

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Warm Weather Reminder

As the weather warms up and the children will be spending more time outside, please can we ask that all children come to school with a refillable water bottle and a sun hat. Please apply sun cream prior to your child coming into school each day, as we are unable to do this for them in school.

Please could we also kindly request that children who suffer with hay fever have taken antihistamines, particularly on PE days.

Thank you for your help in keeping the children protected during this lovely weather!



A little note to our Year 6 students...

Please have a relaxing and restful weekend with lots of fresh air and sleep, so that you are ready for the exciting week ahead. Well done for all your hard work and focus this year so far; you have all been amazing and we are all so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck for your assessment week.

SATS Breakfast

A reminder that we will be providing an extra breakfast treat outside the Year 6 classrooms from 8.40am for the four days of the assessments next week. Please note that the breakfast treats in school are in addition to, and not a replacement for, usual breakfasts at home.

VE Day Celebrations

Yesterday, our school came together and enjoyed a commemorative whole school assembly to remember and celebrate VE Day – marking 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe.



We would like to pass on our thanks to Mrs Fran Bowkett, an opera singer, who came into school and sang Land of Hope and Glory for us.

We'd also like to say a huge congratulations to three of our wonderful pupils who read poems so beautifully in the assembly! We were all so impressed by your confidence and expression.

We are so proud of how thoughtfully the children learned about the importance of peace, resilience, and community and embraced the spirit of the day with great enthusiasm and reflection.

Well done Parkfield!

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in artistic and cultural activities)

Noah's Ark Zoo – Year 1

Earlier this week, our Year 1 children had an unforgettable adventure at Noah's Ark Zoo as they spent the day exploring the animal kingdom up close!

Chaffinch and Sparrow class loved learning fun facts from the zookeepers in an animal workshop and were given the opportunity to hold a Cockroach, an African Land Snail, a Leopard Tortoise and a Royal Python!



A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers and the zoo staff who made the day safe, fun and educational.

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Kilve Activity Day – Year 3

In preparation for the Year 4 residential visit to Kilve in September, Year 3 had an exciting opportunity for a taster day at Kilve Court on Wednesday 7th May.

They were able to meet the staff, familiarise themselves with the environment but most importantly, have lots of fun!

The children focussed on their communication skills and good team work throughout the fun activities such as low ropes, wall climbing, grass sledging and archery!

The weather was fantastic and great fun was had by all. Well done Year 3!



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Easter Reading Challenge

Thank you to everybody who took part in our Easter Reading Challenge. We were blown away by the number of entries we received, the fabulous character costumes and the reading locations that the entrants were pictured in.

Some children dressed as builders reading on diggers, fairies reading in the wood or pirates in cardboard ships. Others chose to read at the top of snowy mountains, sitting on horses, next to the Egyptian pyramids or even swimming underwater. Chickens, dinosaurs, Paddington Bear, Mary Anning and babies were also photographed having books read to them. The enthusiasm and creativity shown was truly inspiring!



Our School Readership Team had the enjoyable but challenging task of reviewing all the fantastic entries and choosing a First, Second and Third Place for each year group. The standard was incredibly high and it was wonderful to see such a strong love of reading throughout the school. Winners were awarded with certificates and 5 House Points each and the lucky children who came First were given a £5 book token to spend on a book of their choice. Entries were displayed on a slideshow that all the school watched in our Celebration Assembly and all the wonderful photos are now displayed next to Woodpecker Class for all the school to enjoy.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants. Your dedication to reading and your imaginative responses made this Easter Reading Challenge a great success. What a brilliant showcase of your creativity and reading adventures! Keep reading and stay curious!

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Maths Support

At Parkfield we are following the NCETM programme as the main structure to our maths curriculum.

If you wish to further support your child's learning at home, the National Oak materials align with the NCETM programme and can be used to support the learning that is happening in class. The link for these can now be found on your child's class page on the school website, under the homework section. Please check with your child's teacher who will be able to let you know which unit to look at.

First Half		Second Half			
1. Place value and addition of 10	2 weeks	2. Fractions within 100	2 weeks	3. Addition & Subtraction of 100	2 weeks
4. Grouping objects and 100	1 week	4. Counting to 100	2 weeks	5. Addition & Subtraction of 10	2 weeks
6. Place Value and Addition of 10	2 weeks	6. Counting to 100	2 weeks	7. Addition & Subtraction of 100	2 weeks
8. Place Value and Addition of 10	2 weeks	8. Counting to 100	2 weeks	9. Addition & Subtraction of 100	2 weeks

Each objective has a video lesson option which can be used, also an entry/exit quiz along with a task sheet which offers further practise. For any additional support please contact your child's teacher.

