

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome to the final Parkfield Press of 2025! We've had a fabulous and busy few weeks in school since our last newsletter.

We have had great fun performing our Christmas Nativities and concerts over the last two weeks. Congratulations to everyone who took part in these performances – you all worked so hard on learning lines and songs and you were all amazing! Thank you to all the families that attended and supported the children. Photos have now been uploaded onto the gallery on our website for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performances. KS2 Concert photos to follow shortly!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas, from all of us at Parkfield ❤️



PTFA Christmas Fayre

The annual Parkfield Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 28th November. As always, the evening was a huge success and we're very grateful for how well the fayre was supported by the school community.

Thank you to Charlotte Ellett-Murrant, our PTFA Chair, and her team for putting together such an incredible event - they raised an astounding **£5,612.12!!**

We will look forward to spending this on improving the learning facilities for our children. Charlotte would also like to pass on her thanks to all the volunteers, staff and the community for attending the event.



Nativity – Reception

Our Reception children absolutely blew us away with their wonderful performance of *Away in the Manger!* Poor Maurice was hoping for a peaceful night in his stable... but a little festive commotion and one very special visitor – Baby Jesus – made it a night to remember!

The children had the most amazing time sharing their performance with friends and family, and they should be so proud of themselves. A huge THANK YOU to our families for the time, effort and creativity that went into the costumes – the children looked absolutely fantastic!

We hope our Reception parents / carers enjoyed the performance as much as we did!



Please follow this link to see additional photos on our school website -

<https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/about-us/photo-gallery/gallery-2025-2026/reception-nativity-2025>

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

Christmas Concert – Year 1



On Tuesday 9th December, Year 1 proudly opened this year's Christmas performances at Parkfield School. The children delighted the audience as they retold the Christmas story through the eyes of different animals, sharing plenty of enthusiastic singing along the way.

The performance also showcased the talents of our Year 1 choir members and ocarina players, who added a wonderful musical touch to the celebration.

Well done to all the children for such a joyful performance.

Please follow this link to see additional photos on our school website -

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Nativity – Year 2

Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed performing their Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

The play included lots of funky dance moves and catchy songs. Everyone worked really hard to learn their lines, dances and songs.

It was a wonderful performance which the audience clearly enjoyed. Well done Year 2, we are very proud of you all!



Please follow this link to see additional photos on our school website -

<https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/about-us/photo-gallery/gallery-2025-2026/year-2-nativity>

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Christmas Concert – KS2

On Tuesday 16th December, our amazing KS2 children came together for a truly magical evening of Christmas celebration at Queen's College – and what a night it was!

For the very first time, our fabulous school orchestra joined us, beautifully accompanying our traditional carols and, of course, our much-loved school song. Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 choirs shone on stage with their festive performances, whilst two of our Year 6 children wowed us all with their wonderful solos.

The whole of KS2 sang their hearts out, and our readers told the Christmas story with real feeling and confidence. We are so proud of every single child who took part.

A huge thank you to Queen's College for taking photographs of the dress rehearsal – these will be available shortly on both the Parkfield and Queen's College websites.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to make the evening so special - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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Roman Day – A Journey into History – Year 4

Roman Day 2025 was a truly immersive experience!

Year 4 pupils began by exploring the Roman number system, building numerals with sticks (diennes) to understand how the Romans counted.

Inspired by the bold artistry of Roman shields, they then designed their own vibrant creations — which were soon put to use in battle. Working as a team, pupils carried their shields into action, strategizing and re-enacting three famous Roman formations to outwit and defeat the Celts.

To complete the day, everyone sampled authentic-style Roman food, giving them a real taste of history and rounding off an unforgettable journey into the ancient world.



UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Indoor Cricket Event – Year 6

Congratulations to the Year 6 Cricket Team that played in an indoor tournament at Taunton School on the 5th December.

The team played 4 matches, winning 2 and losing 2. The standard of cricket played by all teams was extremely high and did not go unnoticed by the cricket coaches. The players will be invited back in the new year for further coaching in the nets. Well done everyone!



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

Boots Carol Singing – Year 3 / Year 4 Choir

On Thursday 11th December, our wonderful Year 3/4 Choir headed out to Boots to share some Christmas cheer with a spot of carol singing!

A fantastic crowd came along to support them, and plenty of shoppers stopped to enjoy the festive sounds filling the store. The children sang their hearts out, had an amazing time, and were showered with lovely praise from the Boots staff, who absolutely loved their energy and brilliant choice of songs!

We are so proud of our choir for representing our school so beautifully and spreading smiles all around. Well done, super singers!



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Recorder Karate Club and Steel Pan Band

Our talented KS2 musicians have been busy, busy, busy! The Recorder Karate Club and the Steel Pan Band have been working hard to learn some wonderful Christmas tunes, and we're excited to share the results with you.

