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Headteacher Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has certainly been a **very busy half term**, with so much learning taking place across the school. I continue to be incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, resilience and effort shown by all of our pupils in their day-to-day learning.

Last week, our **Year 6 pupils completed their SATs assessments**. They approached the week with maturity, determination and a positive attitude, and we are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout. Their hard work has been evident, and they should feel very proud of their efforts.

This week, we have celebrated our very first **Parkland Culture Week**. The purpose of this special week has been to help pupils recognise and appreciate that our school community is made up

of many different nationalities, faiths and cultures. Each year group has focused on learning about a different country represented within our school.

Pupils have explored:

- Different countries and their traditions
- A range of cultural foods
- Music and dances from around the world

It has been wonderful to see the excitement and curiosity from pupils, and this work strongly reflects and builds on our **“Everyone’s Welcome”** approach, which sits at the heart of our school values.

Looking ahead to next half term, there is still **plenty of learning and opportunity to come**. We will also begin our **transition process for the next academic year**, ensuring all pupils feel confident and well-prepared for their next steps.

We will also be sending out our **annual parent survey**. This survey provides an important opportunity for families to share what is working well, while also helping us to identify areas where we can continue to improve. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our school.

In response to previous feedback, we have implemented a number of whole-school improvements, including:

- Sharing information about whole-school events at least a half term in advance to support family planning
- Increasing communication around positive behaviour through our **Class Dojo points system**, celebrating pupils’ achievements more consistently

These changes have had a positive impact, and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards

Mr A Hayes

Headteacher

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our after school clubs are now booked via the Arbor Parent App.

Sessions are £1.00 each and places are limited to 25 children per club, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are still available! Come and join the fun!

We have now shared the timetable for the Summer 2 clubs. It would be great to see some new and different faces joining us for the range of clubs currently on offer. If children, parents and/or carers have any suggestion for what after school club activities they may like to attend, please contact us via the school office.

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SUMMER 2 CLUBS

MON - ATHLETICS (INVITE ONLY)
TUES - INDOOR GYMNASTICS - YR 1 & 2
TUES - BASKETBALL - KS2
WED - FOOTBALL - KS2 (BOYS & GIRLS)
THURS - BALL GAMES - YR 1 & 2



PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR CHOSEN CLUBS VIA THE ARBOR PARENT APP. SESSIONS ARE £1.00 EACH AND PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 25 CHILDREN PER CLUB, ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR PP FUNDING, PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE CLUB

Fundraising

Year 4's recent Pre Loved Sustainability sale raised over £109.00 towards books for our library. Thank you to our families for their generosity.

Thank you to everyone who purchased books at our recent book fair. We were able to purchase a number of books from Scholastic for our library.

We ended this Summer term with the annual Colour Dash event! Children were encouraged to gain sponsors to fundraise for the Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH) charity. We managed to raise £2,965 last year - will we beat that incredible amount again this year?!



























Author Visits

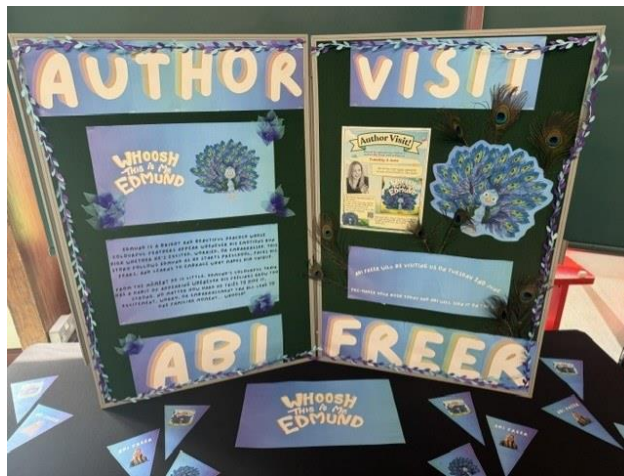
We were delighted to welcome two authors to our school during this term.

