



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



5
December
2025

WEEKLY UPDATE



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
* Lunch Menu week 3	*	*	* 2.15 pm KS1 Christmas Performance (adults only) - red writing on ticket * 4.30 pm Choir performing at Ikea	* 9.30 am KS1 Christmas Performance (children with ticket welcome) - green writing on ticket * Deadline to sign up to clubs for next half term

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week, we enjoyed our Festive Forest School! Although the weather wasn't quite what we hoped for, the shelter of the forest meant the children could still have a wonderful time. They toasted marshmallows, created festive crafts, and warmed up with delicious hot chocolate. A huge thank you to Mrs Preston, Miss Taylor, and Mr Hirst (one of our governors) for their fantastic support in making this event possible.

I'm also delighted to share some lovely news with you all: Mrs Akinyemi is expecting a baby! She will begin her maternity leave in the summer term, so we still have plenty of time to enjoy her presence in school. In addition, Mrs Anderson-Mills and her beautiful new arrival are doing well. She sends her heartfelt thanks for all your kind wishes and is looking forward to visiting us in the New Year with her baby.

Next week marks the start of our Christmas performances, beginning with Reception and Key Stage 1 shows. Key Stage 2 will follow in the last week of term. The children have been working incredibly hard, and you are in for a real treat! Please remember to bring your ticket with you as we need this to ensure we remain within numbers for fire regulations. Please also note the performances flagged as adult only (this means attendees must be 12+). The performances will be filmed and shared with you as a link via Seesaw. However, please note this is not to be shared outside of your family to support parental preferences for photo/video permissions.

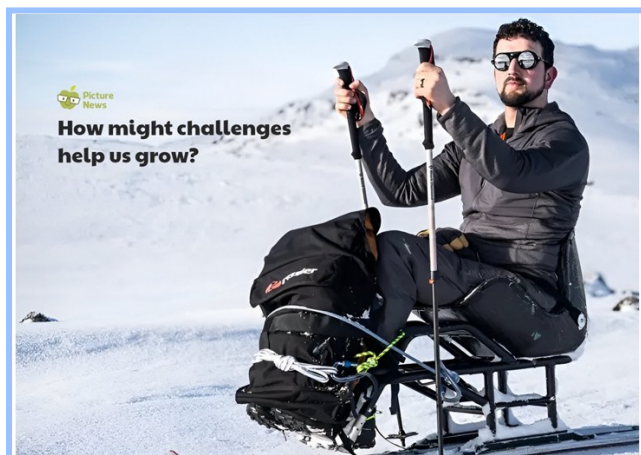
Last night, the PFA hosted their first event of the year—a Christmas Movie Night—which was a huge success! Thank you to all the members, volunteers and, of course, the children and families who joined us. To continue supporting fundraising, we are also holding a raffle for the Chocolate House and Christmas Sleigh. Tickets are just £1 and all proceeds will be used for exciting new projects. Please see the poster on the next page for details. Tickets will be on sale from the children's kitchen each night at pick up as well as during the entrance to the Christmas performances.

Thank you for your continued support in making these special moments possible. We look forward to sharing more festive fun with you in the coming weeks! Have a great weekend,
Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'How might challenges help us grow?'



An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Antarctica is the coldest continent and windiest place on earth - winds can reach up to 200 mph!

Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for a charity that funds research into spinal cord injuries and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

Darren uses a wheelchair following an accident 9 years ago. He hopes to change people's thoughts on disability, and show what people can achieve with courage, planning and support.

Things to talk about at home:

- * How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during and after)?
- * What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most - something physical, emotional or trying something new?
- * Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

Tickets for Christmas Performance

All tickets have now been distributed for the Christmas Performances.

Please feel free to swap tickets amongst friends, for example a morning for an afternoon, or likewise a spare ticket donated to a friend who would like an extra, that's fine, but please remember to bring your ticket on the day or you won't be able to come in until we know there is a vacant seat (you will be asked to wait at the gate until everyone has been admitted and will only be able to attend if there is a space). We hope you understand that this comes from the need to ensure the safety of the children, staff and visiting audiences, whilst we also try to ensure that all families have the chance to watch a performance of their child.

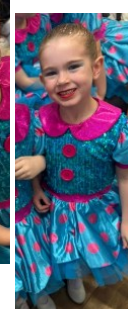
Looking After Chickens and Guinea Pigs

If you would be able to help to look after our chickens and guinea pigs over the Christmas holidays or in the term after this, please could you let us know. We will give full training and there will be a phone number in case of any problems.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us.

Dance Show

Well done to all of the girls who took part in the Felicia Burns School of Dance show last weekend - we think you all look amazing! Well done to Lillie, Holly, Grace, Sofiah, Evelyn, Amelia, Charlotte, Daisy and Zoe. Well done to Daisy who was awarded the Best Attendance Award for 2025.



Warrington South Christmas Card Winner

Congratulations to Phoebe McM in Year 6 for winning the competition to design a Christmas card for our local Warrington South MP, Sarah Hall. The Christmas cards will be sent across the UK, even to the Prime Minister! Well done Phoebe - we love your card design!



Helping You and School - Pupil Premium

Warrington Borough Council are changing the way they handle Free School Meal/Pupil Premium applications to make sure that help is provided quickly if it is needed. If you provide your details to them, they will automatically check each month if you have become eligible, which is helpful if circumstances have changed and it is one less thing for you to think about. There is a simple form to complete and, even if you don't claim any of the benefits, it is still valid for you to complete.

Even if you currently receive free meals in KS1 through the Universal Infant Free School Meals, school receives additional funding to support our children.

We will send the form out again and if you have any questions, please contact the office (in person, by phone, Seesaw or email) and we will be happy to help.

Christmas Raffle



Chocolate house and sleigh, filled with sweets.



Tickets only £1



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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RUGBEES CHRISTMAS PARTY



**14TH DECEMBER
AT 10AM**

**OPEN TO GIRLS
AGES 6-11**

FESTIVE RUGBY ACTIVITIES, PRIZES AND WOLFIE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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CHRISTMAS

TECH CLUBS

**Crazy about computers?
Love gaming?
Mad about Minecraft?**
Join us for Festive Fun at our engaging, educational Tech Club!

Culcheth High School
Warrington Road, WA3 5HH

22nd-23rd December 2025
9am-3pm
11am-3pm for FREE* funded sessions

FREE PLACES*

WARRINGTON Borough Council Department for Education

*FREE places available to eligible Warrington borough resident children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals or SEND (subject to approval)

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