over 8000 brands, including Sainsbury's, M&S, Tesco and Argos. It doesn't cost you a thing - just sign up, select the PTA as your charity of choice, then shop online and watch the donations from retailers roll in!



Raise FREE funds for

Parkgate Primary PTA - Neston

with  easyfundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=16203&invite=ysfkj4&referral-campaign=s2s>

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



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Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Sign up to support us before 30th September and we could win one of four £250 donations!

 
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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

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

toni@s4yc.co.uk 07498 189140

paula@s4yc.co.uk 07581 075534

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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
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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For more information, please go to their website

www.s4yc.co.uk

or contact

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paula@s4yc.co.uk 07581 075534



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 2026'

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

No question is daft!

Thanks again and have a lovely evening.

