

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

In Loving Memory of Mrs Wright

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Year 2 teacher, Mrs Wright. A cherished member of our school community, Mrs Wright touched the lives of so many with her warmth, dedication, and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds.

Mrs Wright had a gift for bringing joy into the classroom. Her passion for teaching, her creativity, and her gentle encouragement helped generations of children grow in confidence and curiosity. Whether it was a kind word on the playground, a bright and engaging lesson, or the care she took to listen to each child's voice, Mrs Wright made every child feel seen and valued.

Beyond the classroom, she was a wonderful colleague and friend. Her calm presence, generous spirit, and ever-ready smile made her someone others naturally turned to. Her legacy will live on in the many hearts she touched and in the values she instilled in our school.

Funeral Arrangements

We have been informed by Mrs Wright's family that her funeral will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th June. In order to allow all staff members the opportunity to attend and pay their respects to our friend and colleague, the school has made the difficult decision to **close early at 1pm on Wednesday 25th June**. We hope that our school community will understand and support this decision during this time of mourning and remembrance.

With the blessing of Mrs Wright's family we would also like to share the details regarding the funeral arrangements, which can be found on the following link - <https://emma.fiveoaks.uk/>

Please could we kindly request that anticipated attendance is confirmed with Mrs Wright's family at the email address detailed at the bottom of the webpage, to allow them to make suitable provision for the number attending.

Should you wish to honour Mrs Wright's memory with a charitable donation, two organisations have been selected in accordance with her wish to support efforts that aid future sufferers of the illness she so bravely faced:

- [The Eve Appeal](#) - a charity supporting sufferers and research into Ovarian Cancer
- [Love Musgrove](#) - The Beacon Centre Fund

Mrs Wright will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We are grateful for the time we shared with her and for the positive, lasting impact she had on so many lives.

With deepest sympathy,

Mr G Jones
Headteacher



Trip to Bristol – Year 3

On 13th May, Year 3 had the experience of visiting a Jewish Synagogue and a History Museum in Bristol.

In the synagogue, the children learnt about the Jewish religion and explored the religious objects to consolidate their learning on Judaism. They then also visited the Bristol Museum which has an Egyptian exhibit with artefacts relating to everything they have learned on the Ancient Egyptians and were also able to revisit their science learning about fossils.



The children were really well behaved and had an amazing day – well done Year 3!

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

Space Dome – Reception, Year 3 & Year 6

On 16th May, Falcon class moved into the music room for the day as the Space Dome used their classroom when they came to visit Parkfield and bring the children a Space Odyssey!

Children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 were able to experience the wonders of space from inside the dome. The Reception children enjoyed learning about the Solar System and watched a video about the moon landing. They also looked at star constellations in the sky.



Year 3 enjoyed learning about light and shadow. They were shown what Earth looked like from the International Space Station and identified various types of light form, such as thunderstorms, towns and cities. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how solar and lunar eclipses are created.



The Year 6 children explored the far reaches of our Solar System and beyond, learning about the different planets, pioneering astronauts and famous constellations. It was out of this world!

All children were amazed by all sorts of incredible wonders and many did not want to leave at the end!

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Sports Day 2025

Thank you to all the parents and families who supported the Sports Days before half term.

The atmosphere has been wonderful and the children have taken part in a range of races with smiles on their faces, these have included hurdles, sprints, bat and ball, a water relay and a lap race.

Unfortunately, the Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day has had to be postponed twice due to wet weather.

Once all the sports days have been completed, the final results will be announced in the newsletter.



UNCRC Article 29 (Right to develop talents and abilities)

Swimming – KS2

We were kindly invited to St George's Primary School for a friendly swimming gala recently. This was a great opportunity to see the children swim and we are grateful to St George's for the chance to use their pool.

Well done to the 11 children who attended, there was some great swimming and they all supported and helped each other with their races and timings.

[UNCRC Article 29 \(Right for education to develop a child's abilities\)](#)

Cricket – Year 6

The cricket team were invited to a friendly event at Bishop Foxes School before half term. They played 3 games in total, winning the first 2 matches comfortably. In the third match, they split the team in half to help out another school so ended up playing against each other!

As it was a friendly, they used it as an opportunity to practice as a team ready for their next competitive fixture. Well done team!

[UNCRC Article 29 \(Right for education to develop a child's talent\)](#)

Sponsored Run – Year 5

On Monday 19th May, all Year 5 children took part in a sponsored run, which was organised by Sam A (Year 5), to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice. Each child ran 31 laps of the field, which was equivalent to the distance from Parkfield Primary School to the Royal Free Hospital in London (where Sam was born).

All children showed great determination and teamwork to achieve their laps in under 2 hours! In total, they have raised a whopping **£2,529** for the charity! Thank you to St Margaret's Hospice who sent their mascot to cheer the children along and well done Sam!



School Run Complaints

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

We would like to remind you to please park / pull over considerately of our neighbours and others, ensuring driveways and paths are not blocked and to be aware of your surroundings.

Please do not park on double yellow lines.

Please do not pull over into the bus stop, this is not a parking space, or use the on-site staff car park.

Please do not stop on the road to let your child out of the car, please find somewhere safe to pull over.

