

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all our pupils, families, and staff for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment.

This year has brought both celebration and sorrow: we were incredibly proud to receive such a positive Ofsted report, which recognised the dedication and hard work of our whole school community. At the same time, we came together in sadness following the loss of our wonderful teacher, Mrs Wright. Her warmth, kindness, and passion for teaching touched so many lives, and her memory will always be a part of our school. In both joy and challenge, the strength of our community has shone through.



At the end of each term, in our final assembly, I ask the children to do 3 things during the holidays:

- 1) Continue to read, if possible 5/10 minutes every day.
- 2) Help and support parents/carers at home. E.g tidy their bedrooms, wash up, remember manners etc.
- 3) Stay safe and happy!

Please help me by reinforcing these with your children during the summer break.

I hope you all have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break - filled with fun, laughter, and well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3rd September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

Mr G Jones
Headteacher

Farewell Year 6

The Year 6 children have reached the grand finale of their seven years at Parkfield and what a whirlwind it's been!

On Wednesday 9th July, they were thrilled to perform 'The Jungle Book'. With a range of songs, some brilliant backgrounds that were carefully developed by the entire year group and lighting from our very own tech team, they did amazingly well. The singing and dancing showcased all their skills and it was an absolute romp from start to finish - even in the extreme heat!



On Friday 11th July, they enjoyed a leavers' afternoon where they were able to socialise with friends, show off their hoodies and celebrate their time at Parkfield together.

The children have also been fabulous on the Year 6 residential last week. They've been down a mine and experienced the sounds and sights of mining through the ages at Big Pit, explored the woodlands and attractions while getting to understand nature at Picton Castle Gardens and experienced surfing. For more about the fantastic adventures of Year 6 in Pembrokeshire, do check out the residential trip blog on the school website.



What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of primary school – memories made for life!

We wish them all the very best as they move onto secondary school and will miss them very much.

Year 5 - Civic Award

On Wednesday 21st May 2025, Year 5 proudly hosted their annual Civic Award Fundraiser. This year, the students chose to support The Josh Evans Trust Fund, a charity dedicated to helping and educating children and their families in Somerset living with diabetes.



Thanks to the incredible efforts of our pupils and the generosity of our community, we raised an amazing **£1,391.23!** These funds will go towards providing families with the latest technology to help manage insulin levels more effectively.



Our Year 5 students worked exceptionally hard in the lead-up to the event—baking delicious desserts, crafting handmade items to sell and transforming the hall into a fantastic venue. They also organised an amazing auction and received generous donations from local businesses through their carefully crafted letters. We were also blown away by the kindness of our families—thank you for your support!

It was a truly special evening filled with community spirit and we couldn't be prouder of our students. We're already looking forward to next year's event!

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Year 2 - Trip to Carymoor

For their topic exploring living things and their habitats, Year 2 visited Carymoor Environmental Centre. Beth and Nat were their guides for the day and introduced the children to the idea of animal superheroes. The children then had to predict which animal had different superpowers: flying, strength, the longest tongue, invisibility, the best shape shifter, amphibious, hunting for prey and worm eating!



Dove and Nightingale class then split into two groups, one group went pond dipping and the other went on a minibeast hunt. Before they got started, Nat told them some incredible facts about dragonflies. Did you know they can fly up to 34 miles per hour? They have one huge lens for an eye, so they can see almost 360° around their body! The children then tried on some special glasses to see what it would be like to be a dragonfly!

On the minibeast hunt the children saw an amazing variety of butterflies, ants and bees and learnt how different minibeasts were adapted to suit their habitat, to protect them from predators and to enable them to survive. For example, caterpillars could be brightly coloured, poisonous (to predators) and spiky. The children then matched caterpillars to their adult butterflies and created their own using natural materials. One of the highlights was pretending to be a dung beetle! Year 2 worked in teams to roll the dung over, under and through different obstacles and learnt that dung beetles are super strong and can pull things that are 1000 times their weight! That would be like a human pulling six double decker buses!

Well done Year 2 on an amazing day, showcasing perfect behaviour and learning attitudes, particularly in the very hot weather!

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Family Learning Workshops – Science

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our recent Family Learning Workshops - it was wonderful to see such eager and enthusiastic families working and collaborating with their children.

In Year 1, the children have been learning about Animals as their science topic during the summer term. Therefore, following their exciting trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, we decided to utilise their creative skills to create their own zoo using 3D models of popular animals. This included following instructions to create paper parrots, meerkats, crocodiles and sharks. The children also used their recently acquired art skills, by learning about Andy Goldsworthy, to produce clay models of animals that included a hedgehog, snake, and an octopus.

The children and adults had a fun time discussing the parts of the animals and used their scientific knowledge to advise which groups a specific animal belonged to, for example: mammal, fish, reptile, amphibian or bird. The children could also tell the adults if an animal was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore by drawing on their learning from science lessons.



