



Parwich Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (2)

19 December 2025



CHILDREN IN NEED



School Council's Pyjama Day



School Council organised a pyjama day in support of Children in Need.

The cosy day raised £45.00 for charity.

Lunch Money - Junior Class Only

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the half term the amount, from September 2023, is **£3.25** a day for **29** days at a total of **£94.25**. Payment in cash or BACS Payment Reference: Lunches.

If you are in credit/arrears, you will receive a note home.

A reminder to parents who pay weekly: please send payments for dinners to school on Monday morning for the beginning of each week. Also, if at any point you wish your child to swap to or from lunches to sandwiches, we would need a weeks notice.



Fruit Money - Junior Class Only

Parents can either pay for the whole year at a cost of **£22.50** or in 3 termly instalments, September, January and April at a cost of **£7.50** per term. Payment in cash or BACS Payment Reference: Fruit

Dates For Your Diary

January 2026

5th - INSET Day

6th - School Opens for Spring Term

20th - EYFS/KS1 Local Cluster Gymnastics Event at Waterhouses (am)

20th - KS2 Local Cluster Gymnastics Event at Waterhouses (pm)

20th - KS2 Local Cluster Dodgeball Event at Waterhouses (pm)



February 2026

3rd - KS2 Local Cluster Tag Rugby Event (pm)



Spring Term PE Timetable Change

Both classes (Infant and Junior) will need to come dressed in their PE kits on a Tuesday only, as they will be enjoying separate PE lessons taught by the Primary Stars coaches during the Spring Term, as part of their afternoon timetable.

The Junior Class will also commence swimming lessons on Monday 12th January at Ashbourne Leisure Centre.



Term Dates for 2025 - 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5 January 2026 - Friday 13 February 2026

Monday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term

Monday 13 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026

(Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday)

Monday 1 June 2026 - Thursday 23 July 2026

INSET

Thursday 4 September, Friday 5 September, Monday 5 January, Thursday 23 July & 1 other date to be confirmed



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Remembrance

The whole school discussed Remembrance day and why it is important to take time to remember those who lost their lives fighting for our country.

A two-minute silence was held to show respect.

The Infants created pop up, poppy art to reinforce their learning and remember those soldiers fallen in battle.



EYFS - Pattern

We love supporting creative expression through pattern-making. This is where children collect items like leaves, stones, shells and twigs to create repeating designs.



This activity develops math skills (sequences, prediction), art (colour, shape, texture), and fine motor control.

KS1 - China



In Geography, the Infant pupils have been learning about China and comparing it to the United Kingdom.

They have used Google Earth and 'flown' to Beijing.

They have also compared the food, language and schools.

We even tried eating noodles with chopsticks.



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'Born in a Barn' - Christmas Production



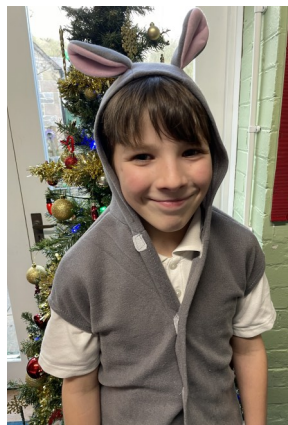
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Wrap Around Care Free Breakfast Club

8:15am start

If your child is interested in attending, please contact Jenny Warner in the school office.

After School Clubs Spring Term (1)

Monday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Mindfulness Colouring



Tuesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Traditional Playground Games



Wednesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Film



Thursday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Construction



Friday 3:15 - 4:15pm)
Puzzle



If your child is interested in attending a club, please contact Jenny Warner in the school office.

Charges for clubs will be £3.50 per session.



The next meeting of the PTA will be held in school on

Monday 9 February
at 2.30pm.

All parents welcome; contact Lucy Maddocks for more information.

Parwich Primary School PTA

Thank you to our active PTA members. PTA have provided food for the Christmas party, a helping hand to Santa, Christmas crackers for the Christmas lunch and helped buy some costumes for the Christmas play.

Fundraising Events:

Parwich Christmas Fayre - £265.60
PTA Coffee Afternoon (Christmas Play) - £98.59

A huge thank you to all who support the school.

Years 5 & 6 ActivLeaders



Since September, the Primary Stars Sports Coaches have been leading an ActivLeaders Programme with most of our Y5/6 pupils. Every Tuesday lunchtime, the pupils have been developing their skills to become effective sports leaders.

As part of the programme, the pupils lead sports activities on the playground at lunchtime and have supported at a local cluster event.

The Year 5 children have just been successful in achieving their first award (bronze) and the Year 6 pupils have just been awarded their first badge (emerald).



KS2 Music

Classroom instrumental lessons are being enjoyed by all of our Junior pupils. The children are continuing to develop their musicianship skills, music appreciation and their ability to play a brass instrument with a music specialist from the Derbyshire Music Partnership.



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Safeguarding / Health & Safety

Support your child to stay safe, whilst gaming during the Christmas period.

Basic Privacy and Security Settings for a range of devices can be found at the bottom of the following website page:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/>



The devices/platforms include: **Xbox, PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Roblox, Discord and iPad/iPhone.**



Useful Websites



Links to all of these can be found on our school website.

www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk/links



EYFS -Teeth Brushing

The Infant children have been learning about how to look after their oral health. They have learnt that in order to keep their teeth healthy, they need to brush twice a day for two minutes, eat healthy and not rinse after using toothpaste.

Oral health is covered within the Physical Development Health and Self-Care Area of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

A child's first experiences with oral health can impact on the rest of their life.



Christmas Decorations

Decorating the Christmas tree at St Peters Church.



All children created a variety of Christmas decorations for our school tree. Please, find the time to take a look during this festive season.



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