

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We would like to remind Year 6 Parents / Carers that the online form for secondary school applications is now open.

Please ensure you have completed and submitted the application form by the closing date of 31st October 2024.

Guidance on the application process can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

The online application form can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)



Harvest Festivals

This week it has been wonderful to be able to come together in the Hall with other year groups and parents to celebrate Harvest with a selection of poems, hymns and songs. We also welcomed the Reverends Justine Woolley and Deborah Kirk who kindly came along and spoke to us about the meaning of Harvest.



We would like to thank you all for your generosity regarding the foodbank donations. We were truly humbled by the support you have all given to our community through this collection. We have delivered our donations to the Taunton Foodbank and they were also blown away by the amount of food collected.

UNCRC Article 24 (health and health services) Health, water, food, environment.

Hinkley Point Trip – Falcon Class

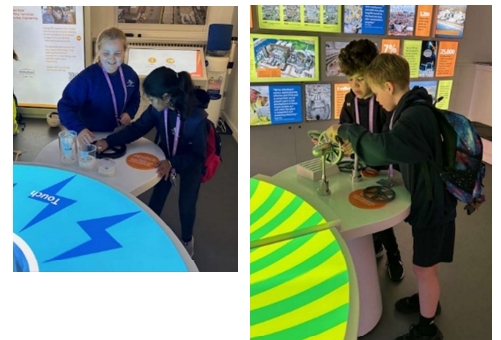
On Tuesday, Falcon class had the pleasure of visiting Hinkley Point nuclear power station. This supported our learning about different energy sources in Geography and how electricity is made in Science. We had lots of fun learning how important Hinkley Point is to the UK's energy supply.

Did you know? Hinkley provides 7% of the UK's electricity, powers 6 million homes and creates 25,000 jobs! It's also the size of 245 football pitches!

We enjoyed a coach tour of the enormous site and even saw the world's largest crane in operation, Big Carl! Finally, we got to try on the official protective equipment at the Visitor's Centre, as well as investigate a variety of interactive experiments. It's safe to say we were all low on energy after a busy day!

Kestrel class will be visiting Hinkley Point on 17th October.

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Taunton Museum Trip – Year 4

Kingfisher and Woodpecker classes spent the day as archaeologists at the Somerset Museum last week. The children learnt how the Romans impacted Britain and studied a range of Roman artefacts. The children also had the opportunity to handle some of the ancient artefacts and discover what they were used for.



We are really proud of how well the children behaved walking to and from and during the time at the museum. Well done Year 4!

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Invasion Games –Year 4

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who took part in an invasion games event held at Castle School, earlier this week. The atmosphere was fantastic!

The team won all their games and took part in a range of invasion sports – well done!



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

Multi Skills Festival – Year 2

Year 2 had a very busy morning attending a multi-skills festival at The Castle School.

They enjoyed participating in a range of activities including relay races, parachute games, skipping, target games and an assault course. They all had an amazing time and worked well together in their teams.

Well done Year 2!

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Headteachers For The Day

Following the recent letter regarding the colour themes for non-school uniform on Thursday 24th October, we would like to confirm that we do understand that some colours might not be preferable to all children within the year group and would like to clarify that the colour only needs to be a token gesture, such as a pair of socks or similar.

We absolutely do not want families purchasing new clothes for this event and therefore if the colour choice isn't feasible, the children can come into school in any clothes/colours of their choice.

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School Meals

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until April 2025, including a fabulous CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Please ensure you book school meals for your children **at least** two weeks in advance to ensure meals are secured prior to booking closing. A reminder that all meal bookings should be 'checked out' even if you are entitled to Universal / Free School Meals at no cost.

PTFA School Disco – Friday 18th October 2024

A reminder that our next PTFA School Discos are being held on Friday 18th October 2024.

Key Stage 1 Disco – School money is now open for payments. The KS1 disco will be held during the school day, in the afternoon.

Key Stage 2 Disco (7pm – 8.30pm) - School money is now open for payments. Please could we receive payment for your child by 9:30am on Friday 18th October 2024 if they wish to attend.

On the day of the disco, all children for whom payment has been received will come home with a wristband, which they will need to wear to the disco to show payment has been received. Paying in advance via school money will make the drop off speedier for you, but if you would prefer, you can pay on the door when you drop off your child. There will also be a tuck shop, tattoos and face painting available, so please send your child with some pocket money if they would like to purchase anything.

