



Parkfields School

FLOURISH, LEARN AND GROW

Newsletter

17th July 2026



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the twentieth and final edition of the 2025/26 academic year.

We always aim to finish the academic year on a high, but this year, our students and staff have truly outdone themselves. Here are just a few of the incredible highlights from our final weeks together.

Last week, the sun shone down on an incredible **Sports Day**. The atmosphere was electric, defined not just by the fierce but friendly competition, but by the outstanding sportsmanship and parental support on display. Seeing students cheer each other across the finish line — regardless of their team colour — was a proud moment for all of us.

And the sporting victories don't stop there! I am absolutely thrilled to announce that Parkfields has officially achieved the **Gold School Games** standard once again. This award is a testament to our ongoing commitment to sport, physical activity, and wellbeing.

It has also been a week of vibrant enrichment across the year groups:

- Year 5 Welcomed '**Mexicolore**': Our youngest students were treated to a magnificent, immersive workshop that brought the history and culture of the Maya and Aztecs to life. The sights, sounds, and artefacts kept Year 5 utterly spellbound.
- The **Great Year 8 Bake-Off**: Our eldest students put their culinary skills to the test in a wonderfully tense (and incredibly delicious) baking competition. The creativity on display was phenomenal, and, who knows, we may have a future Michelin-starred pastry chefs in our midst!
- A Magnificent **Awards Assembly**: Celebrating the hard work, resilience, and kindness of our pupils is the absolute best part of my job. This week's assembly was a beautiful occasion where we recognised the diverse talents and outstanding progress of students across all year groups.

None of these unforgettable experiences happen by accident. As we look back on a term packed full of end-of-year trips, residential visits, and special activities, I want to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to the **Parkfields staff team**. The sheer volume of behind-the-scenes planning, late nights, and boundless energy required to organise and lead these trips is immense. Thank you, team, for always going the extra mile to create lifelong memories for our pupils.

While we are celebrating the end of this chapter, we are also looking forward to the next. You should have now received our '**Preparing for**

Our current value is... responsibility



'... being accountable, reliable, or answerable for one's actions, duties, or obligations.'

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September' letter via email. Please take some time over the coming week to review this document. It contains a critical [link](#) for you to update your personal information, permissions and agreements.

Thank you all for your unwavering support throughout this incredible year. I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and sun-soaked summer break.

Have a great holiday. Mr. J Hughes #ProudToBeAtParkfields

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DON'T FORGET

Diary Dates

17 July Last day to term
01 Sept Training Day for staff
02 Sept Start of Autumn term



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.

Happy Retirement!

Saying goodbye is never easy, and this year we are bidding farewell to two remarkable colleagues - Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Lenihan - who are moving on to well-deserved retirement or 'jubilado' as they like to call it. Thank you both for your service and unwavering support of our pupils over the years. You are always welcome at Parkfields!



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PE & Sport



Staff & Governors
VS. YEAR 8

**Rounders
& Cricket**

Well played to everyone that took part in this well established Parkfields tradition.. Four well matched teams played in warm weather with lots of smiles all round.



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**SUMMER
Savings**

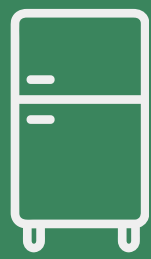
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Toddington Community Fridge

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.



REMEMBER!

The children return on:
Wednesday 2nd September.

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.