Year 2 invited their families into school to complete some exciting learning with them! Dove and Nightingale classes decorated egg boxes and used them to complete a scavenger hunt on the field. The children were tasked with looking for soft, rough, light, spikey objects and found lots of things for their collections. They also used a leaf identification key to name the trees we have on the field; there were lots of holly, ash and beech trees.



After that, the children and adults went into the secret garden to explore microhabitats and looked for lots of interesting minibeasts. They found lots of ladybird larvae, woodlice, snails and even an earwig and a mayfly! All the children were very careful with the creatures and made sure that they put them carefully back where they found them.

During the Year 3 Family Workshop Day, Skylark and Starling classes delved into the amazing world of the human body. The children measured and compared the lengths and circumferences of different body parts, using a variety of rulers and measuring tools. They discovered that some body parts share the same lengths or follow certain ratios, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. It was a fun, hands-on experience that helped the children and their parents / carers to appreciate just how unique and interesting our bodies truly are!



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 4 family Learning session where the focus was on a journey through the digestive system. The children learnt all about the digestive system, from food entering the mouth to faeces at the end! Thank you to all the parents / carers for your enthusiasm and expertise during the experiment.

For the Year 5 family workshop activity this year, Heron and Swan classes were investigating air resistance, as part of the science learning unit 'Forces'. The children found out that all objects would actually fall downwards at the same speed. However, air resistance, that acts upon the moving object, changes this and they wanted to know how. The children enjoyed creating 'spinners' which are like mini helicopters and dropping them from different heights. There were some very brave children (and parents) who managed to reach heights of up to 2.8m! We had so much fun with our families observing this force.



Family Learning Workshops – Science



What a *brilliantly bright* morning our Year 6 children had, as families joined forces with their young scientists to explore the fascinating world of shadows. With clipboards in hand and questions in mind, teams set off on a scientific mission: *How can shadows be changed?* Luckily, the sun was on our side — perfect weather for some serious shadow science in the playground. Indoors, the hall was transformed into a shadow lab, complete with torches and dark dens.

Working in true scientific style, families and children asked their own big questions:

- What can we change that might affect a shadow?
- What can we measure about it?
- How do we make sure it's a fair test?
- And of course — what graph will show off our brilliant data best?

After investigating, measuring and experimenting, teams presented their discoveries with pride. There was plenty of discussion, laughter and impressive scientific thinking as everyone evaluated their results. It was a morning full of fun, curiosity and teamwork. One grandad beamed, “It’s been *decades* since I last stepped into a classroom — and I loved every minute!”

Thank you to all the staff for organising such wonderful learning experiences and an extra thank you to Mrs Swarbrick for managing the opportunity for everyone.

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Year 5 – Mayan Week

In Year 5, we had an Ancient Mayan Day as part of our history topic.

The children came dressed in vibrant, Mayan-inspired costumes and made masks that could be used to intimidate other tribes.

They designed their own traditional tribal dances and even had the opportunity to sample authentic-style Ancient Mayan food.



It was a fun, immersive experience that brought history to life for all the children.

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Musical Talent Showcase

A Huge Congratulations to Our School Orchestra!

We are incredibly proud of our talented school orchestra, who recently gave a wonderful performance for their parents and carers. Their dedication, teamwork, and passion for music truly shone through on stage.



Thank you to all the pupils for their hard work and to our music teacher, Mrs Hope, for her guidance and support. Finally, a big thank you to the parents and carers who came along to enjoy the performance. What a fantastic morning of music and celebration!

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Key Stage 1 Concert Time!

Last week, we held an amazing KS1 Summer Concert at Parkfield!

Year 1 and Year 2 worked so hard learning all the songs and lines for their Summer Concert. The children learnt all about different animals and habitats and finished the show with a BANGER including glockenspiels and ocarinas.



The KS1 team were absolutely blown away by the amazing singing; their enthusiasm and passion really shone through and were so proud of the children and how they performed and we know they feel very proud of themselves too. Amazing job KS1 – well done!

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Key Stage 2 Summer Concert

Wow! What an incredible KS2 Summer Concert by Parkfield at Queen's College!

A wonderful venue for an evening of musical talent on full show. From singing, signing and recorders to ukuleles, boomwhackers and an amazing young pianist, it was a non-stop celebration of all it means to be inclusive.

Well done to all on an amazing performance – we are so proud of you! Special thanks to Mrs Hope for pulling everything together, it was a wonder evening!

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Year 4 Cricket

Some Year 4 children from the after school cricket club took part in a friendly tournament organised by SASP. The children, whom many have not taken part in a match before, played against 3 other Primary schools.

The children worked really hard to learn the rules as they were playing and there was some fantastic team work and supporting. There were lots of runs scored and some great fielding from the team.

They should be very proud of themselves and we hope to see them playing in more fixtures next year. Well done to Ella, Alice, Sophie, Emily, Sammy, Phillip, Theo, Freddie and Xavier.



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Eco and Student Council Round-up

The School Council have been incredibly busy this year, and what a difference they've made! From taking part in the UNICEF Outright Campaign, to championing mindfulness and mental wellbeing, they've shown true leadership and compassion.

