

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Once again, this half term has flown by!

We would like to thank you for your continued support in attending this week's Parents' Evening Consultations. There was a wonderful sense of positivity throughout the hall, and it was truly appreciated. We believe that strong collaboration between school and home is essential to ensuring the best outcomes for our children, so thank you once again for your ongoing partnership.



This week has been Safety Week in school, and we have welcomed representatives from the RNLI, National rail and our local PCSO into school to deliver important messages and lessons to our students. We have also been looking at safety around the home and the local environment, and having discussions about on-line safety and what 'safe relationships' means. We look forward to sharing the children's safety week learning with you in the next newsletter.

Year 6 Step into Darwin's World

Last Friday, Year 6 pupils enjoyed an engaging visit from storyteller, Clive Pig, as part of their science topic, 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

Upon entering the room, they were greeted by our favourite storyteller dressed as a Victorian school teacher, Cornelius Stickler. He began by giving them a vivid insight into what school life was like during the Victorian era. Then, through energetic storytelling, they learned about Charles Darwin and his groundbreaking journey aboard the HMS Beagle to the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. Whilst there, he studied many species of plants and animals to see how they adapted and evolved to



suit their habitats. Creatures that he saw there included: marine iguanas, flowers, vampire finches, turtles and tortoises (the ship's crew cooked and ate them!).



Clive brought history to life with fascinating details from the time, including surprising facts like up to 1000 children were taught by one teacher who used monitors to relay his teaching to smaller groups, or, how some rich women wore live beetles as brooches that would crawl around their necks!

Following the fun yet informative session, the children were enthused to continue their studies and find out more about one of the most influential scientists in history.

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Walk like an Egyptian with Year 3

Our Year 3 children recently took part in an Egyptian workshop where they were able to explore the fascinating world of ancient Egypt. The workshop began with them all singing a song about the importance of the Nile, setting the scene for their learning.



After that, the children worked in pairs to re-enact the mummification process. The instructor guided them through each step which the children acted out with great enthusiasm. Finally, they held a ceremonial burial for a pharaoh!

Starling and Skylark class both thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was a fantastic way to launch our Egyptian unit.

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Book Corner

This week's book review is by Finlay in Nightingale Class who will be sharing his thoughts on the book 'Tom Gates is Absolutely Fantastic at Some Things' by Liz Pichon.

What is the book about? It's about Tom Gates and his friends and they have their own band called 'Dog Zombies' – which is very weird and not a great name! In the book, they went to the activities centre for three nights and Tom Gates climbed quite a tall wall and won a kayaking race.

What is your favourite part? My favourite bit of the book is when Tom won the kayaking race. Marcus tried to hold on to his kayak so he wouldn't win, (I don't know why he did that). You also have to look for monsters in the book. I've spotted 6 now! There's also a game of monster battleships.

Do you like the book? Why? Yes, it's good because it's got lots of pictures, bubble writing and doodles.

Who would enjoy this book? I think this book wouldn't be for grown-ups because it's got pictures. It would probably be for 6 to 8-year-olds.

How many stars would you give it out of 5: 5/5

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



Year 3 & Year 4 Drama Workshop by 'The SPACE' Performing Arts College

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 had a wonderful opportunity to work with the talented drama students from SPACE College based at Heathfield School based around the topic of 'conflict resolution'.

The pupils watched a short production based on this theme and then broke off into smaller groups to take part in a range of workshops.

As always, the pupils were all fully engaged and enjoyed the experience and behaved impeccably.

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

Year 2 Sports Festival at Taunton College

Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Sports Festival at Taunton College, run by the college's sports students. The event gave the children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of fun and engaging sporting activities throughout the day.

The pupils rotated around different activity stations, trying out new sports, developing basic skills, and learning the importance of teamwork and fair play. The sports students led each activity with enthusiasm and encouragement, creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone involved.

As well as being active, the children also developed their understanding of the importance of staying healthy, keeping active, and looking after their bodies. Smiles, laughter, and high levels of participation were seen throughout the festival, making it a truly enjoyable experience.

Thank you to Taunton College and the sports students for organising such a well-run and inspiring event for our Year 2 pupils. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who helped us with travelling to and from the college for the event – we are so grateful for your support.

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Year 4 Net and Wall Festival

The children in Kingfisher and Woodpecker classes had a great morning on Wednesday, when they took part in a range of sporting activities based at Blackbrook Sports Centre.

The children experienced playing Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton and Table Tennis. The children demonstrated a high level of skill and plenty of resilience during the morning.

Well done everyone!



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

Sports Events

Year 5 & 6 Boys Netball Friendly Match

What a fantastic afternoon of sport as our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a friendly netball match against another local school! It was brilliant to see so many boys getting involved, showing great enthusiasm, cooperation and team spirit throughout.

The match was a great opportunity for everyone to learn, develop their skills, and build confidence on the court. There was lots of effort, encouragement, and positive attitudes on display – exactly what school sport is all about!

Well done to all the boys who played and a big thank you to the staff at North Town school for hosting us - what a great fixture!

Year 6 Netball Success!

A huge well done to our Year 6 netball team who took part in a fantastic competition against two other local schools this week. The team showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout both matches.

Parkfield School put in an outstanding performance, securing two impressive victories – 10-0 in the first match and 12-1 in the second. Their passing, shooting and defensive play were excellent, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow as the games progressed.

We are incredibly proud of the team for representing Parkfield so positively. Well done team, keep up the amazing work!

Well done to all children who have represented Parkfield at these events – we are so proud of you!

