

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

This half term is just flying by!

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)



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Baby News!

We are delighted to let everyone know that Mrs Cozens has welcomed a baby girl!

Nellie Florence Cozens was born on 17th September weighing 7lb 2oz!

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Cozens and her husband on their beautiful new addition to the family.

Kilve Residential – Year 4

The Year 4 children had an amazing time at Kilve Court last week!

The children were all fantastic and took part in a wide range of activities. The children demonstrated perseverance, teamwork, communication and resilience. Well done to you all, we are all so proud of you!

Please see the school website for more photos and videos of the trip.

Huge thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to give the children such a wonderful experience.

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Invasion Games Festival – Year 3

Year 3 classes were invited to take part in the SASP Invasion Games Festival at The Castle School last Thursday.

Invasion games are typically fast-paced and require teamwork to: control the ball, keep possession, move into a scoring position and prevent the other team from scoring.

The children were able to participate in football, netball, basketball and tag rugby. The children were mixed with children from other local schools and demonstrated excellent sportspersonship. Each session had a starter activity of skills which they then applied during a match. Great fun was had by all whilst mixing with other children from the local community! 😊

Well done Year 3!

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Wessex Water Trip – Year 5 (written by Olivia & Thomas)

On Wednesday 25th September, Year 5 went on a visit to Ashford Water Treatment Centre Cannington to learn about the water cycle. When we got there, two workers greeted us who were called Sue and Emma. Then we got split into three groups. One of the three activities were a tour of one of the factories to learn about how water is cleaned to drink. One of the solutions to get out the mud was to use a chemical called Aluminium Sulphate and chlorine, another way is put air bubbles into the water, the last was a sand filter. The effect of this long process left the water at exactly 7.5 Ph. The water is tested by scientists every day for bacteria.



After a brilliant tour of the factory, we swapped instructors and headed for the smallest Reservoir which was built in 1933 and there were 50,000,000 litres of water. We saw lots of animals. A few were: Swans, Ducks, a Heron and some Cygnets, which are baby swans. When we went into a hedge and saw an old badger's home. Then we went to have a small lunch.



Then we went down to the river and we did a lot of activities which consisted of a sketch of the river; then we built a dam out of rocks that were in the river or so driftwood. Next, we did an investigation on the river we saw: tadpoles, Dragonflies and Weeds. Finally, we did cork racing which is where someone dropped it in the we checked the time every meter.

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Becky Wilde – Olympic Bronze Medallist

We were extremely fortunate to welcome a Paris 2024 Olympic athlete into the school last week.

Becky competed in the Paris Olympics in the Womens Double Skull Rowing and came home with a Bronze Medal. The children were able to meet Becky during assembly where she told them all about her journey to the Olympics and what inspired her to become a rower.



Becky was also shown around the school by Sports Leaders Amelie C and Tilly E, where they visited the classrooms to allow the children to ask more questions and get their hands on a piece of the Eiffel Tower.

We can't thank Becky enough for choosing to visit Parkfield and share her story with us. We hope to see Becky competing in LA in 4 years!

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

Fencing Sessions – Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

Children were treated to an extra PE session in the form of Fencing when Miss Storey from Milverton Primary School visited the school.

She taught the children the basic skills of fencing, including commands and movements that would help them in their matches. The children then suited up and began their duels - it was great to see all of them engaged and enjoying themselves.



Many of the children had never done any fencing before so it was a fantastic opportunity and we hope Miss Storey will return in the near future. Well done to all the children who worked very hard learning this new sport - En garde!

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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://pegi.info>

PEGI provides Pan-European Game Information so that you can find out details about inappropriate content in videogames.

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

Out of School Achievements – Tennis

Darcey E (Year 3) was recently invited to the U8's County Tennis Trials at Blackbrook and was selected to represent the County U8's for the year ahead.

Well done Darcey!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



House Points – 2024 / 2025 Update

As a school we have been reflecting on our house point system and are implementing some exciting new changes. Each class will now be set up with a class dojo account linked to their houses.

House points will be given out to reinforce and reflect the school values that the children are demonstrating at the time. Every two weeks the house points will be collected and there will be a running total of each houses total score.

The house with the most points at the end of every half term will receive a surprise reward to celebrate as a year group.

House Points

Well done Mercury – our current leaders!

MARS 366	MERCURY 414	PLUTO 379	VENUS 329
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Key Dates

October 2024	
Tues 1 st	Year 4 – Trip to Taunton Museum
Tues 1 st	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3:45pm – 4:45pm Hall)
Thurs 3 rd	Kestrel Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
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Mon 7 th – Tues 8 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Tues 8 th	Falcon Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Tues 8 th	Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Wed 9 th	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Fri 18 th	Non School Uniform Day & School Disco (PTFA)
Mon 21 st	Tempest Photographs – Individuals
Tues 22 nd	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 23 rd	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Fri 25 th	INSET Day
Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st	HALF TERM

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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Message from Wales and West Utilities – the local gas network

We don't sell gas; we transport it to homes and businesses throughout Wales and the southwest of England. We also respond to gas emergencies, connect new homes and businesses to gas and upgrade old metal pipes to new plastic ones. I'm writing to advise you of our upcoming programme of Gas mains replacement works in the local area. Whilst I understand our works are disruptive and will ultimately cause delays around the local town, they really are essential. For your reference I have enclosed the design plan showing the area of our works.

