

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome back! We've had a wonderful start to the Summer Term and are very much looking forward to all the amazing events and activities that the summer term brings. Please check the key dates at the end of the newsletter to see what wonderful things we have planned.



## Warm Weather Reminder

As the weather warms up (hopefully!) and the children will be spending more time outside, please can we ask that all children come to school with a refillable water bottle and a sun hat. Please apply sun cream prior to your child coming into school each day, as we are unable to do this for them in school. Please could we also kindly request that children who suffer with hay fever have taken antihistamines, particularly on PE days. Thank you for your help in keeping the children protected during lovely weather!

## A little note to our Year 6 students...

Please have a relaxing and restful weekend with lots of fresh air and sleep, so that you are ready for the exciting week ahead. Well done for all your hard work and focus this year so far; you have all been amazing and we are all so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck for your assessment week.

## SATS Breakfast

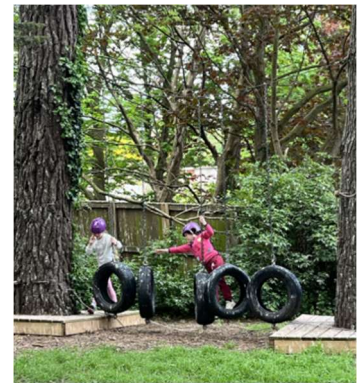
A reminder that we will be providing an extra breakfast treat outside the Year 6 classrooms from 8.40am for the four days of the assessments next week. Please note that the breakfast treats in school are in addition to, and not a replacement for, usual breakfasts at home.

## Kilve Activity Day – Year 3

This week, Year 3 had a fantastic day on our school trip to Kilve Activity Centre taking part in four exciting activities: archery, the climbing wall, low ropes and a fantasy trail.

During archery, the children showed great focus and determination as they learned how to aim and shoot at the targets, celebrating their successes and encouraging one another. On the climbing wall, they demonstrated bravery and perseverance as they challenged themselves to climb higher, pushing past their fears and supporting each other along the way. During the fantasy trail, the children were blindfolded and had to rely on listening carefully and following instructions to safely navigate obstacles as a team. On the low ropes, they showed excellent teamwork and balance as they tackled challenges such as using poles to move across pillars.

Throughout the day, the children had so much fun, supported each other brilliantly, and showed real courage as they faced and overcame their fears. Well done Year 3!



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

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## STEM WEEK

At the end of last term, the children at Parkfield fully immersed themselves in all things STEM (science technology, engineering and maths). The children explored different themes around living things, habitats and biodiversity.

During the week, Peter Littlewood from Better Planet Schools, spoke to the Key stage two children about various topics around living things such as: classification of animals, bees and their vital role in pollination, endangered animals and worldwide habitats. We also had visitors from Carymoor who delivered an assembly to the whole school on food wastage and recycling properly. They delivered further workshops to Key Stage 1 including: Minibeast Mayhem for EYFS, Henry the Hedgehog Years 1 & 2 and Wildlife Detectives CSI for Years 3 & 4. The children had lots of fun with this!



Across the school, other activities the children enjoyed were:

**EYFS:** Made 5 star bug hotels

**Year 1:** Nature hunt around the school grounds and Animal step counting

**Year 2:** Used recycled materials to make animal themed plant pots and characterised vegetables adding funny eyes - this was great fun!

**Year 3:** Learnt about Charles H Turner (bees can see colour!) and made mechanical bees!

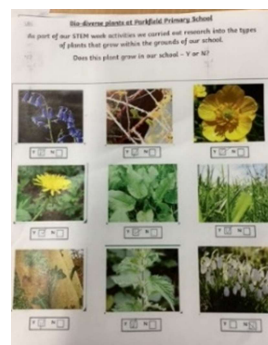
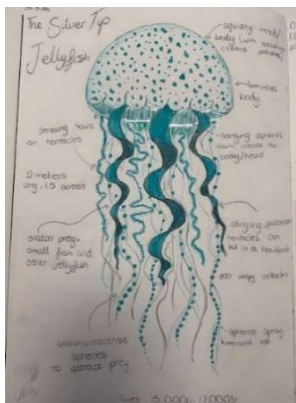
**Year 4:** Created dream catchers using ecofriendly materials and used our drama skills to become endangered animals!

**Year 5:** Learnt about microorganisms including bacterial and viruses and used drama and media to create an 'infomercial' about washing our hands!

