

Parkfield Press

24th March 2025

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news for our school community!

Last Tuesday evening, representatives from our school community – Nell H (Year 3) and her father – attended the Taunton Town Council Planning, Development and Licensing Committee meeting to speak on behalf of the proposed traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing on Trull Road.



Thanks to the strong support from our School Council, who had already written and signed a letter advocating for these vital safety improvements, the proposal was met with unanimous approval from the committee. This means the Town Council will now be writing a formal letter of support to the County Council, urging them to include the crossing and traffic-calming measures in the highways plan. They will also actively seek funding to bring this project to life.

A heartfelt thank you to all families, especially Mr Hayward, who have driven and supported this initiative – it's a powerful example of how our community can work together to make meaningful change.

We'll continue to keep you updated as we hear more about the next steps. Together, we're making the journey to school safer for everyone!

Mr G Jones
Headteacher



Easter Reading Challenge

During the Easter holidays, we are setting two photographic reading challenges for the children. You can pick one or even both of them!

Challenge 1: Take a photo of yourself or your family reading in an unusual or interesting location.

Challenge 2: Take a photo of yourself reading in a setting or scene that appears in the plot of your book whilst dressed up as one of the book's characters.

The School Readership Team will be choosing a winner from each year group. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Place: A certificate, 5 House Points and a £5 gift card

2nd Place: A certificate and 5 House Points

3rd Place: A certificate

Entries should be emailed to the class email address (ie kestrel@parkfieldschool.co.uk)

HAPPY READING!

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)



Red Nose Day

Last week, we had a wonderful time celebrating Red Nose Day and finding out 'what makes us happy'. Staff also enjoyed a cake sale, purchasing fabulous cakes and brownies baked by our eco committee with some assistance from Mr Jones.

We would like to thank you all for your generosity regarding the Open Door donations. We were truly humbled by the support you have all given to our community through this collection and we are looking forward to delivering our donations to Open Door over the next few days.

UNCRC Article 24 (health and health services) Health, water, food, environment.

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Ancient Egyptians – Starling Class

To consolidate our learning about Ancient Egyptians and the mummification process, Starling class wrapped each other up in bandages!

They had enormous fun as you can see from these photos!



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Netball – Year 5 / Year 6

The Year 5/6 Netball team have had 2 matches recently.

The first match was against Milverton, who in the past have come away with the win. The team started off quite unsure and it took them a while to get into the game. After a couple of shots went in, it didn't take them long to continue this run and they played some incredible netball. Showing off all their hard work from training, the team came away winners with the score at 22-4. This gave the team a huge confidence boost ready for their area finals the following week.

The second fixture was a tournament style for the area finals. The team had to play three other schools and finish as high as possible in order to secure a place in the county finals. The team started off slow and unfortunately lost the first game. They started the second match a bit stronger but still not at their normal high standard however, they came away with their first win. After having a quick chat about what they had been learning, the team entered the third game with a lot of fight and came away winning 6-1 and showing they deserved a place in the finals. This put the team in 1st position in their pool meaning they went on to play Milverton in the final. Although they played some great netball, the team lost out to the winners Milverton and finished in second place. This was an incredible achievement and has earned them a place in the County Finals after Easter.

All the children should be incredibly proud of their achievement and we wish them all the best for the County Finals.

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's talent)

School Council / Eco Committee

The School Council have been working with Mrs Knutt on the Outright Campaign - researching different religious festivals which links to Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion).

The Pupil Leadership Team and EYFS School Council baked with Mr Jones so we could hold a staff Fairtrade Cake Sale- raising money for Comic Relief but also raising awareness for Fairtrade as part of the Eco Committee's FairActive Campaign.

Well done to our school council and eco committee for working hard to make a difference!

UNCRC Article 12 (Right to have a say in all matters that affect them)



Spring Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Book Fair earlier this month. We're delighted to confirm that following the event, we have been awarded over £745 of FREE books for resources and our school library!

This makes a massive difference and we are really grateful for your support.

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PTFA KS1 Cake Sale – 14th March 2025

Thank you so much to everyone that donated and purchased cakes at the KS1 Cake Sale – a fantastic £224.30 was raised!!

Thank you again to the PTFA volunteers and everyone who supports the PTFA events – the money raised makes a huge difference to the school and enables us to give our children experiences that wouldn't otherwise be available.

School Run Complaints

We have recently received complaints with regard to pedestrians at school drop off and collection times.

Whilst waiting for the gates to be opened, please be aware of the zebra crossing – if you do not intend to cross the road, do not congregate close by as this is confusing to drivers on what is already a busy road during drop off / collection times.

We appreciate your support and co-operation to work together for our local community.

School Meals

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until the end of the school year.

Bookings for week commencing 21st April (the week we return after the Easter break) will close on Sunday 30th March 2025. If no bookings are made, your child will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

All other school meals must be booked **at least** two weeks in advance to ensure meals are secured prior to booking closing. A reminder that all meal bookings should be 'checked out' even if you are entitled to Universal / Free School Meals at no cost.