They've raised awareness of key events throughout the year, proudly celebrated diversity and religion with a vibrant stall at the Christmas Fayre, and consistently promoted the values of democracy through their work and actions.

Their dedication, creativity, and teamwork have been inspiring. I am incredibly proud of everything they've achieved — your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Well done, all of you.

— Mrs Bowkett

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I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Eco Committee this year. Your energy and enthusiasm have been truly motivating and inspiring!

From championing Fairtrade—where we proudly achieved FairAware and FairActive status by raising awareness and encouraging others to be the change—to planting bulbs to support biodiversity, your efforts have made a real impact.

You've also run fantastic stalls at both the Christmas and Summer Fayres, and consistently raised awareness of key environmental events throughout the year, celebrating our amazing Earth and all its environments.

You've been incredible. Your passion, creativity, and commitment have made a difference, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved together.

Well done, team! 🌍 ❤️

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Summer Fayre Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in this year's summer fete. We had another amazing success, surpassing last year's total of £6056.98 by £273.54, setting our new record at **£6330.98**.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, staff, and, of course, our fantastic community. We hope you all enjoyed the event, and we're excited to aim for a new record next year!



Football Champions!

On Sunday 6th July 2025, Jude K (Year 5) and his football team, Tone Youth Hornets U10s, competed in the Bridgwater Wolves Annual Football Tournament 2025 which took place at Bridgwater College Academy grounds.

This was a competitive tournament and Jude and the rest of the U10s team played brilliantly with wins against teams from all over including Wales and strong towns from the South West.

The team won in the semi-final against Bridgwater Wolves Wolverines and went through to the final against Exmouth Town. Jude's team went on to win the final on-the-edge-of-your-seat penalty shootout making them the Champions of the day!

Congratulations and well done to Jude and his fellow teammates at Tone Youth Hornets U10s.



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More Football Achievements!

Oakley P (Year 5) plays for the Under 10 Tone Youth Hornets and at the end of season awards he was voted by parents and coaches as the 'most improved player for the season'.

His grit and determination has really shown this year and he has really enjoyed playing with all his team mates! Well done Oakley, keep up the hard work!



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Out of School Achievements – Triathlon

Congratulations to all Parkfield pupils who took part in the Schools Triathlon at King's College recently. The feedback we have received has been unanimously positive, describing the incredible team work, school spirit and determination showed by our teams.

Photographs we have received from the event have been shared in relevant classes and during our celebration assembly this week. Well done to all pupils involved, we're so proud of you!

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10K Race For Life

Finley M (Year 5) took part in a 10k race for life for cancer research. Finley has raised £400 so far with donations still coming in for such a worthy cause. The reason Finley and his mum took part in this race is because Finley's grandad was diagnosed with terminal cancer and recently lost his battle in June. Finley's Granny also is currently fighting her own battle with cancer.

We wanted to share how amazingly proud we are of Finley for his race which he completed in 1 hour and 18 minutes, also encouraging his mum all the way too!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Pricing Changes from September 2025

We would like to remind you 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.

School Meals

We would like to remind you that school meal bookings are now closed for the first week of September. If you have not booked your child(ren) a meal, please ensure they bring a packed lunch to school.

Bookings for the second week of September (w/c 8th Sept) need to be booked by Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

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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.

MARS 1461	MERCURY 1492	PLUTO 1497	VENUS 1666
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Well done Venus – our summer term winners!

The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

Key Dates

September 2025	
Tues 2 nd	INSET Day / Start of Autumn Term 2025
Weds 3 rd	Back to School
Weds 10 th	Curriculum Meeting for all Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Thurs 11 th	Kilve Information Meeting for Year 4 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Mon 15 th – Tues 16 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 1
Weds 17 th	Year 3 – Invasion Games Festival (Castle School)
Weds 17 th – Fri 19 th	Year 4 – Residential Visit to Kilve
Mon 22 nd – Tues 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2
Weds 24 th	Year 5 – Trip to Wessex Water
Weds 24 th	Year 2 – Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Fri 26 th	PTFA Quiz Night
Mon 29 th	PTFA AGM (7.30pm)
Mon 29 th – Tues 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 3
October 2025	
Weds 1 st	Kestrel Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Weds 1 st	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3pm – 3.30pm)
Thurs 2 rd	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3pm – 3.30pm)
Mon 6 th – Tues 7 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Tues 7 th	KS2 (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6) – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Weds 8 th	Falcon Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Weds 8 th	KS1 (Y1 / Y2) – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Thurs 9 th	Reception – Harvest Festival Family Learning (2.45pm – 3.30pm)
Fri 10 th	Non School Uniform Day & School Disco (PTFA)
Fri 17 th	Tempest Photographs – Individuals
Tues 21 st	Year 1 – Grace Darling Workshop
Tues 21 st / Wed 22 nd	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 23 rd	Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Workshop
Fri 24 th	INSET Day
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	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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