

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

We have had another incredibly busy and fun-filled couple of weeks at Parkfield!

The children have been really engaged with a range of exciting learning experiences and fun activities - our Year 5 students held our Civic Award Evening which was a great success, most students were able to compete in their sports days and all students were involved in Health Week the last week of term.



We hope that all of our Parkfield families are having a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. **Please note that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day.**

## Civic Award – Year 5

Over the last month, Year 5 have been preparing for our celebratory night; the Civic Award fundraiser. Our Civic Award encourages us to improve ourselves in personal, physical and social development. As part of our wider community service, Year 5 hosted a Civic Award evening to raise money for a charity close to their hearts.

The selected charity is The Chris Aked Foundation. This charity supports families coping with a beloved member battling cancer by providing them with lasting memories and time together with family members. We hoped to raise lots of money and the children have had lots of fun organising the event.



The preparations included slime mixing (thank you Oscar and Mrs Butts), bath bomb moulding, wildflower-seed bomb making, and desserts all handmade by the marvellous Year 5 students. During the event, there was also an auction with items donated by the parents, carers and children. This included vouchers, free appointments/vacations and handmade goodies. Thank you all so much for your generosity – we can't wait to share the amount raised with you soon!

## Space Dome – Reception, Year 3 & Year 6

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Falcon class moved into the music room for the day as the Space Dome used their classroom when they came to visit Parkfield and bring the children a Space Odyssey!

Children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 were able to experience the wonders of space from inside the dome. The Reception children enjoyed learning about the Solar System and watched a video about the moon landing. They also looked at star constellations in the sky.

Year 3 enjoyed learning about light and shadow. They were shown what Earth looked like from the International Space Station and identified various types of light form, such as thunderstorms, towns and cities. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how solar and lunar eclipses are created.

All children were amazed by all sorts of incredible wonders and many did not want to leave at the end!



## UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

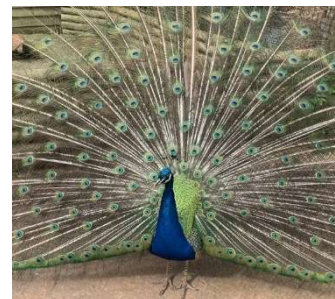
## Trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park – Year 1

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 had a fantastic day at Axe Valley Wildlife Park. What a treat – the day began with a ride on Berry's luxurious double-decker coach, much to the pleasure of the children. After a smooth ride through the Somerset and Devon countryside they arrived in glorious sunshine and to the sound of the peacock cries.

The classes were then mixed with half enjoying a scavenger hunt around the park, whilst the remainder had the opportunity to learn more about some of the inhabitants of the park. This included handling stick insects, a tortoise, a python, a millipede and a bearded dragon. It was great to hear the children answer questions about the types of animals they saw and handled as well as explaining the types of families they belonged to and whether or not they were a carnivore, omnivore or herbivore.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the lovely surroundings and accompanied by the sounds of exotic birds. The groups then switched activities and were able to see animals such as a Fennec Fox, Mained Wolf, Lynx, Ostrich, Zebra, Wallaby, Meerkat and Otters, to name but a few.

A fabulous day out with amazingly well behaved children – well done Year 1!



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

## Sports Day 2024

Thank you to all the parents and families who supported the Sports Days last week.

The atmosphere has been wonderful and the children have taken part in a range of races with smiles on their faces, these have included hurdles, sprints, bat and ball, a water relay and a lap race.

Unfortunately, the Year 1 and 2 had to be postponed until after half term due to wet weather

Once all the sports days have been completed, the final results will be announced in the newsletter along with a selection of photos.

**UNCRC Article 29 (Right to develop talents and abilities)**

## Cricket Event – Year 5 / Year 6

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 boys took part in a Cricket competition last week with the top-ranking teams from the tournament moving onto the area competition.

The boys had a great start scoring 153 runs in their first game with the other school only managing 23. The second game proved slightly tougher, but they still managed a comfortable gap.

The final game proved difficult with the boys batting first and then having to try to keep the other team from scoring runs. There were some great wickets which gave the boys an extra 25 runs. Unfortunately, the team were beaten by a frustrating 2 runs. They then had to wait over a week to see if they were successful in reaching the area competition.

I am pleased to say that the boys secured a truly deserved place in the next round and we look forward to competing once again! Well done to Max M, Charlie A, Charlie J, Daniel S, Daniel O, Jackson H, Natty A and Captain Pranav P - good luck in the next round!

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

## Netball – Year 6

The Year 6 Netball team gathered once again, this time to an away game against Milverton and having played them twice before, they knew they were in for a tough game.