Please ensure that all children from all KS2 year groups bring a drinks bottle and are accompanied by an adult for drop off and pick up. MOBILE PHONES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Please also be reminded that children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 18th October 2024.

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

HMRC Voucher Payments

Please be aware that in order for us to process HMRC childcare voucher payments, we require a print screen of the transaction showing:

- Payment reference number - this is a unique number ending with the letters TFC
- Date the transaction is reaching school's bank account
- Payment Amount (odd amounts are easier to allocate)

Please note if you have multiple children attending Parkfield, vouchers can be sent in one payment with a note detailing how you would like the balance distributed to the relevant accounts.

We appreciate your cooperation with this, allowing us to process payments more effectively.

School Office Hours

Please be aware that the school office is staffed from 8.30am – 4.30pm each school day.

If you need to contact the school outside of these hours, please either send an email to office@parkfieldschool.co.uk or choose the option to leave a message on the phone line.

The exception to this is for parents / carers with children in Swallows from 4.30pm – 5.30pm who need to contact the school urgently. Please contact the school via the phone line and we will endeavor to answer your call as quickly as possible.

Online Safety Focus

This week's website recommendation from the Online Safety Champions is ...

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

Childnet has a helpful website containing advice for parents concerning children of all agencies.

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

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Out of School Achievements – Somerset Netball Pathway

After going through a number of trials and selection processes, Amelie C (aged 10 - Year 6) has successfully been selected for the u13's Somerset Netball Development Pathway.

An amazing achievement, well done Amelie!

The attached photo is of Amelie playing her first game for Galmington Netball Club u12's team, at the weekend.

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



Out of School Achievements – Fuse Aerial Show

Congratulations to Florence B (Year 6) who took part in the Taunton Together end of summer celebration of Art, Community, Culture, Creativity and Diversity, on Saturday 28 September.

Florence was part of the Fuse aerial show on the High Street.

Here she is with her sister (who also took part) and the Fuse teachers – congratulations Florence!

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Key Dates

| October 2024 | |
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| Tues 15 th | Year 6 – Sports Games Festival (Bridgwater & Taunton College) |
| Tues 15 th | Heron Class – Trip to Avalon Marshes |
| Thurs 17 th | Kestrel Class – Trip to Hinkley Point |
| Fri 18 th | Non School Uniform Day & School Disco (PTFA) |
| Mon 21 st | Tempest Photographs – Individuals |
| Tues 22 nd | Swan Class – Trip to Avalon Marshes |
| Tues 22 nd | Year 1 – Grace Darling Workshop |
| Tues 22 nd | Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Workshop |
| Tues 22 nd | Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm) |
| Wed 23 rd | Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm) |
| Thurs 24 th | Headteachers for the day |
| Fri 25 th | INSET Day |
| Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st | HALF TERM |
| November 2024 | |
| Mon 4 th | Back to School |
| Tues 5 th – Thurs 7 th | Book Fair |
| Fri 8 th | Tempest Photographs – Families & Siblings |
| Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th | Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day) |
| Weds 13 th | Year 3 – Trip to Richard Huish College (Geology Workshop) |
| Thurs 14 th – Fri 15 th | Anti-Bullying Workshops |
| Thurs 14 th | Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm) |
| Fri 15 th | Children in Need Day |
| Mon 18 th | Road Safety Workshop |
| Fri 22 nd | Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Christmas Fayre donations (Bottles & chocolates) |
| Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th | Faith Week |
| Tues 26 th | Kilve Residential Meeting for Year 3 Parents / Carers (3:45pm) |
| Fri 29 th | Year 5 – Trip to Queen's College |
| Fri 29 th | PTFA Christmas Fayre (6pm – 8pm) |

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.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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Taunton Coffee Mornings

A casual coffee morning for parents and carers of autistic children (any age / no diagnosis required).

People come to our coffee mornings for all kinds of reasons:

- * To ask for advice and support.
- * To meet other parents and carers
- * To feel seen and heard.

No need to book just drop in on the day

Friday 18th October 10.30 - 11.30
Friday 13th December 10.30 - 11.30

Boston Tea Party
25a Fore Street,
Taunton, TA1 1JW



*'It was so
great to meet
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