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Deaf Awareness Week

Recently some of our pupils helped Mrs Bowkett create a video in preparation for Deaf Awareness Week. This annual event aims to raise awareness about the Deaf community, promote Deaf culture, and advocate for accessibility for the Deaf and hard of hearing.



The theme for 2025 is "Beyond Silence," which encourages understanding of diverse communication methods used by Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. During Singing Assembly, the children learnt how to sign 'good morning, good morning' in Makaton sign language which they thoroughly enjoyed! Special thanks to Mrs Hope for organising this.

In music, the children have been learning some Makaton greeting signs and songs featuring these.

How can I be deaf aware?

- Ensure you have the attention of the person you are talking to and face them.
- Try not to put your hand in front of your mouth.
- Make sure you are somewhere with good lighting. If there's a light behind the person speaking, it makes it difficult for a lip-reader to make out what they're saying.
- How can I be deaf aware?
- Choose a quiet place because background noise makes it difficult for the deaf person to pick out what you're saying.
- There's no need to raise your voice. If the person you're talking to wears hearing aids, it can be very uncomfortable for them.
- Be prepared to repeat what you've said without showing impatience. Alternatively, you could look out for the signs that you need to repeat because sometimes the person you're talking to might be too shy to ask you to repeat.

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

Netball – Year 5 / Year 6

The Year 5/6 Netball squad had their County Final competition recently. They took part in the competitive tournament playing on full sized courts and adult sized posts but this certainly did not deter them!

They remained unbeaten in their group by showing some great shooting and beautiful play. Upon finishing top of their group, they then went into a first place play off. Again they worked hard as a team and played some great netball, the game finished 1-1 and unfortunately this meant a further 5 minutes of 'Next Goal Wins'. After battling hard they were beaten by a couple of long throws over the top and conceded the match.



They walked away 2nd best school in the county which is an incredible achievement. They should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done to Amelie C, Charlotte L, Tilly E, Minnie S, Jude K, Hugh P, Adde D and Billy M.

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Cricket – Year 6

The Year 6 Cricket team attended a competitive fixture at Taunton Deane Cricket Club last week. The team had to play against 3 different schools and were successful in winning 2 of these games, scoring over 100 runs in one game alone. Unfortunately, they had a defeat in the third game which meant that they did not qualify for the next round.

The children showed great teamwork and there was some impressive cricket played. Well done to Natty A, Harry B, Theo T, George R, Manidhu K, Joel D, Regis S and Daniel S.



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Cross Country – Key Stage 2

Following on from some recent impressive cross country fixtures, which have seen over 50 children in KS2 compete in the races, we are proud to announce that 8 of our children have finished in the top 15 of their age groups and qualified for the Somerset Primary Schools Inter Area Races held in Yeovil.

They ran the race on Wednesday evening and we hope to be able to share the results with you soon. A massive well done to Leo B (Year 3), Xavier S, Jack P, Ellie B (Year 4), George R, Daniel S, Thomas P and Maggie D (Year 6).

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Football – Year 6

The Year 6 football team took part in a friendly mini tournament recently, hosted by some of the students at Richard Huish College. The team were given the responsibility of managing the matches themselves, ensuring that everyone had equal playing time. They worked well as a team and even gave players to another school so that they had enough to play a fixture. There were some questionable VAR decisions but the team enjoyed themselves and were a pleasure to watch.

Well done to Theo T, Thomas P, Hugh P, Joel D, Oscar Y, George R, Emilian I, Adde D and Ronny S.

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Road Safety

A parent has approached Parkfield with concerns regarding the crossing at the junction of Parkfield Road, Parkfield Drive and Manor Road. If you have concerns and would like to raise this, please contact John Hunt on: john.hunt@somerset.gov.uk

Dog Owners – please be responsible

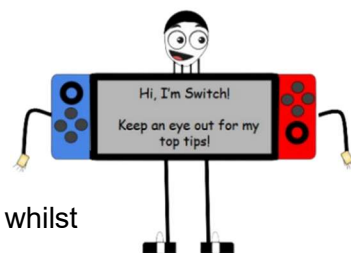
We kindly ask that all dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets. A parent / carer was recently witnessed deliberately walking away after their dog had fouled on the pavement. Leaving behind waste is not only unpleasant for others but also harmful to the environment and to public health.