**Year 6:** Designed our own evolved creatures to create a 3D model and looked at how creatures survive in the Mariana Trench.



We shared our amazing week in an assembly and discovered all the fabulous learning across the curriculum we did – well done Parkfield!



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## Easter Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Reading Challenge. We received some fabulous entries, including photographs of children reading in unusual places, informative book reviews and summaries and favourite quotes from books. These wonderful contributions have been carefully compiled into scrapbooks, which now take pride of place on classroom bookshelves.

The School Readership Team had a very difficult task choosing the top two entries, but they eventually awarded **First Prize to Kingfisher Class** and **Second Prize to Swan Class**. Each winning class has chosen a selection of new books for their class library.



**UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)**

## Book Review

This week's book review is by Lydia G in Woodpecker Class who will be sharing her thoughts on the book 'Best Friends' by Jacqueline Wilson.



**What is the book about?** This book is about two best friends, Alice and Gemma, who have been friends since they were born. Although they are best friends, their personalities are very different. Alice is very neat and loves to draw but Gemma prefers to play football and never stops talking.

**What is your favourite part?** I like the part when they are babies and talk in baby language together – nobody else can understand them!

**Do you like the book? Why?** Yes, because it is interesting and easy for me to read. I like the characters but they are not like my friends at school! It also has some pictures. I like Jacqueline Wilson and have read a book by her before this one which is why I chose to read another one of her books.

**Who would enjoy this book?** I think this book would appeal to girls mainly in Years 3 and 4. It has an attractive, shiny cover.

**How many stars would you give it out of 5:** 4.5/5

**UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)**

## Love reading? Aged between 8 and 12? Then this could be for you!

The Children's Booker Prize 2027 have started to search for child judges and are inviting entries from parents, carers and educators on behalf of interested children.

The successful child entrants will each get: the eight shortlisted books to read and keep; a judges' medal; a trip to London for a fun day choosing the winner with the adult judges; a bespoke portrait by Beano illustrator Nigel Parkinson; a Beano comic strip capturing their judging experience; and another trip to London for the ceremony at Young V&A, which will feature a red carpet with VIP guests, entertainment stations and the chance to present the winner/s their trophy on stage. The three child judges will be announced alongside the shortlist of books on Tuesday, 24 November 2026. Entries must be received by Tuesday, 2 June 2026.

If you know a child with a passion for reading and an interest in critiquing what they have read, please go to the website for details on how to enter: <https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/prize-years/childrens/2027>



Good luck!  
Mrs Rust

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## Netball County Finals – Year 6

What a fantastic day at the County Netball Finals!

Our Year 6 team took on 7 other schools in a competitive league format, showing incredible determination and resilience throughout. With a busy schedule and plenty of minutes on court, the team worked tirelessly together, demonstrating excellent teamwork and true sportsmanship in every match.

The results speak for themselves:

- 3 wins
- 3 draws
- 1 loss (to the eventual winners!)

A brilliant effort from everyone involved, earning a well-deserved 3rd place finish and bringing home the bronze medal 🏅

We are so proud of you all – well done!!

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

## Cross Country – Year 3 / Year 4

On a very warm and sunny afternoon, children from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an exciting Cross Country race at King's College Prep. The challenging course covered just over a kilometre around the beautiful school grounds, testing both stamina and determination.

Every child showed fantastic effort, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the event, making us incredibly proud. A special mention goes to Lucas K (Year 3), who achieved an outstanding 2nd place finish – crossing the line just one second behind the winner!

Well done to all of our amazing runners for representing the school so brilliantly. Your enthusiasm, determination, and positive attitudes made it a wonderful afternoon of sport!

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

## Stand Up To Cancer Walkies Challenge for Mrs Howie

As many of you will know, Mrs Howie, one of our lovely lunch time staff, has been having treatment for a brain tumour. She has shown great positivity and strength and regularly keeps in contact with the school to find out how 'her' children are doing.

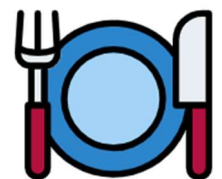
Katie, her daughter, is taking part in the 'Stand Up To Cancer Walkies Challenge' to raise money towards life-saving research. We have shared the link to her page below if anyone would like to support Katie and this amazing charity. We wish Katie lots of luck with her walkies challenge.

<https://shorturl.at/o0mY3>

## School Lunches

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until the end of the school year.

