

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We have had a brilliant, and very busy, start to our final term this school year with even more to look forward to before the summer break.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June we are hosting our Parkfield Summer Fete from 6pm until 8pm and we would love to see as many of our Parkfield families attend as possible – please bring your extended family, friends and neighbours with you! We would like to thank our PTFA who are working really hard to make this an amazing event for everyone to enjoy. Raffle tickets were sent home with the children this week – there are some superb prizes to be won! Please return sold and unsold tickets to the school office.



Please check the key dates below at the end of this newsletter to be aware of dates of events, leading up to the end of this very busy school year.

## Health Week 2026

Just before half term, we took part in our annual 'Health Week', The children learnt about different aspects of keeping healthy: from diet and exercise to first aid and online healthy habits too. Read on to find out about all the exciting activities and visitors that joined us.

### EYFS

Health Week started by listening to Dr Hope in assembly talking about different emergency services. The children then took part in "Little Lifesavers" workshop where they learnt what to do if they found someone who was very poorly and how to call for an ambulance. They were shown how to check if someone is breathing and CPR. We also had a workshop with Dr Attilia about how important sleep is for our health. We finished the week by listening to dentist Mr Fiorini on how we can best look after our teeth.



### Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic Health Week, learning how to keep both our bodies and minds safe and healthy. Throughout the week, the children explored a range of important topics, including first aid, how to call 999 in an emergency, sun safety, and the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy. They were lucky to learn from a variety of visitors, including a doctor, a dentist, and students from Richard Huish College, who helped them to deepen our understanding of how to stay healthy.

Although the weather postponed Sports Day, Chaffinch and Sparrow classes showed great resilience by creating motivational posters, taking part in team-building games and cheering on the other year groups during their sports events. They ended the week by celebrating their healthy choices, with over half of the class travelling to school in active ways such as walking, scooting, or cycling.



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## Year 2

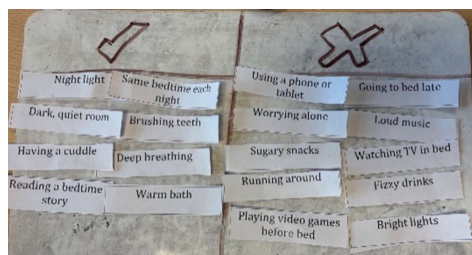
Year 2 had a fantastic Health Week and enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting and informative activities. Throughout the week, the children learnt about what to do in an emergency, how to perform CPR, the importance of getting enough sleep, the positive effects that exercise has on our bodies and how to stay safe online. The children were enthusiastic and engaged in all of the activities, asking thoughtful questions and developing their understanding of how to stay healthy and safe. They particularly enjoyed the practical elements of the week and were excited to share their new knowledge. The children had lots of fun, learnt many new skills and facts and gained a deeper understanding of how to look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

## Year 3

During health week Year 3 explored with Dr Hope how to treat stings and bites, learning simple steps to stay calm, clean the area, and tell an adult. The children also discussed ways to keep safe in the sunshine, including wearing hats, using sunscreen, and staying hydrated. We introduced some basic first aid skills, where the children learned how to recognise an emergency, how to call for help and had an exciting introduction to CPR. They showed great maturity and enthusiasm while learning these important life-saving skills. We also talked about how our bodies and minds change as we grow. The children learned that as we get older, we may grow taller and stronger, and our brains become better at understanding the world around us. Starling and Skylark classes had thoughtful discussions about how we begin to understand our feelings and the emotions of others more clearly over time. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with these important topics and developing skills that will help them stay safe, healthy and confident.

## Year 4

Health Week started with a buzz for our Year 4s as Dr Hope joined them to teach all about asthma. The children threw themselves into role-playing an asthma attack, practising how to stay calm, supportive and in control. Next, came an energetic CPR workshop that had everyone thinking fast and working together. Later in the week, they explored with Dr Attilia how screens and technology influence our sleep, sparking lots of thoughtful discussion. The week ended on a high with a visit from the Mr Fiorini the dentist and the children were delighted by the dinosaur brushing demonstration. To round off the week, the children created and presented their own PowerPoints to the class, showcasing everything they had learnt. A fantastic week of learning!



## Year 5

In Year 5 they began health week with an exciting visit by Dr Hope who spoke to them about severe bleeding and what to do to help. The most common type of bleeding is nose bleeds and the children learnt to pinch the squishy part of the nose whilst tipping our heads forward. You need to hold this for 10 minutes before checking! This was then following by a workshop from Little Life Savers.

