

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We have had another incredibly busy and fun-filled couple of weeks at Parkfield! The children have been really engaged with a range of exciting learning experiences and fun activities. Our well-being family workshops have gotten off to a great start, sports days have begun and some of our children have been to space whilst others have been transported back in time!



Our Year 5 students held their Civic Award Evening which was a great success and all our children were involved in Health Week this week. Look out for the next Parkfield Press to find out more!

We wish all of our Parkfield families a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 2nd June. **Please note that Monday 1st June is an INSET day.**

Warm Weather Reminder

As we hope to welcome some warmer weather after half term, 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.



Elina Year 5

Thank you for your help in keeping the children protected during this (hopefully) lovely weather!

EYFS Family Learning Workshop

The reception children and their families enjoyed a wonderful family workshop last week. Everyone took part in a range of activities, including yoga and shared reading. The children especially loved trying the fruit-infused water and guessing the different flavours!

We also celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a variety of creative activities. The mini-beast clay sculptures and paintings were fantastic!

Thank you to all the families who joined us—it was a fun and memorable day!



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

A Taste of Italy in Year 4

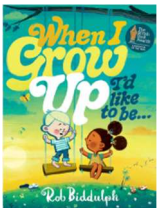
Last Friday, our Year 4s rounded off their DT unit in delicious style. After designing their own Italian-inspired pizza boxes, they put their creativity to the test by making their very own pizzas. The sunshine held out long enough for a joyful picnic on the field, where they proudly tucked into their creations. A brilliant end to an exciting topic!



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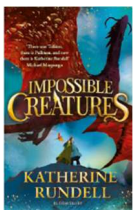
Author Extravaganza!

On 15 May, Year 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Brewhouse Theatre in Taunton to listen to inspiring talks from a range of popular authors.



Year 4 children from Woodpecker and Kingfisher classes enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Taunton Brewhouse theatre to meet author and illustrator **Rob Biddulph**. The students sat spellbound as he shared how he creates his books, where his story ideas come from, and what motivated him to become an author. This special trip gave our young writers a wonderful insight into the creative world, sparking fantastic enthusiasm for reading and drawing back in the classroom.

Year 5 had the opportunity to hear **A.F. Steadman**, author of the Skandar series of books talk about her work. The event, in celebration of the Waterstones Children's Book Festival, involved the children learning about the unicorn-riding adventure and creating a new unicorn racer character which could potentially feature in a future book in the Skandar series. There was also an author Q&A so the children were able to find out what the life of an author is really like as well as some glimpses into the exciting future of the Skandar series, which will be popular picks in our year group library for a while!



Year 6 visited the The Brewhouse Theatre to hear an inspiring talk from children's author **Katherine Rundell**. She shared fascinating stories about her books, her travels around the world and the experiences that inspire her writing. Katherine encouraged the children to use their imaginations to build new worlds, create magic and invent wonderfully disgusting new foods! The pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout the session and left feeling excited and inspired to develop their own creative writing ideas!

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Space Dome

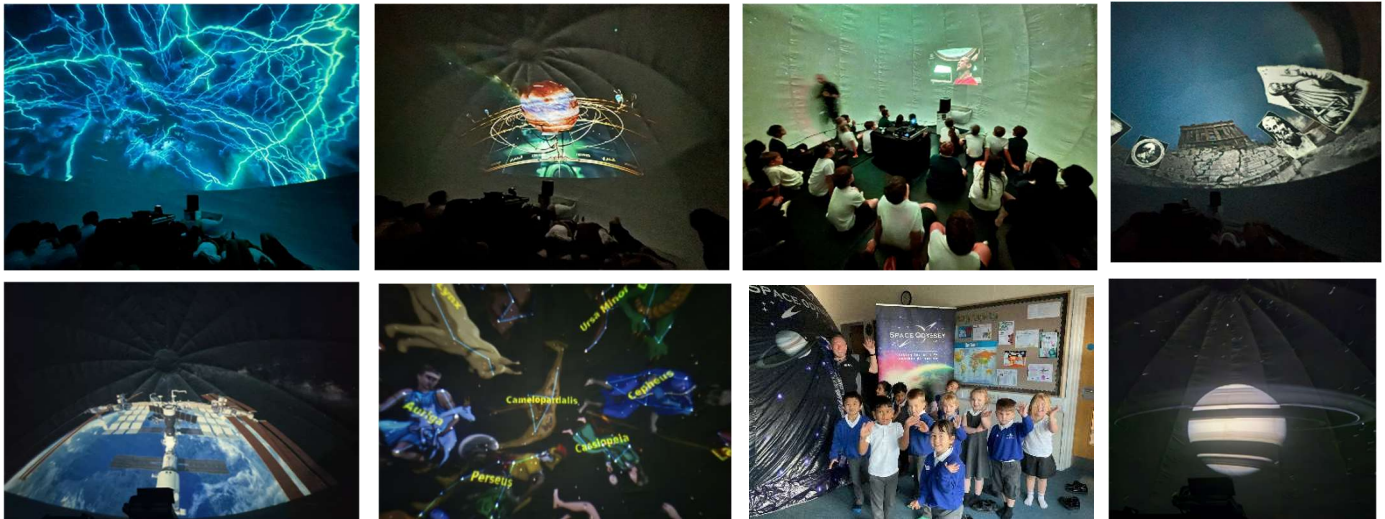
EYFS, Year 3 and Year 6 ventured into space this week! They all visited the Space Dome to learn about space. They explored natural light, like the Sun and stars, and artificial light, such as lamps and lights made by humans and learned about astronauts who live and work on the International Space Station, where they do experiments and float in space. EYFS learnt lots of facts about each planet in the solar system and watched a story about an astronaut called George who tried to find a new planet to live on.

