

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

On behalf of all the staff at Parkfield Primary School, we have been delighted to welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year!

A special welcome must go to all our new families joining Parkfield this year, we very much look forward to sharing the primary school journey with you and your children.



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It has been wonderful to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes and to feel the buzz of activity as you walk through the school, particularly with our new reception children who have really settled into their new routines and are already enjoying their learning. We're only just over a week into the new school year and already there has been so much going on around the school, with so much more to follow in the coming weeks and months.

We are looking forward again to building on a productive partnership with you all to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that to be successful at Parkfield, our children need support from both home and from school and we know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

If you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Mr G Jones  
Headteacher

## Staff News

**Robin** – We are delighted to let everyone know that Miss White got married over the summer break and will now be called Mrs Bamford. Congratulations Mr & Mrs Bamford!

**Skylark** – Miss Dudfield welcomed a beautiful baby girl at the end of the last school year. Congratulations to Miss Dudfield and her husband on the amazing news.

**PFSA** – Mrs Cozens has now commenced her maternity leave. We are all very excited to hear baby news soon!

**Welcome Back** – We are so pleased to welcome Mrs Mitchell (SENDCo) and Miss Ross (Sparrow) back to Parkfield this school year after their maternity leave. Miss Ross also got married over the summer break and is now called Mrs Roller. Welcome back and congratulations!

**Leavers** – Unfortunately we have also had to say goodbye to two members of staff this school year. Since joining us both Mrs Scott (Business Manager) and Miss Nettlefold (LSA) have been invaluable members of the Parkfield School team. They have now sadly decided it is time to leave their positions, and we wish them both well in their future ventures. Both Mrs Scott and Miss Nettlefold would like to pass on their kindest regards to all the Parkfield families that they have worked with over the years, and pass on their warmest regards.

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating, welcoming back and wishing the relevant staff members the very best for the future.

## PE Lessons

Please can we remind you that all pupils should come to school wearing the correct PE kit on the allocated PE day for their year group.

The correct PE kit for the Autumn term is as follows:

- **PE T-Shirt with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Leggings / Jogging Bottoms with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Hoody with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Trainers / Plimsolls**

Gym / Sports Shorts / Skirt with Logo (Navy Blue) can be worn if the weather allows.

Furthermore, for Health and Safety reasons, long hair must be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. Stud earrings will be allowed if they are unable to be taken out.

A reminder of the allocated PE days:

- Monday: Reception
- Tuesday: Year 3 & Year 6
- Wednesday: Year 4 & Year 1
- Thursday: Year 5 & Year 2

The safety of our children in school, especially during PE, is extremely important and we appreciate your support in making sure your child is wearing the correct kit. Please also ensure that all uniform and PE kit is named – we already have a substantial amount of lost property this term.

## UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

## Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festivals will soon be upon us! Please find the dates that this event will be taking place for key stage below:

**EYFS and KS1** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am – 9.45am

**KS2** - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 9:15am – 9:45am

We will once again be collecting non-perishable items this year to support the Taunton Food Bank. Most donations are keenly received however, we have been advised that the following items are in desperate need:

- **SMALL TINS COLD MEAT E.G. HAM, CORNED BEEF, SPAM**
- **LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **TREATS AND SNACKS**

**Please note that the Food Bank can only give out items that are non-perishable, sealed and in date.**

For further information on the Food Bank see the website below:

<https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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

## School Meals / School Money

School meal bookings are open until October half term. 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.

**Teacher2Parents** – if you have the Teachers2Parents app, please ensure that you have notifications switched on to ensure you are alerted to new messages. If you have been unable to log on to the app, please request a password reset from the school office.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Secondary School Applications

### FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS / CARERS

The online form for secondary school applications opens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Please ensure you have completed and submitted the application form by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

## School Run Complaints

We have recently received several further complaints with regard to vehicles and pedestrians at school drop off and collection times.