Ash Bond, shared her inspiration for her writing ahead of the release of her most recent novel 'Peregrine Quinn and the Battle for Olympus', the stunning conclusion of her Peregrine Quinn series. She shared her love of mythology and welcomed some brilliant questions from the children.

Jamie Hammond, best-selling author and illustrator of Grumpfort, gave a special presentation ahead of the release of his thrilling and funny interactive dragon-riding adventure novel; 'Dragonflare'. He inspired the children sharing his love of puzzles and games.

After May half term, we will also be welcoming author Abi Freer for an exclusive visit to share her book 'Whoosh This is me Edmund', a thoughtful and reassuring playful rhyme book for our younger readers. She will be happy to sign personalised copies of her book if brought in by the children on the day.







Sir David Attenborough Day

Children across school participated in [BBC Leicester](#)'s 'Our Planet, Our Pledge: Celebrating 100 years of Attenborough'.

Our EYFS children made a birthday cake in Forest School to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, using forest school materials to create the cake - we are incredibly proud of their brilliant team effort!

Year 2 children also created some fantastic nature collages inspired by the nature in and around our school grounds.

Year 3 children watched a live assembly about [#sirdavidattenborough](#) and checked on their sunflower seeds.

Year 4 planted sunflower seeds and created some natural art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.







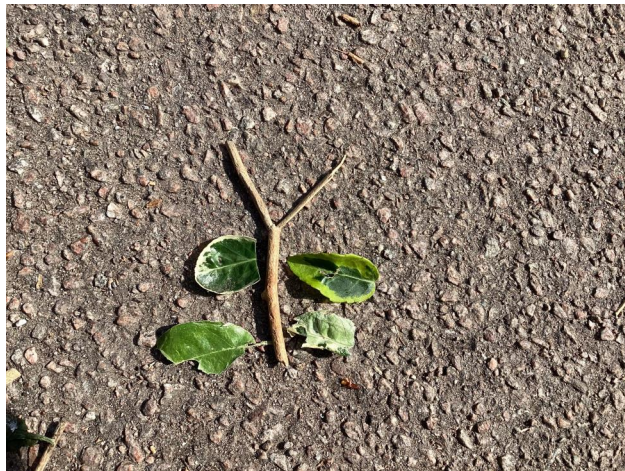














Dolce & FSM Update

We have enjoyed a busy Culture Week this week which included a special week long 'Around the World' themed menu. Children were able to enjoy cuisines from China, Spain, India, Mexico and America!

The after school Cookery Club run by Dolce with the school proved to be a massive success. We are hoping to re-run another cookery club in the new academic year.

We are looking forward to a few new special themed menus in the last academic term - World Cup 2026 and then an end of term leavers celebration menu. More information on this will follow.

The Summer menu available to order via SchoolGrid. Parents/Carers will be able to book their children's meals for the remainder of the academic year.

Please be aware that the price of the school lunch meal will increase from £2.89 to £3.02 from the start of the Autumn 2026 term.

IMPORTANT UPDATE regarding FSM eligibility - There are national changes being introduced to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility which may mean that more families qualify for support. From the new academic year, children in households that are in receipt of Universal Credit (UC) will be eligible for FSM. Information has been sent to parents/carers and we would urge all to read and complete the form to re-check your eligibility. If your child is currently receiving FSM, this will not automatically be protected from the new academic year.

