



Parklands Community Primary & Nursery School Bulletin



SPRING 1 WEEK 1

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a lovely break and managed to enjoy some time together. Thank you so much for your commitment in getting the children into school, especially with the recent challenging weather - your support makes a real difference.

The children have returned full of energy and have jumped straight back into the swing of things, getting on with their learning and routines as if they'd never been away. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and positivity as we start the new term!





GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Bella, Jewel & Paisley
Reggie
Logan WH
Arlo
Sunny F
Joseph
Louis

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Whole school target - 96% or above.
This week's whole school attendance -
97%

Year Y5		98.8%
Year Y1		98.5%
Year Y4		98.1%
Year Y3		97.7%
Year Y2		97.6%
Year Y6		95.9%
Year N2		95.7%
Year R		93.4%

NATIONAL SCHOOL CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY

This Thursday is National School Census Day, which means it's a really important day for our school. One of the things counted is how many children choose to have a school meal.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day, and on Thursday we would love as many children as possible to take one. If your child usually has a packed lunch, they are very welcome to try a school meal on Thursday and still bring their packed lunch too - there's no pressure at all, just a chance to have a taste!

Taking a school meal on Census Day helps our school receive the correct funding to support learning and resources for all children, so every meal really does make a difference.

Special spaced themed menu on page 3...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every at Friday 2:45pm - Celebration Assembly
Friday 13th February - last day of term
Monday 16th February - Half Term
Monday 23rd February - INSET
Wednesday 1st April - last day of term
Thursday 2nd April - Easter holidays
Monday 20th April - Summer term starts



MAKING EVERY MINUTE COUNT



We are also placing a strong focus on punctuality and maximising learning time. Our school gates open just before 8:40am and close promptly at 8:45am, and children arriving after this time miss important early learning and routines. From this point onwards, we will be checking the reasons for late arrival and tracking how much learning time is lost. Similarly, we discourage early collection wherever possible and will be monitoring this too. We fully understand that there are occasions when being late or needing to leave early cannot be avoided, and in the first instance we will always offer support and work with families to help. However, where lateness or early collection becomes a regular pattern, this will be challenged robustly, as ultimately it is the child who is missing valuable learning time. Thank you for your support in helping every child get the very best from their school day.

ATTENDANCE



CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE



Good attendance plays a really important role in helping children feel settled, confident and able to make the most of their learning. We always encourage families to prioritise attendance, while also being respectful of children's health - if your child is genuinely unwell, they should of course remain at home to rest and recover.

To keep attendance high and make it fun, we have launched a friendly class attendance competition. Each week, the class with the best attendance will receive 15 Dojos added to their class "dojo bank". These Dojos will be awarded to children in that class who are in school on the Friday. For children in Years 1 to 6, this is the equivalent of 150 individual Dojos - a whole week's earnings! Winners will be announced weekly so everyone has a fresh chance to succeed.

Our teachers are always here to support families with any concerns around attendance or punctuality, so please do speak to us if you need help.

A huge well done to Year 5, who won the first week! ★

Who will win next week? Join us in Friday's celebration assembly to find out!

OUT OF THIS WORLD LUNCH



Thursday 15th January 2026

Rocket Dogs served with Flying Saucer Fries & Big Dipper Baked Beans or Satellite Sweetcorn

Cosmos Chicken Burger served with Supernova Skinny Fries & Big Dipper Baked Beans or Satellite Sweetcorn

Vegetarian Option Available

Moon Rock Potatoes and Intergalactic Deli Selection served with Various Fillings and a side Salad

**Crater Chocolate Cookie
Fireball Fresh Fruit Platter**





The Ellesmere Port
C of E College



Primary Parent Drop In

Thursday 22nd January

In preparation for the International Day of Education, we would like to invite the parents of Year 5 & 6 pupils in to school to join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

The event is an opportunity to meet staff, discuss how we do things at EPC and find out from you, what you want to know about life at high school.

Event Details

Date: Thursday 22nd January

Arrival time: 5:00pm

Finish time: 6:00pm

Location: The Ellesmere Port C of E College, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6EA

Please enter through the main entrance at the front of school.

Booking

To book your place, please follow the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ellesmere-port-church-of-england-college/t-qmjzrvn>

We look forward to seeing you there.