

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We have had a brilliant start to our final term this school year, with lots more to look forward to before the summer break.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, our PTFA are hosting our Parkfield Summer Fete from 6pm until 8pm and we would love to see as many of our Parkfield families attend as possible – please bring your extended family, friends and neighbours with you! We would like to thank our PTFA who have all worked really hard to make this an amazing event for everyone to enjoy. If you could offer any help or support to the PTFA for the event, please sign up on the following link: <https://volunteersignup.org/ABEMK>



Please check the key dates below at the end of this newsletter to be aware of dates of events, leading up to the end of the school year. **A reminder that school will close at 1pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Children's Parliament Day – Year 6

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, four of our brilliant Year 6 students – Cecilia F, Tilly T, Chloe B and Caylub R – took part in the Children's Parliament Day at Somerset SCIL. They stood up in front of a room full of children and adults to talk about something really important: being a Rights Respecting School.

They explored three key rights:

- Article 14 – Freedom of thought, belief, and religion
- Article 15 – The right to join groups and make friends
- Article 23 – The rights of children with disabilities



They spoke confidently about why it's important to respect everyone's culture and identity, and how we can all help make sure everyone is treated fairly and equally. They also shared some fantastic ideas about looking after our mental health. They talked about using co-regulation and self-regulation strategies, and explained how our owl, tiger, and turtle brains can affect how we think and react in different situations.

The judges were so impressed and the Head of the Children's Parliament for Somerset now wants to visit our school! They're excited to explore more ways we can get involved in debates, public speaking and making positive changes in our community.

And guess what? Out of eight schools, our team came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the morning session — what an incredible achievement! Please join me in giving a huge congratulations to Cecilia, Tilly, Chloe and Caylub – you've made us all very proud!

**UNCRC Article 29 (Encourage children's respect for human rights)**

## Choir Competition – Year 3 / Year 4

We are delighted to share that our Year 3 & Year 4 Choir have recently won a £100 prize in a choir competition!

The choir, led by Mrs Hope, recorded a video singing the song 'True Colours' whilst signing the lyrics using Makaton Sign language. The judges of the choir competition, a joint event delivered by Jackdaws Music Ed Trust, Somerset Music and Dorset Music Service on behalf of Octagon Music Hub, awarded our entry the 'Most Active Action Song'!

Congratulations to the Year 3 / Year 4 Choir on your amazing award – showing what teamwork, dedication and hard work can achieve! Well done!

**UNCRC Article 29 (Right to develop talents and abilities)**



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## Shakespeare Workshop – Year 6

Last week, Falcon and Kestrel Class enjoyed a fantastic workshop led by The West End Theatre Company. As part of their English work on A Midsummer Night's Dream, the children visited the land of the fairies and explored key scenes from the play and brought Shakespeare's words to life through drama.



With support from a professional actor, pupils acted out lines, experimented with expression and movement, and gained a deeper understanding of the characters and themes they've been studying. It was a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, work as a team, and have a lot of fun in the process.

Thank you to The West End Theatre Company for an inspiring and energetic session and well done to Year 6 for embracing it with such enthusiasm!

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

## Sports Games Festival – Year 6

On Wednesday morning, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic time at the Year 6 SASP Games Festival hosted by Castle School. The event was packed with energy and enthusiasm as students took part in a variety of sports, including: cricket, netball, Boccia, Frisbee and rounders.



Adding to the excitement, the games were brilliantly organised and run by some of Castle School's Year 9 students – with some familiar faces of Parkfield students past to coach and support them. The sunny weather made the occasion even more enjoyable, adding to the lively and positive atmosphere.

It was a morning full of collaboration, fun and great teamwork and we're so proud of everyone who took part!

**UNCRC Article 29** (Right to develop talents and abilities)

## Sports Day 2025

We'd like to say thank you again to all of the children who took part in the Sports Days, to the staff who supported on the day and to all of the parents/carers, friends and family who attended and cheered on the children. We'd also like to thank the wonderful sports leaders who helped to set up the event, ran with younger children and ensured the afternoon ran smoothly.

We hope you will all agree that the events were a great success and a wonderful chance for the children to show off their talents. After counting up the scores the results are as follows – results include all of the races during Sports Day and the field events that took part in the week prior in their class PE lessons.

- **Mars: 454**
- **Mercury: 432**
- **Venus: 426**
- **Pluto: 417**

A huge well done to all of the children once again! They all represented their classes extremely well and ran some fantastic races!

**UNCRC Article 29** (Right to develop talents and abilities)

## Swimming – KS2

Last week, 8 children from KS2 represented Parkfield in a swimming gala at Queens College.

Parkfield won the event last year, so we were keen to go again and retain our title!

The team swam four strokes, split into boys and girls categories, with five of the children reaching the final four and two of the boys getting gold in their races. The final two races were a medley relay and a team relay, which saw the girls finishing fourth and the boys winning both races. All of the points added together meant that once again Parkfield took the title!