The children were also shown how the stars in the sky create patterns and pictures. Key Stage 2 looked at the planets in our solar system and learned their names and order. They also saw constellations, which are groups of stars that make shapes in the night sky. We saw that the next solar eclipse will be on the 9th of June 2026 at roughly 19:40.

They discovered that day and night happen because Earth spins. When our side faces the Sun, it is day, and when it turns away, it is night. They watched the earth change over the course of 24 hours, seeing lights turn on and off depending on the time of day.

They discovered that International Space Station is very big, about 109 metres long, which is about the size of a football field and often compared to 13 double decker buses joined together!

The children loved seeing real videos and photographs from space. They especially loved looking at the constellations and how they moved. A brilliant way to bring our science learning to life!



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Year 4 Travel back to Ancient Greece!

Clive Pig brought our Ancient Greece history topic to life for Woodpecker and Kingfisher classes during his dynamic storytelling performance. He captured the children's imaginations by transforming historical facts into vivid, theatrical adventures filled with legendary gods, brave heroes, and mythical beasts. Through energetic acting, music, and interactive humour, he made complex history accessible and incredibly fun for both classes.



The session left the students thoroughly inspired, sparking a renewed curiosity to explore Greek history further in their classroom learning.

UNCRC Article 29 (Right to develop a child's talents and abilities)

Year 1 Zoo trip to Noah's Ark farm

As part of their science learning all about animals, the children enjoyed an unforgettable trip a few weeks ago, packed with discovery, adventure, and lots of sunshine!

During an exciting "Amazing Animals" workshop, the children learned all about habitats and how animals are classified within the animal kingdom. They even got to meet some fascinating creatures up close including a hissing cockroach, a leaf insect, and a tortoise!

After a lovely sunny lunch outdoors, the adventure continued as the children explored the zoo to spot incredible animals such as lions, tigers, elephants, rhinos, zebras, giraffes, bears, camels, and otters!

To make the day even more special, we also celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday – what a perfect way to honour such an inspiring wildlife champion!

What a fantastic day of learning, exploration, and fun with our Year 1 pupils behaving beautifully – well done Year 1! ★



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Book Review



This week's book review is by Anika in Swan Class who will be sharing her thoughts on the book 'The Street Art Mystery' by Sharna Jackson.

What is the book about? It's about three friends that have big plans for their weekend in London – a trip away before they start high school. However, firstly they have to go to a boring evening at an art gallery that they have to get through before they have fun. But surprisingly, the night ends with a dead body and the children have to follow clues around London to find out what has happened.

What is your favourite part? I liked the part when they were just chilling in the art gallery but suddenly, the lights went off and when they came back on, there was a dead body on the floor!

Do you like the book? Why? Yes, because it includes lots of interesting landmarks in London which I have visited myself.

Who would enjoy this book? I think this book would appeal to boys and girls, aged below 13, who like adventures and plot twists.

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

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Sporting Achievements

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an amazing time at the recent Tag Rugby Festival! With three teams representing the school, the children showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. The festival included a mixture of exciting matches and skill-building training sessions, giving everyone the opportunity to develop their rugby abilities, work together, and most importantly — have fun! From brilliant passing and speedy runs to determined defending and excellent communication, all of our teams impressed everyone with their effort and attitude.

Every player gave 100% and represented the school brilliantly. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another, celebrating successes, and growing in confidence as the day went on.

A huge well done to all three teams for their outstanding performances and positive spirit. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!

Also, a huge well done to our Year 6 cricket team who competed brilliantly in the recent cricket competition! The team, made up of four Year 6 girls and two talented Year 4 girls, showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the event.