SUMMER at PARKLAND		
PREGO AND SALAD BAR AVAILABLE DAILY		
WEEK 1 WC: 13th Apr, 4th May, 25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul		
MONDAY	WEEK 1 Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Sweet Potato Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Garlic Slice, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	WEEK 2 WC: 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Mild Beef Chilli (VG) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	All Day Breakfast All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Heath Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Chickens & Coconut Curry (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Rice, Green Beans, Cauliflower Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Red Velvet Brownie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken (GF) Chicken & Potato Curry (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Cheddar & Tomato Pesto Melt (V) New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Beef & Cheddar Filled Yorkshire Pudding (V) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Hot Cheddar Baguette (VG) Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (V) (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings (V) (VG) Mild Pesto Chicken & Steamed Rice (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Apple Puff & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings (V) (VG) Mild Pesto Chicken & Rice (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Beef & Cheddar Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Gull (VG) Cherry Leek Panini (V) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Banana Slice (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers (VG) Summer Salmon Salad (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Lemon Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3 WC: 27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul		
	Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Spanish Omelette (V) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) New Potatoes, Spaghetti Noodles, Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Crispy Chicken or Quorn Dippers (VG) Summer Pesto Pasta (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Pasta Bridges, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ginger Flapjack Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	Roast Chicken (GF) Hearty Half Pie (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Tomato Chicken Melt Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Watermelon Wedges (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese Authentic Vegetable Curry & Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Chickpeas, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Crunch & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Sweet & Sour Vegetable Noodles (VG) Jacket Potatoes & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Manchester Tart (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	
NEW DISHES FOR 2025/26 V = Vegetarian (VG) = Vegan (GF) = Gluten Free For full allergen information please refer to your School Uniform Catalogue. Allergen-free products are prepared in a kitchen that handles products containing gluten. Any menu items variations will be displayed on SchoolGrid. Menu is subject to change.		



Culture Week

We celebrated our first Culture and Diversity Week, aiming to ensure all children felt welcomed, valued and respected.

Read our special Culture and Diversity Week sway edition [here](#) for more information on the activities and events during this busy week!



Pastoral Team News

Ice Poles & Archery Fun on the Field! 🎯🏹

What an exciting reward session on the school field! Children who achieved over 300 Dojo points joined the pastoral team for a fantastic afternoon of *ice poles and archery*. After a quick safety briefing, everyone got stuck in with some practice before moving on to our brilliant pizza game!

The challenge? Build your perfect pizza using your aim! 🎯 Hit the target for the pizza base, hit the ground to collect your salad, land on numbered spots for tasty toppings, and if you managed to strike the bullseye... your pizza was cooked to perfection! 🍕 While some pizzas stayed a little undercooked, there was plenty of laughter and excitement all round.

To finish, we took on the ultimate challenge: *Beat Mrs Butterworth's top score of 7!* And wow – Mason from EYFS absolutely smashed it with an incredible score of **10!** ★

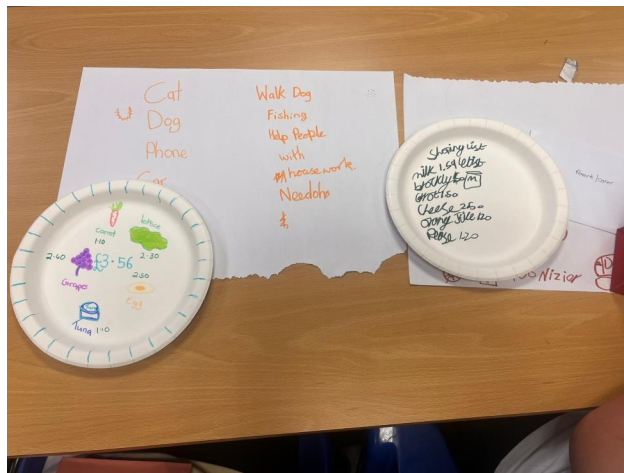
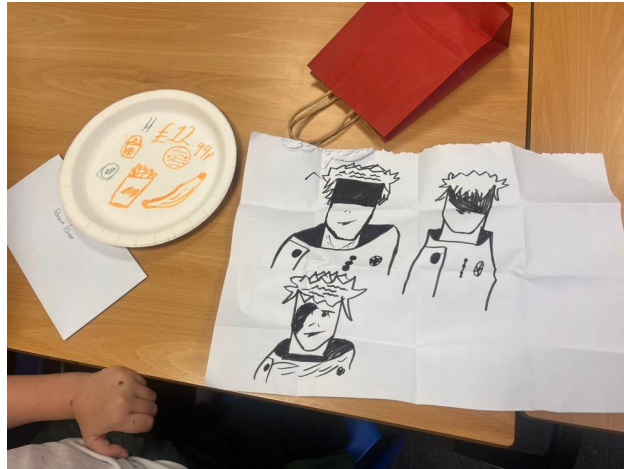
A huge well done to everyone who took part, great effort, great teamwork, and lots of fun were had by all! 😊