With only 7 players and very sunny conditions the team took a little while to settle and lost the first two quarters whilst playing some very fast netball. After a half time team talk about slowing down the game, taking their time when shooting and getting in front of their defenders the team kept both remaining quarters to a 1 goal deficit.



A great come back against a strong and well rehearsed Milverton team. We hope for one final fixture before the end of the year and to bring the trophy to Parkfield.

Well done to Sofia W, Verity S, Pranav P, Megan W, Cerys J, Rebecca N and Captain Summer B.

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

## Important Information – School Office

### Medication in school

Please ensure that you complete a consent to administer medicines form for all medicine your child needs while in school. The medicine must be handed in with a completed form to the office. No child should have medicine in their school bag.

### Medical Appointments / Early Collection

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please ensure you make the school office team aware that your child will be absent / collected early. We have a legal requirement to ensure all children are accounted for and classroom staff are often unable to pass messages to the attendance officer in a timely matter when children are not in school.

## Online Safety Focus

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

<https://safety.google/families/>

Google's own website contains lots of advice to support families.

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

## Out of School Achievements – Community Support

A shout out from the local community to Hugh P who helped at the Bishops Hull May Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> May, supporting the local village in raising funds for their school.

Hugh helped to raise a massive £158 by taking part in a 'Beat The Goalie' game.

Well done Hugh!



## House Points

### Well done Mercury!

We award house points to the children as a reward for positive work and behaviour.

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## Key Dates

June 2024	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 - Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fete donations (Bottles & chocolates)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Shakespeare Workshop
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Whole School
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Games Festival (Castle School)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm) – REVISED DATE
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fete (6pm – 8pm)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Trip to Fyne Court – NEW
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parkfield Orchestra Concert
July 2024	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 – Transition day to secondary school Step-Up Day – Whole school move to next year group
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Production (6pm – 7pm)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Leavers BBQ, 3:30pm – 5pm (Y6 Children only)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Pirates Workshop
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Mayans Workshop
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports to Parents / Carers
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Residential Visit to Pembrokeshire
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Summer Show (2:30pm)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & 2 – Summer Concert (2:30pm)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Summer Concert (6pm – 7pm)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 – Leavers Assembly, 9:15am – 10:15am (Y6 Parents/Carers only)
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day / End of Summer Term 2024

**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.**

# Parkfield Press

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones  
Headteacher



**Felicitas Per Ardua**  
Success and Happiness Through Hardwork



Childcare Voucher Payment

The school accepts many different types of childcare vouchers: Sodexo, Computershare, Faircare, Gov.UK etc

For identification purposes and audit trail, we require the following information each time a new transaction is made:  
Reference number, date the transaction will reach the school account, value, provider, child's name.

This will help the school transfer credits in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

## Contact Details

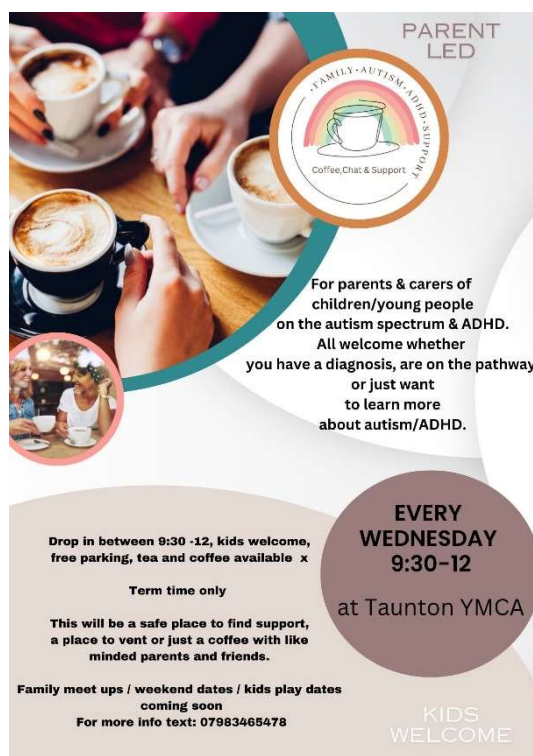
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**PARENT LED**

FAMILY • AUTISM • ADHD SUPPORT  
Coffee, Chat & Support

For parents & carers of children/young people on the autism spectrum & ADHD. All welcome whether you have a diagnosis, are on the pathway or just want to learn more about autism/ADHD.

Drop in between 9:30 - 12, kids welcome, free parking, tea and coffee available x

Term time only

This will be a safe place to find support, a place to vent or just a coffee with like minded parents and friends.

Family meet ups / weekend dates / kids play dates coming soon  
For more info text: 07983465478

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:30-12**  
at Taunton YMCA

KIDS WELCOME

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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)