The menus along with full ingredients / allergen information can be viewed on our school website by following this link - <https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/school-lunches-snacks-and-milk/>

Swallows

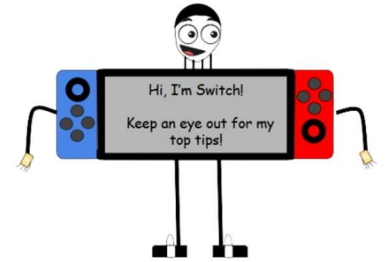
We are pleased to confirm that bookings for AM & PM Swallows sessions are now open until the end of the school year.

We would like to remind you that booking for Swallows closes at 6pm on a Friday evening for the following week. Please ensure you book your required sessions by this time, so that we are able to plan staffing and activities effectively.

Please also be aware that the final serving for breakfast in AM Swallows is 8.15am. If your child is arriving at school for AM Swallows after this time, please ensure they have already eaten at home.

Online Safety Focus

In our last meeting, the Online Safety Champions discussed how to develop a good online reputation and digital footprint and what this means. We then came up with ways to ensure we have a good online reputation and recording our ideas to share with you. Please watch our video on this link – <https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/online-reputation>



Switch has some links for videos and other useful resources:

For advice about online reputation and tips to protect your child

https://youtu.be/YuJd6N_hs9k

<https://youtu.be/lleshhZvP64>

UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)

Out of School Achievements – Golf

Congratulations to Regis S (Year 6) who represented Parkfield in the Somerset Schools' Golf Championship last week. The event was organised by Millfield school and held at the Weston-super-Mare Golf Club. Regis had a really successful day, coming 2nd in the net competition out of 100 participants!

Well done Regis!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements – Trampolining

Last weekend, Ella W (Year 3) travelled to Derby Arena to represent Parkfield School in the British Schools Gymnastic Association National Finals for the Novice Years 1-6 category.

Having qualified through the previous 2 rounds (South West region and then Southern England region) she was competing against the top trampolinists in her category from all areas of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. She performed two brilliant routines to finish 3rd in her category.

Congratulations Ella for all your dedication and hard work!



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Emily P (Year 4) represented her trampolining club recently in Wales. Despite being a little nervous as it was her first competition, Emily smiled the whole way through and showed incredible bravery, whilst also being very supportive of her co-competitors throughout.

Emily placed second and came home with a silver medal. We are all incredibly proud of her hard work, determination and good sportsmanship :) Well done Emily!



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House Points

House points are given out to reinforce and reflect the school values that the children are demonstrating at the time. Every two weeks the house points are collected and there is a running total of each houses total score. The winning house each term will receive a prize!

Well done Venus – our current leaders!

MARS 1257	MERCURY 1305	PLUTO 1365	VENUS 1449
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Key Dates

March 2025	
Fri 28 th	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Mon 31 st – Fri 4 th	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
April 2025	
Thurs 3 rd	Reception – Vision Screening - NEW
Fri 4 th	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Fri 4 th	End of Spring Term 2025
Tues 22 nd	Start of Summer Term 2025
Tues 22 nd	Year 3 – Sports Games Festival (Bridgwater & Taunton College)
May 2025	
Fri 2 nd	Year 4 – Ancient Greek Workshop
Mon 5 th	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 7 th	Year 3 – Kilve Activity Day
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th	Year 6 – KS2 Assessments
Tues 13 th	Year 3 – Trip to Bristol Museum & Bristol Synagogue
Fri 16 th	Reception, Year 3 & Year 6 – Space Dome
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Health Week
Mon 19 th	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Tues 20 th	Years 1 & 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Weds 21 st	Years 3 & 4 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Weds 21 st	Year 5 – Civic Award Evening (6pm – 8pm)
Thurs 22 nd	Reception – Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Thurs 22 nd	Years 5 & 6 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	HALF TERM

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

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Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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Success and Happiness Through Hardwork



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Premier Education will be running the **Easter Holiday Camp 2025 at Parkfield School** on the following dates:

Multi-Activity Holiday Camp

Start date: Mon 14th April 2025

End date: Thu 17th April 2025

www.premier-education.com



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- Parent-funded:

If you would like to book a place for your child/children to attend the Easter 2025 holiday camp, please click the following link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/camps/search/?location=ta14rt&radius=10>

- HAF/HHH funded:

Premier Education will be running the HAF/HHH camps this Easter. The eligible families who would like to book a place for their child/ren will need to complete their booking at <https://playwaze.com/discover> and follow the email instruction/s that were sent 30th January 2025. If any of the eligible families have not received the email, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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📍 Parkfield Primary School, Taunton, TA1 4RT

🎯 Activities include Archery, Gymnastics, Football, Arts & Crafts, Dodgeball, and many more!

📅 14th April - 17th April 2025, 08:30 - 16:00 Age 4-11

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✅ Visit www.premier-education.com to book
✉ Contact dcrysell@premier-education.com for queries

😊 See you soon!

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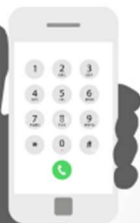
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There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes.

This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child



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