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Team Root & Shoot Update!

Our Eco Committee had a fantastic session last week learning all about seasonal vegetables and why choosing foods that grow at this time of year is good for the planet and our bodies.

The children worked brilliantly together to plant onion seeds, discovering how easy they are to grow and how little they need to thrive. They also learnt about the health benefits of onions — from boosting our immune systems to helping keep our hearts healthy.



We can't wait to watch our onions grow over the next few months. Well done Team Root & Shoot!

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to nutritious food and a clean environment)

Out of School Achievements

Taekwondo Champion!

Congratulations to Jack M (Year 1), who has taken part in his first ever taekwondo competition and brought home 4 medals! He achieved a bronze, 2 silver and a gold – the 'Dragon Tail'.

Jack has been training hard with Evolution Martial Arts since September 2024 – his dedication and perseverance has clearly paid off.

Well done Jack!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

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 current winners!

MARS 414	MERCURY 334	PLUTO 368	VENUS 368
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The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

Key Dates

February 2026	
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
Mon 16 th	Carymoor Recycling Workshops
Thurs 19 th	Reception – Vision Screening
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day
Wed 25 th	Wren Class – Trip to Puxton Park
Thurs 26 th	Robin Class – Trip to Puxton Park
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

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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.

Thank you for continued help and support.



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 ChatHealth

 Somerset Council

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
07480 635 515

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.

 Improving LIVES

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 www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice
Contact us via email choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk or scan the QR code

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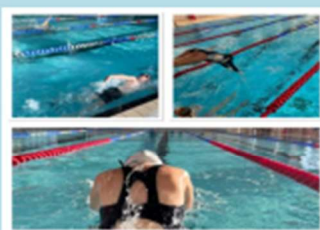
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.KINGS COLLEGE POOL TAUNTON-
SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:15 - 10:15
SQUAD SWIMMING FOR STAGES 5-10

.ST GEORGES SCHOOL TAUNTON
SUNDAYS: 11am to 4:30pm

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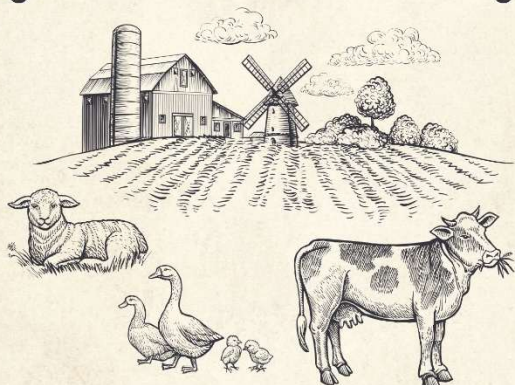
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FACILITIES ONLY ONE LESSON
CARRIED OUT AT A TIME.**



**.HOLLY FARM SWIMMING
POOL: MONDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS 4PM TO 6PM**



Join us for a day on the farm filled with hands-on experiences.

BRYMORE FARM LAMBING DAY

Saturday 14th March 10am - 3pm

Explore the farm, meet the animals, cuddle the lambs and so much more!

A welcoming event for families and visitors of all ages.

£2 per person on entry - Cash preferred - Limited card machine access - Pushchairs go free

Brymore Academy, Brymore Way,
Cannington, Bridgwater, TA52NB



THINGS TO DO

- See the ewes with their new born lambs
Sit in our cuddle corner with our tame lambs
- Meet our dairy and beef cows
Say hi and pet the calves
- Come and see the pygmy goats
Say hi to Barry, Gertrude, Maggie and Ethal
- See some of our different chickens
See the new born chicks
- Face painting
Be creative in our arts and crafts corner
- Test your driving skills with our pedal tractor course
Have a go at milking Nancy the cow
- Go on our farm treasure hunt
Food stalls from burgers, hotdogs, warm sausage rolls and much more all from Brymore farms produce

FURTHER INFORMATION

Venue and Accessibility -

We are a fully accessible site. But please wear suitable footwear as this is a on farm event.

Parking -

Weather dependent - We will be keeping a close eye on the weather. Further details will be posted closer to the event date.

Disability parking will be available onsite.

Farm rules

Please no dogs on site for this event.

Pregnant women should avoid contact with new born lambs or be in the lambing shed

Our school is a non smoking and vaping site

Please be mindful our animals enjoy a calm and quite environment

Please do not climb in any pens with the animals

Hand washing is paramount. You will find hand washing facilities around the site.

First aid -

Should you need first aid assistance. Please find a member of staff

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FREE Parent and Carer Workshops: Talking to your children and teens about their bodies, feelings and relationships

An opportunity to attend a relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years.

What's This Session About?

Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships with your SEND child or teen can feel overwhelming—but you're not alone.

Each session will be a safe space for parents and carers to be seen, valued and heard. You only need to attend **ONE** workshop:

In person: 26th February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, 1pm—2:45pm

Online (live only): 11th February 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm)

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Led by Alice Hoyle, national Relationships and Sex Expert and SEND mum, this 1.5-hour interactive workshop will offer practical advice, tips, and signposting to help you feel more confident starting (or continuing) important conversations at home.

Learning Outcomes:

- How Relationships and Sex education can look different for SEND children and teens—and why that's okay
- Tips for talking about bodies, friendships, puberty, and safety at home
- How to use everyday moments to build understanding and confidence
- Where to go for trusted resources, books, websites and next steps

Click here to book your place: [Talking to your children and Teens about their bodies, feelings and Relationships – Fill in form](#)

For further enquiries please email: admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk

