



PTA Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome to Our Newsletter

Hello, and welcome to our September newsletter! We would like to say a huge hello to all of our new Parkgate Primary children and their families, as well as a big welcome back to those returning to the school this year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are already planning lots of fun events for 2026/27 and can't wait to see you all there!

Events Last Year

We had a fantastic year in 2025/26, putting on all of the old favourites, including the Halloween disco, Christmas & Summer Fairs and Springo Bingo, and introducing some new events too, such as the Sports Day BBQ, Neon Disco and Christmas Wreath Making. It was wonderful to see how much fun everyone had at the events – the huge smiles say it all! 😊 We hope we have as much fun this year!

Thank you as always to all of the volunteers who made our events happen, and to all of the families and friends who supported them. Together we raised over £10,000 for the school last year – thank you!



Donations last year

Last year, we supported the school Christmas panto trip, Year 6 trout release trip, Year 1 toy workshop and Year 6 leavers party, reducing the cost for parents. We funded the Jonny Duddle workshop, and purchased a variety of craft supplies and craft aprons, as well as the all-important Christmas crackers and Sports Day ice creams!



We are also planning to use funds raised last year to support the school to upgrade their outside space with new play equipment and Astroturf, helping to provide more fun and engaging playtimes for children of all ages.

As you can see, the money raised by our fundraising and events is used to support the students of our school. We hope our efforts enhance their experience and increase their enjoyment of their time at Parkgate Primary, and we thank you again for your support with this!





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Our New Committee

A new committee was voted in at the AGM on 15th Sept. Katie is the new chair, having been secretary last year, and Steph and Natalie join the committee as vice chair and secretary. Nicola continues as treasurer again this year. We'd all like to thank the outgoing chair, Ceri, for all of her hard work and enthusiasm. Working together has been a joy and she will be missed!

Meet Katie (Chair)

Hi everyone! I'm Katie, mum to David in Year 3 and Walter in Year 1, and I'm delighted to be Chair of the PTA this year. I also work full time, so I completely understand how busy family life can be!

I'm really looking forward to supporting the school and organising fun events for our children and families. My aim is to continue building our school community through PTA events and activities that bring everyone together.

We're always open to new ideas and extra helping hands. There's no expectation to make a big commitment, whether you can spare an hour at an event or would like to get more involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to grab me for a chat at pick-up on Mondays or Fridays, or email pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk. Here's to a great year ahead!

Meet Steph (Vice Chair)

Hi, I'm Steph, mum to Ellie in year 1 and Head of HR for Kangaroo Self storage. I came to my first meeting when Ellie started reception last year and the people were so friendly and keen to help the school that I felt impelled to get involved. This year I've become Vice Chair and I'm excited to carry on the hard work of those who have ran the PTA before me. Everyone's thoughts are welcome and every bit of help is welcome big or small, behind the scenes or at events, if there's anything you want to discuss I'm happy to listen!

Meet Nicola (Treasurer)

Hi, I'm Nicola! Mum to Aidan and Isabella (Year 3 and Year 1). I've been on the PTA for 3 years now, and really enjoy it. It's a great group of people, fun and friendly, and the events we run are such fun to be a part of. I love seeing all of the smiles - and I'm looking forward to another year on the team!

Meet Natalie (Secretary)

Hi I'm Natalie, Mum to Florence in year 3. I work locally at Neston community youth centre. I have helped out with the PTA over the last 2 years at events and I'm now secretary. It is a friendly, positive group and it's great to be involved to help raise much needed funds for school.



Katie, Nicola, Steph & Natalie



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Events coming up this term

October half term is always a lot of fun – the children (and the adults) love the Halloween Disco, and we promise this year will be just as good as ever! After that, we are into November, December and Christmas!!! It'll be here before you know it ☺

These are the dates you need for events this term – we hope to see you there!

16th Oct – Clothing Collection

TBC - Uniform Shop

22nd Oct – Halloween Disco

23rd Oct – Non-uniform day

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26th Nov – Wreath making workshop

3rd Dec – Christmas Fair

18th Dec – Non-uniform day

Grant Announcement

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a £5000 Wesleyan community grant following a nomination from within our own school community.

We're using this funding towards new astroturf and outdoor facilities, giving all our pupils more opportunities for sport, play and outdoor learning all year around

The nomination recognises how our PTA brings people together and makes sure every child is included and supported.

It's also a lovely reminder of the lasting impact the school has - the nomination came from someone who attended Parkgate themselves and now has family here.

Wesleyan also supports communities by offering financial advice to teachers, doctors and Dentists, and we're very grateful for their support. A huge thank you to everyone who supports the PTA and of course to Wesleyan for this fantastic grant!

If your business or workplace offer similar donations and can support the PTA, please get in touch.

EasyFundraising

Spending online this Autumn? Buying Christmas gifts? Easyfundraising allows parents to raise money for the PTA when shopping with over 8000 brands. It doesn't cost a thing - just sign up, select the PTA as your charity of choice, then shop online and watch the donations from retailers roll in! [Sign up here >](#)



The Parent's Lottery

We are now part of the Parent's Lottery. Take part in weekly draws with various prizes up for grabs, including a £25,000 jackpot! We receive 60p for every ticket sold with us as nominated beneficiary. If you'd like to take part, you can [sign up here >](#)





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Would you like to join us?

We were very pleased to welcome some new members at our first meeting this year – lovely people who turned up to see what it was all about, meet other parents and get involved. It was great to meet them! 😊

If you'd also like to find out more, please do get in touch or have a chat – we're always open to new ideas and we'd love to hear your thoughts and have you join us.

We are a friendly bunch of people (men and women) who meet once or twice a half term, to plan and organise fundraising events for our school. It's lots of fun and you can have a laugh, make some great friends and some fantastic memories, while also helping the school and feeling more engaged with school life.

Some people come to every meeting, and organise every event. Others are busy in the evenings but free to help set up during the day. Or others have time in the evenings to help with planning or bake cakes, but unable to attend events during the day. Everything is fine - whether you have lots of time or just a little, we would love to hear from you!

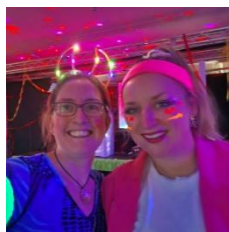
Or be part of our Helpers Group?

If you'd like to lend a hand at events now and then, without any big commitment, why not join our helpers group? This is a wider group of people who help at events occasionally, or offer support such as baking cakes when they can spare a bit of time. There's no pressure, and helping at events can be lots of fun!

You can join the helpers WhatsApp group using [this link](#) or the QR code!

You'll stay informed about upcoming events and can volunteer if you'd like, but we promise you won't be bombarded with messages!

PTA helpers
WhatsApp group



A heartfelt thankyou

As always, thank you to all of our parents, teachers, families and friends for your support and generosity. We were able to fund all sorts of things last year, something we couldn't have done without you, and we cannot thank you enough! **Thank you!**