**We would like to remind you to please park / pull over considerately of our neighbours and others, ensuring driveways and paths are not blocked and to be aware of your surroundings.**

Please do not pull over into the bus stop, this is not a parking space, or use the on-site staff car park.

Please do not stop on the road to let your child out of the car, please find somewhere safe to pull over.

As pedestrians, please be aware of the zebra crossing – if you do not intend to cross the road, do not congregate close by as this is confusing to drivers on what is already a busy road during drop off / collection times.

We are aware that parking close by to school can be difficult but please assist us in being considerate to others, to ensure the safety of everyone.

## Swallows / Clubs Sessions & Payment

Our Swallows / Clubs sessions qualify as a childcare and therefore can be paid for with childcare vouchers.

Childcare vouchers are exempt from national insurance contributions (NICs) and income tax for employees, up to a certain value. All employers are able to run a childcare voucher scheme either through HMRC or other companies. The school can accept all types of childcare vouchers as full or part payment towards your session fees. If applicable, you may like to speak to your employer to find out which childcare voucher company they are registered with.

To make a voucher payment to the school, you will probably require the following details:

- **Ofsted Number:** 123714
- **School Name:** Parkfield Primary
- **Address:** Parkfield Primary School, Parkfield Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4RT

Most childcare voucher companies provide access through their websites to an online account for parents and we recommend this as the easiest way to make your voucher payments to us.

**HMRC** voucher payments – please send us the following information each time a payment is made (alternatively, you can send a print screen of the transaction showing the following):

- Date the transaction is reaching the school account (not the date the transaction is authorised)
- Payment reference
- Amount
- Reference number (start with the first letter of your child's name followed by three letters of the surname/family name and a five-digit number ending with the letters TFC)

**Other providers** – normally a payment notification email is sent automatically direct to the school. Once we receive the payment notification, we then credit to the School Money account manually. We aim to process childcare voucher payments every Friday. Please ensure that payments reach the school account by Friday morning at 8am to be processed that week.

Unfortunately, we are not able to process voucher payments set for in the future.

Childcare vouchers are only acceptable for the following eligible activities:

- Swallows (wrap around care) Club
- After school Clubs
- Holiday Camps

Childcare vouchers **are not** accepted for the following:

- School lunches/meals.
- School trips during school hours or related to the school curriculum.
- Residential trips that take place away from the school's registered premises.
- School activities i.e: Swimming etc.

Please be aware that, under HMRC rules, any overpayment of childcare vouchers cannot be refunded directly to parents due to the tax benefits received on purchase.

## Swallows / Clubs Sessions & Payment continued

Bookings need to be made with payment and in advance using our SchoolMoney online payment system. To ensure a place is available for your child to attend Swallows wrap around care, **bookings must be made by the Friday (17:00) prior to the week required.** We are unable to give refunds or credits for any changed/cancelled bookings where less than 7 days notice has been given.

<https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/swallows-wrap-around-care/> .

### AM Session

- 07:50 - 08:50 (£3.60)

Drop off from 07:50 at the main entrance / office.

Parents/Carers need to hand over the children to a Swallows member of staff where they are signed in the Swallows register.

There are plenty of resources available for your child to play with until it is time for school. All children are accompanied to their respective classes at the start of the school day.

Breakfast is served between 07:50 - 08:20. Breakfast is a choice of: milk, cereals, toast & spreads or fruit.

### PM Sessions

- 15:30 - 16:30 (£3.60)
- 15:30 - 17:30 (£7.20)
- 16:30 - 17:30 (if the child is attending another afterschool club 15:30 - 16:30) (£3.60)

Class teachers are notified which child is attending a school club in advance.

Children are taken to the Swallows club by a member of the class team and signed in the Swallows register.

Once a register has been a snack (fruit/biscuit/ raisons) is offered to all children. You are welcome to send a snack with your child.

Collection point: Main Office

### Other School Clubs

As well as our popular Swallows Club, when possible, there are lots of things to do after school at Parkfield School. Whether your child is sporty, musical, arty or if they just enjoy trying out new things with friends then we hope there is something that will interest them.