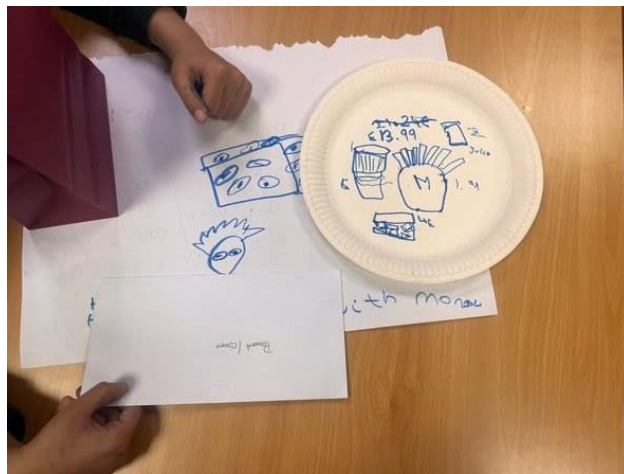
Our Pastoral team have also been involved in a number of sessions and initiatives this half term to help support our children and their families.

- We welcomed a final visit from Helping Hands who supported another group of children developing life skills for financial wellbeing. They explored types of jobs, what tax and national insurance is, costs and budgeting, weekly food shop costs, being prepared for emergency costs, things they could do for free and savings and investments. The children had some great questions and it was a brilliant and fun interactive session.
- Our termly Inclusion Cafe saw a number of parents connect and share once again with our SENDCo, Pastoral Team and other parents/carers. We welcomed a visit from the Mental Health team this term. All are welcome to attend our future sessions for an informal, friendly and supportive environment - tea and biscuits included! Please see the below poster for the date of the last session of this academic year.
- Mrs Mumford and Mrs Smith currently run weekly Solihull Approach sessions within school. Join other parents and carers to explore issues such as development needs, behaviour difficulties, parenting styles, communication, sleep and more. Please see the below poster for more information.
- New! Parkland Primary School are looking forward to building a supportive, open minded men's club where men can come together, learn from each other and grow stronger as individuals. For more information on what we hope to explore, please see the attached poster.











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INCLUSION CAFE

9:00am to 10:00am

- Monday 18th May 2026
- Friday 19th June 2026

Located in the Studio



All are welcome however these coffee morning sessions are designed for parents/carers of pupils with SEND and provide opportunities to talk to our SENDCo, Pastoral team and other parents/carers.



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**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH**

**Would you like to know more about your child's development?
Would you like a better understanding of your child's behaviour?
Would you like to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?**

We will be exploring issues including:

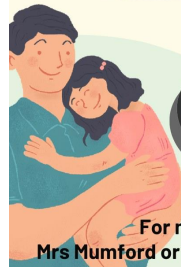
- Having fun together
- Development needs
- Behaviour difficulties
- Communication
- Parenting styles
- Sleep



It's a safe space to chat. You understand that you are not the only person struggling with your children.

As a parent I have found the Solihull approach to be very beneficial. It has given me so many tools to be the best parent I can be. They provide a safe space where you don't feel judged and where you feel valued. I would recommend the group to all parents.

There's no judgement within the group. I felt safe sharing my thoughts and emotions, with no judgement with any issues I was facing.



It's a nice group where you can talk to other parents and to hear different problems that other parents have and to find other ways to improve on your child's behaviour.



**For more information please contact
Mrs Mumford or Mrs Smith on 0116 278 2142 or 07709 888001**



Friends of Parkland

Our School PTA, our Friends of Parkland, have been really successful in the past year with fundraising to support the school and our children and are always looking for volunteers. They can be contacted via pta@dsatparkland.org or via their Facebook page; [Parkland Primary School PTA | Facebook](#)

They are already actively planning events for the remainder of this academic year and have kindly agreed to donate towards each year group's school trip to help subsidise the cost for parents and carers for this academic year and next academic year already!