As pedestrians, 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 are aware that parking close by to school can be difficult but please assist us in being considerate to others, to ensure the safety of everyone.

Out of School Achievements – Mini Great Bristol Run

Congratulations to Albie M (Year 3) who ran the Mini Great Bristol Run at the beginning of May, as part of the Wallace & Gromit Grand Appeal raising funds for Bristol Children's Hospital.

The race was started by Phantom and Steel from the Gladiators and Albie had great fun, being cheered on by his brother Lewis who even made a flag! Family and friends kindly sponsored Albie to run the race and he raised an amazing £202!

Well done Albie!



Out of School Achievements – Gymnastics

Well done to Bella G (Year 1) who had a fantastic weekend recently winning several medals at a gymnastics competition. Bella achieved first place in both her vault and floor routines, and then also going on to win overall first place.

Bella worked really hard leading up to the competition and hopes to develop her skills further to continue competing.

Well done Bella!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements – Martial Arts

Recently, Amelia E (Year 5) took part in the MF South West Championships competing in four different categories. After narrowly missing out on a placed medal three times, Amelia was somewhat deflated, but had one final opportunity in an event she's never competed in before, sparring.

She showed incredible resilience to bounce back from the earlier disappointments and managed to claim bronze!

Well done Amelia!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements – Football

Congratulations to Finley Q (Year 3) and Charlie D (Year 3) who recently won the Taunton & District Young League Cup Game with their football team U8s Staplegrove Sinners.

Well done Finley and Charlie!



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Out of School Achievements – Football

On 17th May, two Galmington Dragons U7s teams headed to Minehead to compete in the Taunton and District Youth Plate Finals.

The action-packed morning of football included a penalty shootout, top quality goalkeeping, some amazing goals and fantastic teamwork.



Well done to the Galmington Dragons Hawks (Zac H, Arthur B, Theo M, Matthew S and Lucas K) who won the plate final 4-1 and also to the Galmington Dragons Raiders (Jack W, Harry G, Archie L) on a great third place.

Well done to all!

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Out of School Achievements – Trampolining

At the end of May, Emily P (Year 4) from Kingfisher class, competed in her second trampolining competition in Wales and received Gold!

Emily's family and friends are all incredibly proud of her hard work and dedication and are so pleased to see her confidence grow.

Well done Emily!



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Out of School Achievements – Rugby

Congratulations to Joel D (Year 6) and Finlay G (Year 6) who both received awards at their end of season presentation evening for their U11s Rugby team at Taunton Rugby Club.

Joel received the Endeavour Award and Finlay was awarded Most Improved Player. They both had a great season along with several other Parkfield children who are also in the team.

Well done all!



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Out of School Achievements – Gymnastics

Congratulations to Georgina K (Year 2) for her fantastic performance at the recent gymnastics club competition! She did a great job completing both a floor routine and vault, earning a combined score that achieved a bronze medal for her category. She was also part of the team that took home the gold medal for highest combined score.

Georgina showed amazing resilience practicing throughout the half term and courage performing in front of lots of other families.

Well done Georgina!



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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 627	MERCURY 634	PLUTO 650	VENUS 751
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The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

Key Dates

June 2025	
Weds 11 th	Year 2 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Weds 11 th	Years 3 & 4 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
Thurs 12 th	Year 3 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Tues 17 th	Year 4 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Fri 20 th	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fete donations (Bottles & Chocolates)
Tues 24 th	Year 5 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Thurs 26 th	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 27 th	PTFA Summer Fete (6pm – 8pm)
July 2025	
Tues 1 st	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Wed 2 nd	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Weds 9 th	Orchestra Performance (9.30am)
Weds 9 th	Year 6 – Production (6pm – 7pm) – REVISED DATE
Thurs 10 th	Year 2 – Trip to Carymoor
Thurs 10 th	Year 4 – Trip to Dawlish – REVISED DATE
Fri 11 th	Reception – Pirate Workshop
Fri 11 th	Year 5 – Mayan Workshop
Fri 11 th	End of Year Reports to Parents / Carers
Fri 11 th	Year 6 – Celebration Event, 3.30pm – 4.30pm (Y6 children only) - NEW
Mon 14 th – 18 th	Year 6 – Residential Visit to Pembrokeshire
Wed 16 th	Reception – Summer Show (10am)
Thurs 17 th	Year 1 & Year 2 – Summer Concert (10am)
Mon 21 st	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Summer Concert (6pm – 7pm)
Tues 22 nd	Year 6 – Leavers Assembly, 10am – 11am (Year 6 Parents / Carers only)
Weds 23 rd	INSET Day / End of Summer Term 2025

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.

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email **childrens@somerset.gov.uk**

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Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



Felicitas Per Ardua
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 ChatHealth



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

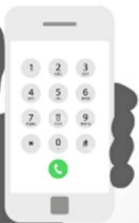
School transitioning

Emotional health

is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text
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Improving LIVES



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

 Call us on **01823 356 903**

 Fill in our online form
www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice

 Contact us via email
choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk
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15TH JUNE 2025 | 10:00 - 12:00 | AGES 9-18

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