Please all do your part to keep our community safe and clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

Online Safety Focus

Self-image and self-identity

Have you ever wondered how the images and videos we see online impact how we feel about ourselves? This topic is so important for children and young people in the world we live in today. Our Online Safety Champions have been thinking about how we can ensure we maintain a positive self-image and identity whilst engaging online.



For advice about managing children's self-image and self-identity online:

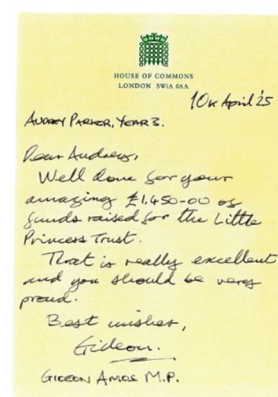
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UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)

Out of School Achievements – Little Princess Trust

Audrey P (Year 3) made the decision to cut her hair recently and donate to The Little Princess Trust, a charity who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.

Prior to having her hair cut, Audrey was also raising money for the charity, initially with a target of £150. Audrey went on to raise a huge £1,450 and even received a letter from our local MP, Gideon Amos, congratulating her for her achievement.



Well done Audrey – we're all very proud of you!

Out of School Achievements – Football

Congratulations to Jude K (Year 2) who had a fantastic weekend recently winning, along with the Staplegrove football team, ESF25 - the U7s biggest youth football festival in the UK! The competition was held at Butlins – Minehead. Jude will now compete alongside the winners from the other three sites around the UK at St Georges Park in July.

A huge well done to Jude who scored 14 goals across the competition, most notably in the final game where he scored the two goals making it a 2-2 draw, followed by a penalty shoot-out win where he scored a winning penalty! Well done Jude!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements – Tennis

On Sunday 27th April, Darcey E (Year 3) was proud to represent Somerset at the LTA U8's County Cup held at Taunton Tennis Centre. Somerset fielded a team of 5 players in the County Cup competition against Devon, Dorset, and Cornwall U8's.

The competition involved singles and doubles matches with total team scores deciding the outcome. All the matches were competitive and played to a high standard, and with fantastic team camaraderie and sportsmanship's displayed by all. When the team scores were counted, Dorset were this year's winners of the U8 County Cup. Well done Darcey!



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Out of School Achievements – Tennis

Sophie T and Jack P (Year 4) travelled to Millfield School on Saturday to represent 'Team Taunton' at a U9 team tennis competition. Five teams competed, and both Jack and Sophie's teams came away with medals, gold for Jack representing Taunton A team and silver for Sophie with Taunton B team, together pushing hosts Millfield down into third place.

Sophie also got a special mention for being the only player in the tournament to remain unbeaten, having won all four of her singles and all four of her doubles matches!

Well done to Jack and Sophie!



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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 winners!

MARS 526	MERCURY 515	PLUTO 531	VENUS 605
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The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

Key Dates

May 2025	
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.



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Headteacher



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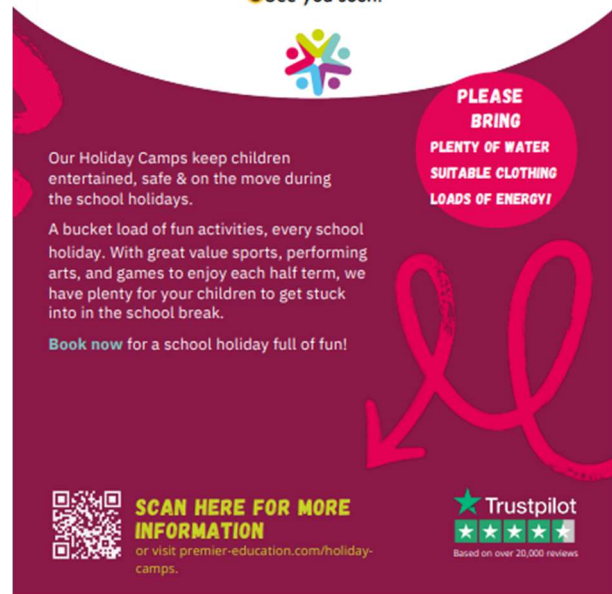
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There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

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

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

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

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