Donations from the recent Rags2Riches collection also raised another £31.40. The next Rags2Riches collection is booked for October. Any good condition used clothing and footwear would be welcomed!

Watch this space for the upcoming Fathers' Day sale! More information to follow.

The new Parkland Primary School Cookbook is being finalised! Further information on how to purchase will follow!

Freeze Pop Friday's are now back! Ice poles are sold on both playgrounds after school on Friday's (weather permitting). Cash only and exact change is preferred if possible.

Brand new this year - the PTA will be hosting a Virtual Duck Race! More information will follow at the start of the academic term.

We really appreciate everything that the PTA do to help support our pupils and the school. We will confirm the date of the next scheduled PTA meeting as soon as possible. All are always welcome.

Friends of Parkland would like to thank you for your continued support.



**JOIN OUR
VOLUNTEER
PTA COMMUNITY**

Help us to support the school and children by providing fun fundraising activities and help towards school improvements and trips for all the pupils to enjoy.



SCAN ME

We meet up at the school on a 5-6 weekly basis to touch base with upcoming events.

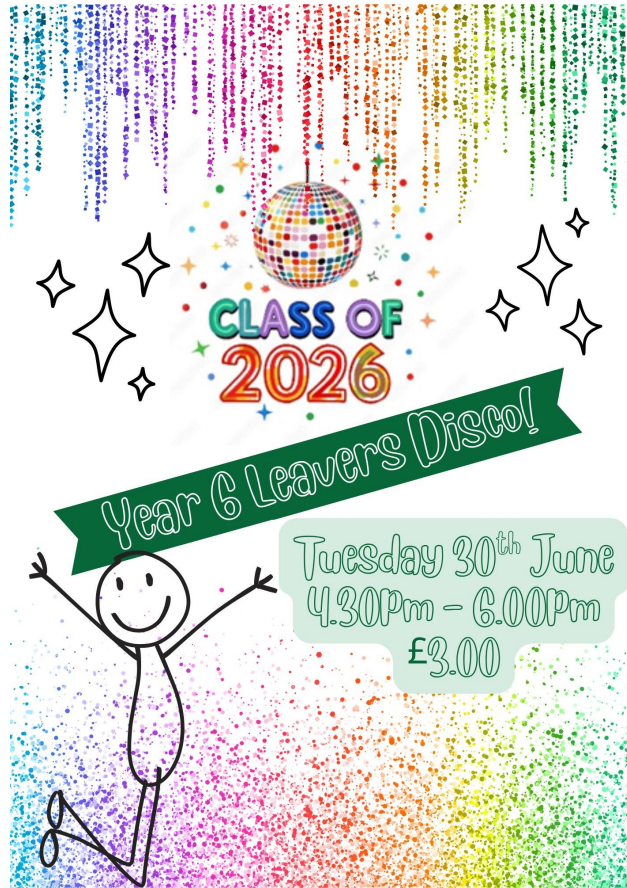
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LET'S COOK

Yummy recipes from Parkland Primary School's families







Friends of Parkland

Freeze Pop Fridays!



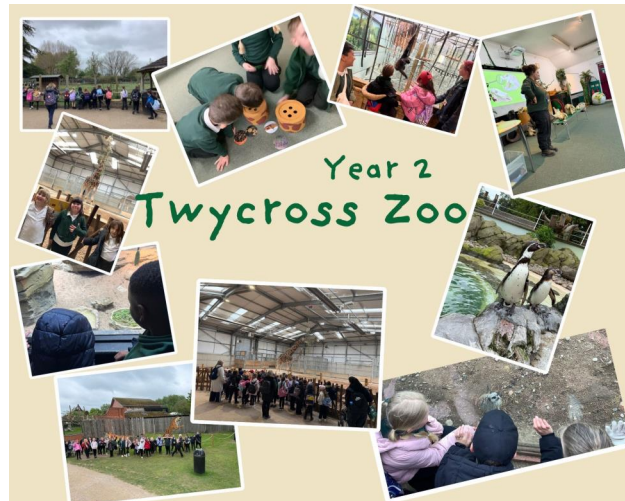
EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL (WEATHER PERMITTING)
CASH ONLY - PLEASE BRING THE CORRECT CHANGE





Year 2 Trip

Year 2 had a great time at Twycross Zoo earlier this term! We enjoyed travelling on a double-decker bus to and from the zoo, taking part in a workshop all about food chains as well as looking at some animal's skulls to try and work out what foods they eat. We saw so many animals and had an amazing day!



Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 pupils approached their SATs with confidence, maturity and a calm determination we are incredibly proud of. Thanks to their thorough preparation and the support of staff and families, they tackled each test with resilience and focus. It was particularly wonderful to see how they managed the week with such a positive attitude, taking everything in their stride and showing great perseverance without letting any pressure show. A huge well done to all of Year 6 for demonstrating such fantastic effort!

Parkland Ducklings

Earlier this term we welcomed back our annual flying visitor and her new 11 duckings! We were able to enjoy their company for a couple of days before it was time to say goodbye and we safely walked them across the school playground and field, through to the canal.





Attendance

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all our parents and carers for your continued support with attendance this year. Thanks to your partnership, our whole-school attendance has been steadily improving and is **currently 94.1%**. It is wonderful to see so many children arriving on time, ready to learn, and building positive attendance habits that will support their progress and wellbeing.

Well done to all of the children who received their certificates for 100% attendance and over 96% attendance.

As we continue into the last summer term, we are aiming even higher and would love your ongoing support in helping all pupils become **Attendance HEROES** – *Here, Every day, Ready, On time, Every time*. By working together, we can continue to strengthen attendance across the school and give every child the very best opportunity to succeed.

REMEMBER we are always here to help with anything that may be preventing your child/ren attend school everyday and on time.

Please come and talk to your child's class teacher, Mrs Sarah Phillips, Deputy Headteacher, or any member of the Leadership team, or Mrs Helen Brown, Attendance Officer. You don't need an appointment and all conversations are dealt with in a confidential manner. We'd love to see you face to face, but if you would prefer to telephone, email or send a message via Class Dojo, we would be happy to assist.

Continuing for the Summer Term 2: Feel Good Fridays!

Get your dancing shoes on!

During the summer term, we have been looking forward to **Feel Good Fridays** on the playground, where children will be welcomed into school with music from a special **Feel Good Friday playlist** that *they* have chosen. It has been giving us all a morning lift and a positive feel-good start to the day, and children are welcome to sing, dance, or simply smile their way into school as we kick off the weekend with positivity and fun!

Please also be reminded to take the time to watch this quick video; [How to help your child have good attendance - BBC Bitesize](#) and see the below for some top tips for excellent attendance!

Attendance Reminders!

Good attendance and arriving at school on time is crucial for children attaining well, making good progress and reaching their full potential.



The vast majority of parents and carers do ensure pupils get to school regularly, and on time. Thank you!

At Parkland Primary School, our target level of attendance is 96%.

By the end of the academic year, which is fast approaching, we aspire for every child to achieve this target. We are committed to working with you to ensure your child attends school on time every day.

Attendance is important!

◆ Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.

It is important for a child's academic and social wellbeing to be in school on time every day. **The school day begins at 8.50am prompt.**

◆ Pupils with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically.

◆ Pupils with regular attendance find school routines and schoolwork easier to cope with.

◆ Pupils with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive habits in attending school every day.

Fixed Penalty Fines

At Parkland we monitor attendance closely and will contact you when attendance is a concern.

If your child continues to have unauthorised absences for 10 sessions (5 school days) or more, within a certain period, or for the purpose of a family holiday, you may qualify for a fine. We hope that working together this can be avoided.

If you would like to discuss any matter that is preventing your child from attending school, please contact any of the following staff members. Please be assured that all matters are dealt with confidentially.

Helen Brown, Attendance Officer

Pastoral Team 07709222001

A member of the Senior Leadership Team

Child's class teacher

0116 2782142- admin@dsatparkland.org

Recent research has discovered that just one missed day of schooling is linked to £750 in lost lifetime earnings per pupil, alongside impacts on wellbeing!