They've recorded a special festive concert just for our school community – full of Christmas cheer, toe-tapping rhythms, and plenty of smiles! You can watch and enjoy the concert on our school website, so grab a cosy seat, turn up the volume, and join in the festive fun at home. A huge well done to all our amazing performers!

<https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/about-us/photo-gallery/video-gallery-2025-2026>

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Apple FM – Year 3

Earlier this year, Starling and Skylark classes were visited by the team at Apple FM to record the sound bites for their pantomime.

It was a fun and exciting experience for the children and we are delighted to share the broadcast times for the Apple FM panto – Spiderella and The Villain Academy, starring Year 3!

Part 1 - 22nd December 3.45pm

Part 2 - 23rd December 3.45pm

Part 3 - 24th December 3.45pm

Full Panto & Part 4 - Boxing Day, 26th December 4pm

After this, it will be available 'On Demand' on their website - www.applefm.co.uk

A massive thanks again to Andy Spragg and the team at Apple FM for choosing Parkfield to help them this year!

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School Meals

Please be aware that school meal bookings for the first week back at school are now closed. If you have not booked lunches for week commencing 5th January 2026, please ensure you send your child(ren) to school with a packed lunch.

Bookings are open for the rest of the Spring term so we would highly recommend booking for the whole term during the festive break. 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.

Out of School Achievements - Gymnastics

Congratulations to Adele D (Year 3) for her achievement last week at her TTGA gymnastics.

She achieved an amazing second place for her performance at the Christmas showcase – well done Adele!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements – Trampolining

On Sunday 7th December, 5 of our pupils travelled to Weston-Super-Mare to represent Parkfield in the South West Schools' Trampoline Championships.

Olive K, Emily P and Eloise T competed in the Years 1-6 Girls Novice category facing over 50 other competitors. The 3 girls showcased their routines brilliantly and are immensely proud of what they achieved and the places earned: with Olive placing 37th, Emily placing 26th and Eloise placing 5th. The top 15 in this group qualified for the final round in the South of England Zonal Competition.

Alongside the girls, Sammy R and Blakley A competed against 13 other competitors in the Years 1-6 Boys Novice category. Once again, the boys showcased their routines brilliantly and this showed in their results with Blakley earning 5th place and Sammy 2nd! With the top 5 in this group moving to the final round, both boys secured themselves a place.

We would like to congratulate all who took part, with a special mention to Eloise, Sammy and Blakley who will all be competing in the South of England Zonal Championships taking place in January. We would like to wish them the best of luck and look forward to celebrating their results with them.

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House Points

House points are given to pupils to reinforce and reflect the school values that they are demonstrating at the time. The total for each house is updated every two weeks, until the end of each term.

Well done Mars – our autumn term winners!

MARS 1796	MERCURY 1417	PLUTO 1488	VENUS 1511
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The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

Key Dates

January 2026	
Mon 5 th	Start of Spring Term 2026
Fri 9 th	Pantomime – Dick Whittington
Wed 21 st	Year 2 – Sports Games Festival (Taunton College)
Fri 30 th	Year 3 – Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Fri 30 th	Year 6 – Charles Darwin Workshop
February 2026	
Fri 6 th	Non School Uniform & School Disco (PTFA)
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Safety Week
Tues 10 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 11 th	Year 4 – Net / Wall Ball Festival (Blackbrook Sports Centre)
Wed 11 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 12 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	HALF TERM
Mon 23 rd	Back to School
Mon 23 rd	Celebrating International Mother Language Day (Non School Uniform)
March 2026	
Tues 3 rd – Wed 4 th	Story Explorer Workshops
Tues 3 rd – Thurs 5 th	Book Fair
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
Fri 6 th	Reception & KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale
Wed 11 th	Tempest Photographs – Vista for Reception & Year 6
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day
Fri 27 th	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
Tues 31 st	Year 2 – Trip to SS Great Britain
April 2026	
Thurs 2 nd	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Thurs 2 nd	End of Spring Term 2026
Mon 20 th	Start of Summer Term 2026

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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18th December 2025

Thank you for continued help and support.



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 ChatHealth



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

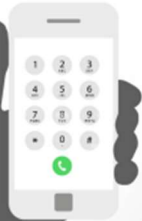
Emotional health

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5-19 and are you**
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help and support?

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your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

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Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

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

Call us on **01823 356 903**

Fill in our online form
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★ Running 9am - 3pm

★ Available to children aged 4 - 11

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★ Contact dcrysell@premier-education.com for queries



Our 5* Holiday Clubs are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the winter holidays.

And with the HHH programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for lots of festive fun!



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Taunton's Christmas Tree Trail

Step into the festive spirit and explore a magical trail of Christmas trees.

Each tree is unique, crafted by local artists, and at arts workshops hosted by Go Create, bringing a dash of creativity and joy to our community.

Scan the QR code to access the map and start your journey today, or visit taunton-tc.gov.uk for more details, including a full calendar of festive activities for 2025.

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