Year 5 children also learnt how to make an emergency phone call to 999 along with keeping safe in the sun. For healthy online habits Heron and Swan classes explored that some online habits and apps support our well-being, while others have a negative impact. Finally, the children looked at a healthy diet and the importance of making good food choices.

## Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic Health Week, learning lots about how to stay healthy and look after their wellbeing. Dr Hope led a practical First Aid workshop, teaching the children some important life-saving skills to apply if someone is choking, while Dr Attilia spoke about the importance of sleep and how it helps us stay healthy and ready to learn. The children also explored the benefits of regular physical activity and discussed the risks of spending too much time being inactive. It was a fun and informative week that provided plenty of useful knowledge for healthy living!



We would like to send a HUGE thank you for all the visitors who worked with us through out the week, giving up their time to provide amazing experiences and learning opportunities for our children.

**UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education) Article 24 (Right for the best possible health care)**

## Year 1 - Family Learning Workshop

Last week Year 1 welcomed families to our special family workshop. We had a wonderful time taking part in a range of flower and animal-themed craft activities, feeling enlivened by Mr Parkes' mindfulness movements session, and enjoyed the fun of guessing different flavours at our water station.

We would like to thank all the families who joined us for helping to make it such a special and memorable event.



## Year 2 - Family Learning Workshop

On Wednesday 10th June, the Year 2 children enjoyed their Family Learning Workshop, which focused on the important theme of wellbeing. Parents and children enjoyed spending quality time together while taking part in a variety of creative and interactive activities designed to promote positive wellbeing and strengthen family connections.

The workshop included a hands-on clay activity where families used their imagination to create their own mini beasts. Children and adults worked side by side, sharing ideas and developing their creativity. Families also explored sponge painting, producing colourful artwork while enjoying the relaxing and expressive nature of art. Another popular activity was creating an "All About Me Sunshine", where children reflected on their strengths, interests, and the things that make them unique. This encouraged positive self-esteem and helped children celebrate what makes them special. Families also enjoyed playing board games together, developing teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills while having lots of fun.

The workshop provided a wonderful opportunity for families to spend meaningful time together, learn new skills and explore simple ways to support their wellbeing. It was lovely to see families learning, creating and having fun together while exploring ways to support their wellbeing event.

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## Year 1 Multi-skills Festival at Castle School

On Wednesday, Year 1 attended a multi-skills sports festival at The Castle School. The children took part in a variety of exciting activities, including balancing along a beam, throwing and catching, parachute games, and an obstacle course.

Despite a few rain showers, everyone had a fantastic time. The event provided a great opportunity for the children to develop key skills such as coordination, teamwork and balance.

Well done Year 1 for their great participation – we're very proud of you!



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

## A Midsummer's Night Dream at Parkfield

Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in a Shakespeare Drama Workshop led by West End in Schools.

Linked to their current English unit on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the children explored the play through a range of engaging drama activities. They worked together to retell the story, learnt about the personalities of key characters and discovered how movement can be used to bring those characteristics to life on stage.



The workshop was great fun and provided valuable performance skills that will be put to good use as the children begin rehearsals for our Year 6 production of *Grimm: The Musical!*

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

## Year 6 call 'ORDER!'

Year 6 recently welcomed local magistrates into class to talk about their important role in the community. The children learned that magistrates are volunteers who work in Magistrates' Courts, dealing with less serious offences and helping to ensure justice is fair and balanced. Did you know that every single offence starts in a Magistrates' Court, with only around 6% progressing to the Crown Court?

The children put their learning to the test with a fun quiz before creating their own (thankfully fictional!) street robbery case. Using the National Sentencing Guidelines, they carefully considered evidence and mitigating factors before delivering their verdict - future judges in the making, perhaps!

The session gave pupils a fascinating insight into how the legal system works and provided plenty of opportunities for thoughtful questions. Sparking lots of curiosity and discussion, it was a brilliant introduction to our new history topic on *Crime and Punishment*.

We then recently visited Queen's College to take part in an exciting Magistrates Court Workshop. During a mock trial, every child took on an important role, including magistrates, solicitors, witnesses, defendants, court artists and reporters. The children gained a valuable insight into the court process and developed their understanding of law, justice and the role of the legal system. The experience linked brilliantly with our current History unit on crime and punishment and provided a fascinating real-world context for their learning.

We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and maturity shown by all of the children throughout the day.