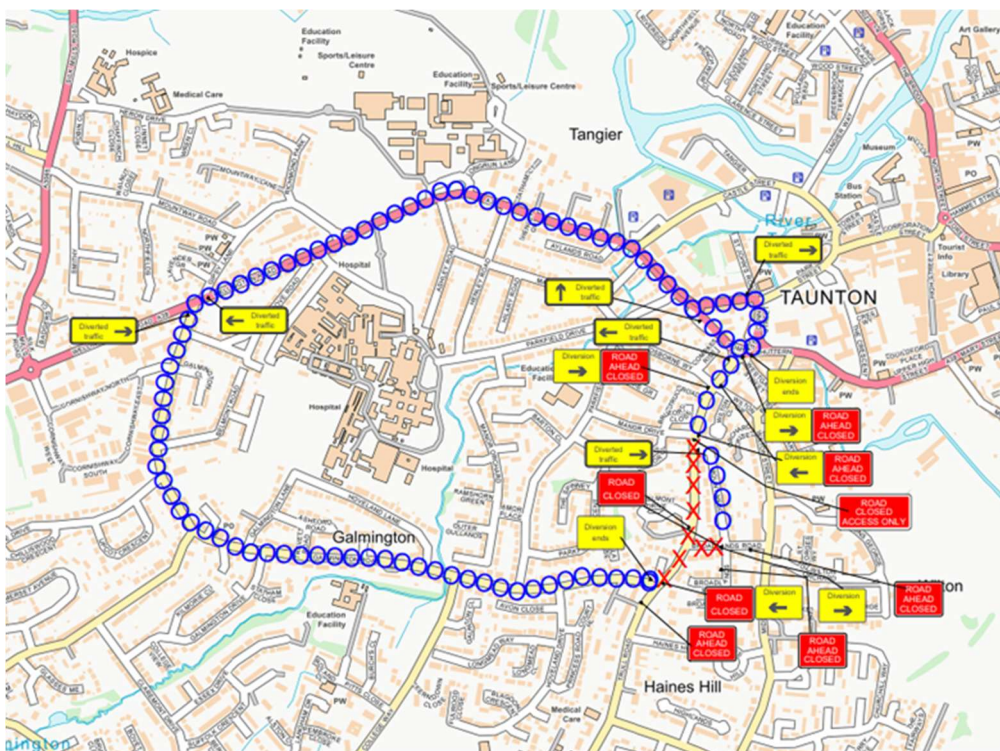
We are currently under consultation with Somerset Council with regards to the permits for our works to take place.

We are due to complete a pipe upgrade programme, investing £140k to upgrade current metal pipes to long lasting plastic pipes. Our works are due to on 26/10 and run through the October half term, we anticipate the works to be completed by the end of November. During our works to ensure road users, pedestrians and our colleagues are safe there will be various traffic management in place throughout our works. We are proposing a road closure on Trull road as per the attached CAD Drawing attached for the October half term.

As part of our communications strategy, I would like to take the opportunity to consult with the local town to ensure your expectations are met. Whilst work like this is deemed as disruptive, it really is essential to make sure we keep the gas flowing to homes and businesses in the area, and to make sure the gas network is fit for the future. As a business we will do all we can to help and ensure our works are completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Within the coming months we will be looking to consult with residents, and we'd like to ensure your fully aware of our works first hand. No doubt this is the main route in for local parents and school buses, hence the reason why I'm consulting ahead of our works scheme starting. I'm looking to discuss our scheme with the local schools so we can ensure the message and traffic management that will be in place is correctly communicated.

We hope that the road closure should be completed within the October half term.



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⚽ Football - 30th October 2024
🤸 Gymnastics - 31st October 2024

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HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

TAUNTON FOODBANK

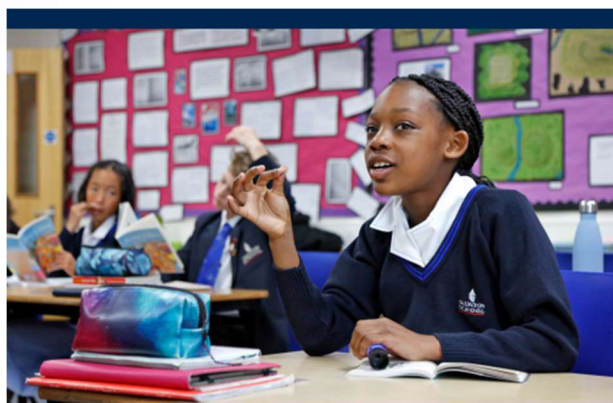
We are seeing an ever-increasing need – but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest, you can support local people facing hardship.

- **Donate food** – in store (see our website for a location near you), or as part of your online grocery shop
- **Donate money** – via our online giving platform
- **Share our appeal** – with friends, family and colleagues.

For more information, please visit [Insert link here](#)

TOP FIVE ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat
Long Life Fruit Juice
Treats & Snacks



11+ SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 15th October | 18:00 - 19:00 | Venue: TS Old Library

The Taunton Prep School Headmaster, Mr. Ed Burnett, warmly invites the parents of current Year 6 pupils to join him for an 11+ Scholarship Information evening. This event will provide an overview of the application process, individual subject requirements, and the expectations and role of scholars at Taunton Prep School.



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