**Please note that meals must be booked at least two weeks in advance** to ensure availability before the booking window closes. We kindly remind you that all meal selections must be fully checked out, even if your child is eligible for Universal or Free School Meals at no cost.



**If no bookings are made, your child will need to bring a packed lunch to school.**

## School Run Complaints

We have recently received several 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.

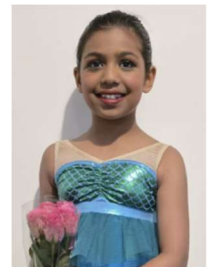
Please do not stop on the road to let your child out of the car, please find somewhere safe to pull over.

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. Please be aware that intimidating or abusive behaviour will be reported to the police.

## Out of School Achievements –

Mahi S (Year 4) had a very busy weekend during Easter performing in Peter Pan at Queen's College with Trull School of Dancing. She practised so hard to master her roles as a pirate and a mermaid, and she did an incredible job. Her parents say that it was a joy to see her on stage after all her effort.



Congratulations to Mahi and all our pupils that took part in the show!



Mrityunjay S (Reception) participated in the Southwest MF Martial arts championship and won a silver medal and a bronze medal.

What an amazing achievement, well done Mrityunjay!

## UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

### Are you Wimbledon ready?

FREE tennis taster sessions for primary school aged children (5-11 years) indoors at Taunton Tennis Centre, based at the Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa in Taunton:

Monday 18th May 4-5pm

Tuesday 19th May 5-6pm

Saturday 23rd May 10-11am

To attend please register your child here - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TauntonTennisClub/EventsV2>

## UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

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Dear Parents,

Stagecoach Taunton is now enrolling for our TWO-WEEK TRIALS for our term-time classes. As we head into our Summer term, This is a special "Show Term," where our students will be working toward the following performances:



- Main Stages: Matilda Jr. (6–18 years)
- Early Stages: Flutterpilla (4–6 years)

Delve into the creative arts with our combined singing, dancing and drama sessions. At Stagecoach, we pride ourselves on providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where creativity flourishes. Our experienced and dedicated instructors are passionate about helping your child grow, develop their skills, build confidence, and make lifelong friendships.

A two-week trial costs £25 for Early Stages (90-minute classes, 4-6 yrs) & £50 for Main Stages & Further Stages (180-minute classes, 6-18 yrs). Spaces are limited so don't delay!

Weekly classes are available on **Fridays at Selworthy School** and **Saturdays at Parkfield Primary School**. All teachers are fully trained, and DBS checked and we accept childcare vouchers and the tax-free childcare scheme.

Our regular term time classes at Stagecoach Taunton start on April 24th/25th and run as follows:

Friday - **Selworthy School**

Early Stages 4.15pm - 5.45pm

Main Stages 4.30pm - 7.30pm

**Saturday - Parkfield Primary School**

Early Stages 9.30am - 11.00am or 11.15am - 12.45pm

Main Stages 10.00am - 1.00pm

## Summer Workshop

Thinking about childcare for the summer holidays? We are pleased to be running our "Show in a Week" Summer Workshop from August 10th to 14th. This fun-filled week involves students rehearsing and performing a full show for family and friends. For more info, visit [www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton#workshops](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton#workshops)

For more information on Stagecoach Taunton, visit [www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton) or call 07842 944 697.

Kristie, Pedro and the Taunton Team

## 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.

**Well done Mercury – our current winners!**

<b>MARS</b> 158	<b>MERCURY</b> 173	<b>PLUTO</b> 151	<b>VENUS</b> 133
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**The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!**

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## Key Dates

May 2026	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – KS2 Assessments
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception / Year 3 / Year 6 – Space Dome
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6 – Author Workshops (Taunton Brewhouse)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Ancient Greek Workshop
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Health Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Little Lifesavers Workshops
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 / Year 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 / Year 4 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Civic Award Evening (6pm – 7:30pm)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Years 5 / Year 6 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception / Year 1 / Year 4 – Dental Hygiene Workshops
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
June 2026	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to School
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 – Strike & Field Festival (Castle School)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 – Magistrates in the Community Workshop
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Shakespeare Workshop
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Whole School
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 – Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Drama Workshop
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fete donations (Bottles & Chocolates)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Richard Huish College
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Sports Festival (Castle School)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Great Athletes Event
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fete (6pm – 8pm)
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group

**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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Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

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