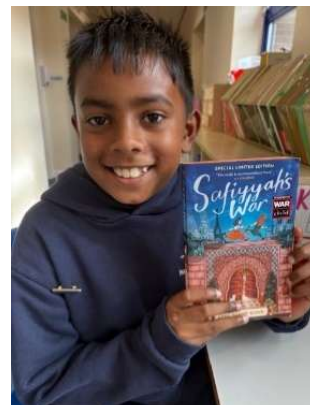
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## Book Review

This week's book review is by Aravin (Year 3) who will be sharing his thoughts on the book 'Safiyyah's War' by Hiba Noor Khan.

**What is the book about?** Safiyyah happily lives in Paris, France until the Germans invaded the country during WWII. Her father was arrested for his secret Resistance work and her best friend moved away to England to escape the fighting so she was left feeling really sad. She was unable to go to school because she was almost killed by a bomb when she last went there so instead she became friends with Monsieur Cassin: a scientist that had travelled the world exploring plants. Safiyyah loved maps so loved hearing about his travels and the countries he had visited.



**What is your favourite part?** My favourite bit is when she went to the library to look at maps and was given a lollipop by the librarian. I like maps and lollipops myself!

**Do you like the book? Why?** Yes, because she is very enthusiastic and brave. She inspires me to persevere when things are tough

**Who would enjoy this book?** I think this book would appeal to boys and girls aged 8, 9 or 10.

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

**UNCRC Article 12** (Right to have a say in all matters that affect them)

## Sports Events

### Year 6 Cricket Success in Testing Conditions

The Year 6 cricket team delivered a brilliant day of sport, playing three competitive matches and scoring 105, 102, and 72 runs despite persistent rain throughout the afternoon. Their determination and focus shone through as they adapted to the wet conditions and continued to play with confidence and enthusiasm.

With only six boys, teamwork was essential and they rose to the challenge. The group communicated clearly, supported one another, and made smart tactical decisions in every match. Whether rotating the strike, setting fields, or adjusting their bowling plans, the boys showed maturity and a strong understanding of the game.

It was a fantastic display of resilience, skill, and team spirit, and the players should be extremely proud of their performance.

### First event for the Rounders Team

This week, our team took part in a rounders tournament, playing three closely contested matches. We won one game and narrowly lost the other two, showing great determination throughout the afternoon.

As this was the first proper rounders match experience for many of the players, their performances were particularly impressive. The team worked brilliantly together, supporting one another and improving with every game. A real highlight was the fantastic running between posts and some great hits, with players showing confidence, speed, and a willingness to take on new challenges.

Everyone should be proud of their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Well done to all involved on a successful first tournament experience!

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## Out of School Achievements

Flossy A (Reception) attended private swimming lessons throughout May half term to boost her to level 3 swim school, where she achieved her 50m swimming badge! She has also achieved her latest proficiency certificate for level 6 in gymnastics.

We are very proud of Flossy for showing great determination – you have been busy! Well done!



We are very proud of Molly H (Year 1) who has shown great kindness when she went to the hospital on one of the hottest days recently to take ice creams to all the doctors and nurses and people looking after the poorly children. The staff were very grateful for the ice creams and proud of Molly!!

What a lovely gesture, Molly. I bet they were very glad to see you!

Sophia W (Year 5) has recently taken part in the Mountway School of Dance show at Queen's College Theatre where she performed in four shows across two days. She committed many hours to rehearsing for the show and performed beautifully.

Congratulations to all Parkfield children who were involved with the Mountway performances – it was a brilliant show and we are so proud of you.



## 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!**

<b>MARS</b> 481	<b>MERCURY</b> 436	<b>PLUTO</b> 474	<b>VENUS</b> 467
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**The winning value is RESPECT – well done Parkfield for being respectful students!**

## Key Dates

June 2026	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 / Year 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
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)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Whole School
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
July 2026	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Orchestra Performance (9.30am)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Trip to Dawlish Warren
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Production (6pm – 7pm)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Trip to Carymoor
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Pirate Workshop
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Mayan Workshop
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports to Parents / Carers
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Celebration Event, 3:30pm – 4.30pm (Y6 Children only)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Residential Visit to Pembrokeshire
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 - Summer Concert (10am)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Summer Concert (10am)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception - Summer Show (10am)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Summer Concert (6pm – 7pm)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 – Leavers Assembly, 10am – 11am (Year 6 Parents / Carers only)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day / End 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.**

Thank you for continued help and support.



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Headteacher



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