The girls played exceptionally well, winning 2 out of their 3 games and finishing an impressive 3rd overall! There were some excellent performances on display, including accurate bowling, confident batting, and superb fielding from all members of the team.

What stood out most was the amazing teamwork, encouragement, and sportsmanship shown throughout the competition. The girls supported one another every step of the way and represented the school with pride.

Well done to everyone involved — you should all be incredibly proud of your achievements!

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

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.

Out of School Achievements – Rugby

Blakley A, Lucas K and Georgina K (Year 3) attended the end of year presentations evening for their Rugby team, Taunton Dragons on Friday 8th May. The evening centred around what an amazing team the Taunton Dragons U8's really are. Each one of them have worked hard, always giving 100% in training and matches, play with great team spirit and show respect for their coaches, teammates and opponents.

This year awards went to:

- Blakley – Coaches player award
- Lucas – Players player award
- Georgina – Endeavour award

Well done to all 3 of them and to all the other members of the team from Parkfield School.



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Out of School Achievements – Tennis



Sophie T (Year 5) got the chance to represent Somerset at tennis for the third year in a row, playing for the girls in the under 10 county cup in Taunton over the weekend of the 9th and 10th of May.

For the first time she was playing in the 'no1' position, facing the best girls from the other counties. She was amazing in her singles matches, recording a convincing win against the no1 Devon girl 4-0 4-2. Cornwall was a tougher match but Sophie eventually managed to take a nail-biting victory in a third set tie break, winning 4-2 2-4 10-6. Sophie's team mates also won three of their matches against Cornwall, so Somerset beat Cornwall 4-2, resulting in a third place finish for Somerset. Sophie loved the whole weekend and is looking forward to another weekend of tennis when she will play 'up' a year group for the under 11 girls in June.

At the end of April, Joseph P (Year 3) was invited to represent Somerset for the 8U tennis county cup event against Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. He played fantastically well, especially as this was his first competition.



Oliver P (Year 5) has also been busy! He was selected to represent Somerset at the 10U tennis county cup which took place in Truro this weekend. The team made history when they beat Avon for the first time in decades (competing against Cornwall, Devon, Channel Islands and Avon) and are now through to the South area county cup in Southampton in June!



Both boys played with determination and cheered their team members on – Well done to you both.

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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.

Well done Mercury – our current winners!

MARS 252	MERCURY 256	PLUTO 245	VENUS 209
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The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!

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Key Dates

June 2026	
Mon 1 st	INSET Day
Tues 2 nd	Back to School
Wed 3 rd	Year 1 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 3 rd	Year 5 – Strike & Field Festival (Castle School)
Wed 3 rd	Year 6 – Magistrates in the Community Workshop
Thurs 4 th	Year 6 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Fri 5 th	Year 6 – Shakespeare Workshop
Tues 9 th	Tempest Photographs – Whole School
Wed 10 th	Year 2 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 10 th	Year 1 – Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Wed 10 th	Year 6 – Drama Workshop
Thurs 11 th	Year 3 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Fri 12 th	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fete donations (Bottles & Chocolates)
Mon 15 th	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
Tues 16 th	Years 1 / Year 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
Tues 16 th	Year 4 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Tues 16 th	Year 5 – Trip to Richard Huish College
Wed 17 th	Year 6 – Sports Festival (Castle School)
Tues 23 rd	Year 5 – Family Learning Workshop (9.15am – 10.15am)
Wed 24 th	Great Athletes Event
Thurs 25 th	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 26 th	PTFA Summer Fete (6pm – 8pm)
Tues 30 th	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
July 2026	
Wed 1 st	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Mon 6 th	Orchestra Performance (9.30am)
Tues 7 th	Year 4 – Trip to Dawlish Warren
Wed 8 th	Year 6 – Production (6pm – 7pm)
Fri 10 th	Year 2 – Trip to Carymoor
Fri 10 th	Reception – Pirate Workshop
Fri 10 th	Year 5 – Mayan Workshop
Fri 10 th	End of Year Reports to Parents / Carers
Fri 10 th	Year 6 – Celebration Event, 3:30pm – 4.30pm (Y6 Children only)
Mon 13 th – 16 th	Year 6 – Residential Visit to Pembrokeshire
Tues 14 th	Year 1 - Summer Concert (10am)
Wed 15 th	Year 2 – Summer Concert (10am)
Thurs 16 th	Reception - Summer Show (10am)
Mon 20 th	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Summer Concert (6pm – 7pm)
Tues 21 st	Year 6 – Leavers Assembly, 10am – 11am (Year 6 Parents / Carers only)
Wed 22 nd	INSET Day / End 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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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

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