Class teachers are notified in advance which child is attending a school club. Children are taken to their respective club by a member of the class team and signed in the club's register.

Places for clubs are limited; therefore, we suggest booking early.

***Please note, children must be collected no later than the time booked. Collecting after/after later than the booked time may incur a late collection charge (This will pay for any additional operational costs that caring for a child outside the booked Swallows/clubs hours.)***

**Amendments/changes/cancellations made to any bookings (Clubs/Trips/any School Activity etc.) after the closing date, regardless of the reason, are unfortunately non-refundable.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate spectators in any of the clubs.

All bookings and payments are completed online using School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

## Out of School Achievements – Music

Congratulations to Sophie T (Year 4) who found out over the summer that she had passed her Grade 1 Ukulele exam with distinction.

Well done Sophie!

**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)



## Out of School Achievements – Tennis

Congratulations to Thomas P (Year 6) who came 2nd in the Boys U11 category at the Somerset County Championships. Thomas will also shortly be representing Somerset Boys U12 in their county tournament.

Well done Thomas!

**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)



## Out of School Achievements – Tennis

Jack P and Sophie T (Year 4) competed in the Somerset County Championships for tennis at U8 level on 25<sup>th</sup> August at the Avenue Tennis Club in Burnham-On-Sea. It was a fantastic day with a Wimbledon-style introduction to the courts, announcing each player in turn, a skills challenges session and then the main matches.



Against the other best players in the county, Jack and Sophie played well, with Jack winning 2 out of 3 of his group stage matches to qualify for the semi-finals, where he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> - well done Jack!

Sophie won one of her group stage matches and one of her placing matches to finish 7th overall.

Both children received goody bags for their efforts. It was a great day having fun with their tennis friends and both Jack and Sophie look forward to being involved in county tennis going forwards. Well done both!

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## Out of School Achievements – Fundraising

Theo H (Year 4) wanted to raise some money for the Blue Cross animal charity, who have been helping sick, injured and homeless pets since 1897, and came up with the fantastic idea of holding a bake and toy sale!

With help from his sister Bea, friends Jacob and Lydia G, and Felix P (all pictured) they set up a stall selling freshly baked cakes, fudge and some of their toys! They served their customers for 2 hours and raised an incredible £195.26!!

Well done Theo and friends!



## Out of School Achievements – Fundraising

A huge well done to Piper R (Year 2) who had a charity hair cut in memory of her very special Nannie Heidi, donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Piper's aim was to raise £700 to cover the cost of a wig for a child or young person, who has lost their own hair through cancer treatment or another condition, but she accidentally raised a lot more, putting her in the top 10% of fundraisers for August on JustGiving. Piper was able to raise £1,245 in just 4 days!

Well done Piper - we all love your new hair cut!



## Key Dates

September 2024	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 1
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Kilve Residential Visit
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA AGM (7.30pm)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Wessex Water
October 2024	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 3
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3:45pm – 4:45pm Hall)
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kestrel Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3:45pm – 4:45pm Hall)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Falcon Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Non School Uniform Day & School Disco (PTFA)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Individuals
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	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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Parkfield Road  
Taunton

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E-mail: [office@parkfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:office@parkfieldschool.co.uk)

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

📅 29th-31st October 2024, 09:30-15:30, Age 4-11, £24.99 per day

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As a part of a social values initiative, VINCI were approached by a local Primary school to potentially assist with improvements to their recess areas. With the assistance of our supply chain at HMCTS Taunton, VINCI & Blue Valley Construction were able to help Parkfield Primary School with installing new fencing across their entire site.

In the summer period, Parkfield Primary School wanted to optimise the education term downtime & with the help of VINCI and local businesses (Whitmore's Fencing) this place of education now has a safer and more secure environment for all their pupils.

As shown (Left) Marcus Coles (Blue Valley Construction) and Daren Whitmore's (Whitmore's Fencings) completing operations.

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AFTER



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- **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



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