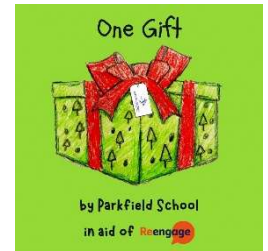


Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome to the first Parkfield Press of 2025 – can you believe we're half through this term already!?

We are absolutely delighted to start off with some amazing news – our KS2 Christmas charity single raised over £1,200 for our chosen charity, Re-engage! Congratulations to everyone who was involved and a massive thank you to everyone that supported us with the campaign. We are delighted with the amount we are now able to donate and so grateful for all your support. Well done KS2!



Pantomime – Jack & the Beanstalk

Last week, we were very lucky to have Chaplins Theatre Group visit us in school to perform their Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime.

The children were all captivated by the performers and really got involved with the show – they all had a fabulous time!

Thank you to our PTFA who covered the cost of the pantomime and made this experience available to our children.



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

Farmlink Visit – Year 1

We have eggs!

Year 1 recently received their egg hatching kit from Farmlink. The class monitors regularly check the condition of the eggs in the incubator, and ensure that water is in the mini reservoir. We have nine days to go until we, hopefully, have fluffy chicks!



UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Indoor Cricket – Year 6

Some of the Year 6 boys were recently invited to Taunton School to take part in an Indoor Cricket tournament. They played 3 games and finished top, gaining a place in the final!

The boys started strong in the final with 2 fantastic starting bowls from Captain Natty, getting 2 players out straight away. They carried on the fantastic fielding, working well as a team to keep the batting team from scoring high. They then showed excellent batting skills and ended up winning the final with 3 innings remaining - a fantastic morning of cricket!



The children were also lucky enough to spend some time with Marcus Trescothick, Somerset cricket legend and he was happy to share his knowledge and skills with them. A big thank you to Taunton School for inviting us and we hope to return to retain the title soon.

A huge well done to Natty A, Joel, Harry B, Manidu, Theo T, George R, Regis S and Daniel S for some great cricket!

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

Indoor Athletics – Year 6

18 children from Year 6 took part in the Sportshall Athletics Area Finals this week.

Having come 4th in the Taunton area, the children were keen to put on a second performance and improve from the last time. They worked together to decide who would compete in which event and supported each other throughout the races. There was a great show of team work and team spirit, and their sportsmanship was a real credit to the school.



The children finished in 4th place overall, marginally missing out on the bronze medal but beating two of the schools they had lost to previously. They should be extremely proud of their individual and team performances at the event. Well done to you all!

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

Request from the School Readership Team

Please could we have any donations of children's comics, children's magazines and children's newspapers, e.g. *First News*. to add to our classroom libraries. These make great short reads for children who are looking for variety, information and something that they can pick up, flick through and finish at their leisure.



If you have any magazines, comics or newspapers that we could share with the children, please take donations to Kestrel Class (Mrs Rust - Year 6) and the SRT will then distribute them around our class and year group libraries. Thank you very much!

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

School Gates

We would like to remind you that parents / carers must leave the school site by 9am each morning.

We are experiencing an increase in the number of adults who are not leaving promptly after dropping off their children to class. Our school gates must be closed and locked at 9am, as this is the time that children begin to move around the school site and we must follow our safeguarding policies to ensure the children are safe.

If you are running late and cannot get to your child's class and then exit the school site by 9am, please sign your child in through the school office.

Please also be reminded that bikes / scooters should be pushed and not ridden when past the school gates.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Swallows – Booking Reminder

We would like to remind you that booking for Swallows closes at 6pm on a Friday evening for the following week. Please ensure you book your required sessions by this time, so that we are able to plan staffing and activities effectively.

Please also be aware that the final serving for breakfast in AM Swallows is 8.15am. If your child is arriving at school for AM Swallows after this time, please ensure they have already eaten at home.

Online Safety Focus

The Online Safety Champions have been working hard over the Autumn Term to create an Online Safety Mascot for our school. We would like to introduce you to Switch, designed by Freddie in Year 4.

Switch will be used in all our computing and online safety lessons and will also share his top tips in the newsletter.

Scan the QR code to meet this year's Online Safety Champions and to find out why they are so passionate about keeping everyone safe online.

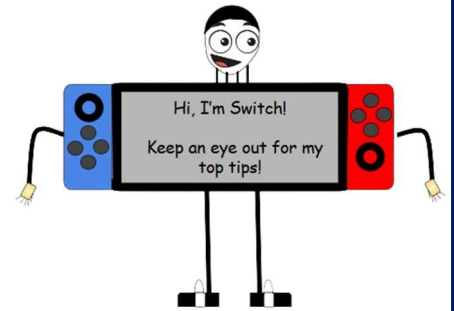
Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children 0-5 years old:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Internet-Matters-Age-Guide-0-5s-Jan23.pdf>

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10:

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UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)



Out of School Achievements – Tennis

On Saturday 11th January, Darcey E (Year 3) competed in and won the Somerset Under 8's Red Dragon County Tennis Tour event at Blackbrook, arranged by the Somerset LTA. Darcey played against other county players in a round robin format, winning all her matches.

Darcey is suitable proud of her win and her winners 'Gold' Medal to go alongside her certification of participation. Well done Darcey!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



Out of School Achievements – Music

Congratulations to Sophie T (Year 2) who took and passed her Grade 2 Ukulele exam with distinction over the Christmas holidays.

Sophie also enjoyed playing in a band for a Christingle service and was complimented on her rhythm keeping! Well done Sophie!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



Fundraising Challenge – Mental Health Foundation

We are excited to share with you that Mr Gallagher (Year 5 parent) is currently raising funds for the Mental Health Foundation, a charity dedicated to improving mental health for everyone, particularly focusing on prevention to support the next generation. To do this, Mr Gallagher has set himself the ambitious challenge of running 100km in just 14 hours as part of Race to the King event in June and as part of the preparation has been running every day in January.

As a school, we fully understand the importance in protecting the mental health of our children and would love for you to share Mr Gallagher's fundraising campaign with your family and friends.

For more information and to show your support, please follow the below link. Thank you.

[James Gallagher is fundraising for Mental Health Foundation](#)

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. The winning house each term will receive a prize!

Well done Mercury – our current leaders!

MARS 338	MERCURY 366	PLUTO 345	VENUS 309
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The most rewarded school value for the Autumn term was – **RESPECT**

Key Dates

January 2025	
Tues 28 th	Year 4 – Sports Games Festival (Bridgwater & Taunton College)
Fri 31 st	Year 3 – Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Fri 31 st	Year 6 – Charles Darwin Workshop
February 2025	
Fri 7 th	Non School Uniform & School Disco (PTFA)
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	Safety Week
Tues 11 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 12 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 13 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Thurs 13 th	Year 4 – Net / Wall Festival
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	HALF TERM
Mon 24 th	Back to school
Tues 25 th	Year 2 – Trip to SS Great Britain - NEW
March 2025	
Tues 4 th – Wed 5 th	Story Explorer Workshops
Tues 4 th – Thurs 6 th	Book Fair
Thurs 6 th	World Book Day
Thurs 13 th	Tempest Photographs – Vista for Reception & Year 6
Fri 14 th	KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 28 th	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Mon 31 st – Fri 4 th	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
April 2025	
Fri 4 th	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Fri 4 th	End of Spring Term 2025
Tues 22 nd	Start of Summer Term 2025

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



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