



Parkfields School

FLOURISH, LEARN AND GROW



Newsletter

16th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the eighth edition of the 2025/26 academic year.

A very warm welcome back to school and a **Happy New Year** to you all. I hope you had a restful and joyful break, filled with time to recharge and enjoy the company of loved ones. It has been a pleasure to see our hallways and classrooms buzzing with energy again as we begin the Spring Term.

While the 'new year' officially starts in January, for us in education, this period marks a vital midpoint. It is a time for reflection on the progress made since September and a moment to look ahead with renewed focus at the opportunities that lie before us.

The coming months are among the most significant in the academic calendar. We have a packed schedule designed to challenge, inspire, and support every student. This is a 'golden term' for learning. With the initial settling-in period of the year well behind us, teachers and children are diving deep into the core curriculum. We also have many enrichment and extra curricular activities to get involved in together with the various community events as usual.

Our goal remains simple: to provide an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to succeed. This success is a result of the strong partnership between school and home. Your continued support — whether it is ensuring your child arrives on time, checking their homework, or attending school events — makes a profound difference.

As usual, please check out Mrs. Owen's **SEND newsletter** which is packed full of links and useful resources.



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Have a great weekend. Mr. J Hughes

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#PTBAP

Our current value is... appreciation

'...recognising and valuing the good qualities of someone or something, showing gratitude for a kindness.'



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Paper skeletons in Science



Archery Festival



Netball in KS2



Please ensure your child has a coat with them everyday for school.

National Year of Reading

"If you're into it, read into it"

In 2026, the **National Year of Reading** is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.

[Click here](#) to watch the short video to find out more.

READ
LEAD
SUCCEED

Books

READ
MORE



Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO
ALL
IN.

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DON'T FORGET

Diary Dates

19 th Jan	Y6 Practice SATs continue
20 th Jan	District Cross Country
21 st Jan	Y8 Parent Consultations
22 nd Jan	KS2 Girls Football Tournament
28 th Jan	Y6 Parent Consultations (Maths/Eng)
8 th Feb	KS3 Ski Trip - Italy

The academic calendar for **2026/27** has been published for the Trust and Cluster schools. You can view it [here](#).



Reporting an

ABSENCE

Please email
absence@parkfieldsschool.co.uk
each day to inform the office of the
reason your child is absent from school.

Celebration Assembly

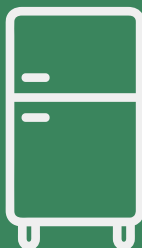
Each week, we hold an assembly that celebrates the achievements of the children (and occasionally staff). The children know the format but I thought it might be helpful for families to know what happens...

This week we began with a live performance from the **Music Leaders** followed by awarding the Y8 basketball team the **District Champions** trophy, then sharing some pupil **WOW** moments from their achievements outside of school. This was followed by a look at **attendance** and **positives** for individuals, class and year groups. Next came some **Headteacher Commendations** for French, the '**Maths Moments**' and '**Golden Bunsens**' and some **History** awards before focusing on **sports fixtures** and the latest **Challenge Programme**.

As you can see, there is lots to cram into the time we have but that is because there is always lots to celebrate.

Toddington Community Fridge

will continue to open on Saturday mornings at Wilkinson Hall at 9.30am. Thank you to Cllr Andy Snape for organising these deliveries and to all the volunteers who collect the food from the supermarkets, sort it and transport it up to the Hall, and who help each Saturday.



PE & Sport



- **Inter School fixtures**
- Football
 - **Year 5** Parkfields 1-5 Pixbrook
 - **Year 5** Parkfields 1-1 RBA
- Netball
 - **Year 5** Parkfields 14-3 Holywell
- Archery
 - We took a team to the festival in Bedford



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REMEMBER!



The date for Sports Day 2026 has been confirmed - **Wednesday 8th July**.

The Challenge Programme is on display in each classroom as well as the school website. Please encourage your child to avail themselves of these wide ranging opportunities.