Well done to Caylub R, Dan S, George R, Theo T, Annabel N, Sophie T, Ella W and Adde D for an incredible swim and returning reigning champions!

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

## Rounders – Year 5 / Year 6

We have recently taken part in our first Year 5 / Year 6 competitive rounders match.

Playing against two local schools, our team went out strong and won the first game. In the second game, the team showed a great display of rounders but unfortunately the game ended in a very close defeat. We are so proud of the hard work, determination and team spirit the children displayed and the results they achieved, having only practiced together once prior to the fixture.



Well done to Billy M, Aria N, Olivia L, Jack L, Maggie D, Toby OG, Josh J, Josh L and Thomas P.

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

## Cricket – Year 6

Last Friday, the Year 6 boys cricket team were invited to Queens College for a festival of soft ball cricket.

The team competed throughout the day playing in four matches. The boys started strong with a great win over North Town, whom they had lost to in a previous competition. The second game saw them play a strong Minehead side, but again Parkfield came out on top.

After a delicious lunch break, the boys were keen to go again and the third game saw them come up against the home side – after some tactical discussions, the boys were again successful which took them to their third win of the day. The final game was against a very tired West Monkton team and the boys breezed through the match to see their fourth win of the day, leaving the tournament as unbeaten winners.



A special mention for Natty A who had the most runs of the tournament, to Harry B for an impressive 5 bowled wickets and to Joel D for a Maiden Over.

Well done to Natty A (Captain), Harry B, Joel D, Manidhu K, Hugh PG, Theo T, George R, Regis S, and Daniel S for a great show of cricket.

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

## Cross Country – KS2

On Monday this week, some Year 5 / Year 6 children took part in another Cross Country race at Kings College. Eight children from Year 6 and ten children from Year 5 competed in the run on a hot sunny afternoon.

Congratulations to all who took part with a special mention for George R who came 1st overall in the Year 6 race and to Thomas H who came 2nd in the Year 5 race.

Good luck to the Year 3 and Year 4 children who will be running their races on Monday 23rd June.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Pricing Changes from September 2025

We would like to make you aware of an upcoming change to the pricing of our extra-curricular clubs, including our wraparound care provision, Swallows.

We fully understand the financial challenges that many families face, and we have worked hard over the years to keep our fees as low as possible – we have not increased our prices for a considerable time and in some circumstances have actually reduced our costs. However, due to the continued rise in operating costs, we now find it necessary to make an adjustment to our pricing. This change will allow us to maintain the high standard of care and enriching experiences that your children enjoy and deserve.

Please be assured that this decision was not made lightly. Our priority is to ensure the long-term sustainability and quality of the service we provide.

**From September 2025, the hourly rate for all after school extra-curricular clubs, including Swallows (AM and PM), will be £3.80 per hour.**

We are grateful for your understanding and continued support.

## Adventure Playground

We would like to remind you that the adventure playground should not be used by children after school has ended. We appreciate that parents / carers may be supervising their children however, for insurance purposes and the need for the field to be vacated promptly for after school clubs, the use of the equipment after 3.30pm is prohibited.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Meals

We are delighted to confirm that you are now able to order school meals on School Money for the first two weeks of September.

As usual, bookings need to be made at least a school week in advance and therefore please ensure you have booked your child's meals for the first week back in September (w/c 1<sup>st</sup> Sept) by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

## Out of School Achievements – Football

Congratulations to Milo G (Year 5), who plays for Tone Youth U10s and recently won Player of the Year at their end of year presentation.

Milo has worked really hard this season and it most definitely has paid off!

Well done Milo!



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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!**

<b>MARS</b> 1239	<b>MERCURY</b> 1236	<b>PLUTO</b> 1260	<b>VENUS</b> 1384
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**The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!**

## Key Dates

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

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Thank you for continued help and support.



**Gareth Jones**  
Headteacher



**Felicitas Per Ardua**  
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- Quantock Restaurant: 2 main courses - Fireaway Pizzas: 2 x Signature Pizza vouchers
- South Dragon House: Meal for 2 - Arnold Clark: £20 Love2Shop voucher - Dunelm
- JoJo Maman Bébé: £25 gift card - Thatchers Cider - Bays Brewery Gift Sets
- Buzz Honey Gift Set - Milk & More: £25 Voucher - Monkton Elm Garden Centre
- Blackdown Garden Centre (Blue Diamond) - Taylor Wimpey Exeter - Gift set
- Mademoiselle Desserts: Voucher for 2 cakes - Sophisticatered: Sweet & Savoury Graze box for 2 - Nella's Patisserie: 2 x boxes of 6 cupcakes - ASDA toys - Farm Foods voucher
- Ocado £50 donation towards refreshments - Tesco & Bookers food donations

**Come and support our school at our  
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**BLAFLADIES@GMAIL.COM**  
**5/7/25 9:30 - 11AM**

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