Being on Time Matters!

Minutes late PER DAY during the school year	Days of learning lost in a YEAR
5 mins	4
10 mins	7
15 mins	11
20 mins	14
25 mins	21

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows a young boy with black hair and rosy cheeks pointing his right index finger at a large, round, yellow clock. The clock face is white with black numbers and hands, showing the time as 9:00. To the right of the large clock is a smaller, red alarm clock with a yellow bell and a yellow base.

Thinking about booking a holiday during term time?

REMEMBER: ANY ABSENCE MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

Absence for an activity or holiday that can be arranged during the annual 13-week holiday time will not be authorised during the school term.

A penalty notice may be issued if there are five days/10 sessions or more of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This can include irregular attendance.

First offence - the first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.*

A penalty will be issued for each child



£160 + £160 + £160
3 x children + 1 parent = £480
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

A family of two parents and two children



£160 + £160
2 x children + 2 parents = £640
reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

Second offence (within 3 years) - the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.*



1 child £320
2 children £640
3 children £960

Third offence - a penalty notice will not be issued, the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution, where either a fine of up to **£2,500**, a community order or a custodial sentence of up to three months can be imposed. A conviction in the Magistrates' Court may be disclosed on future DBS certificates.

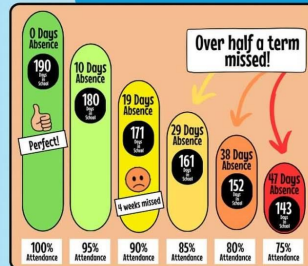
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School Attendance

Every day counts...

Good attendance helps with...

Academic Achievement Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.	Social Skills Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.	Routine & Responsibility Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.	Focus & Engagement Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.	Building Confidence Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.	Enhanced Learning Opportunities School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.
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Did you know there are...

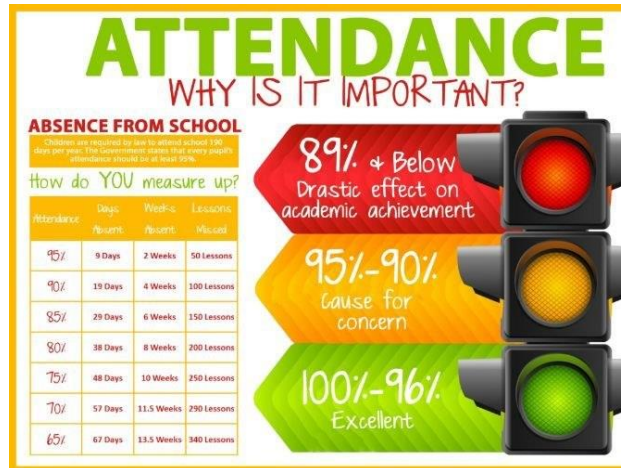
- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.	Aim for every day Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.	Plan appointments carefully Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.	Talk positively about school Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.	Stay in touch When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.	Prepare the night before Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.
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Silly School Education



TOP TIPS FOR EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE



Aim to be early
Set an alarm so that you can wake up early and not feel rushed to get ready in the morning.



Healthy Breakfast
Remember to have a healthy breakfast or join us at Parkland Primary School free breakfast club.



Go to bed earlier
It is easier if you have a set bedtime routine every school day. Don't stay up late watching TV, playing games or on electronic equipment.



Routine
Have a daily routine - this helps you to regulate your day and moods, as well as have a productive day.



Try
Try to come in, even if you have a little sniff or a cold. Sometimes you may feel worse in the morning but throughout the day you may feel better.



Late
If you are late, you may miss some very important lessons. However, we would still encourage you to be in even if you are running late.



Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

THANK YOU

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE YEAR TO DATE 93.7%

We have seen a recent improvement in whole school attendance. Thank you to all parents/carers for ensuring your child(ren) are in school every day and on time.

Reminders

- Please be reminded that we are a strawberry and nut free school.
- No bicycles or scooters are to be ridden on the school premises.
- No dogs, unless assistance dogs, should be on the school premises.



**THIS SCHOOL
IS STRAWBERRY
AND NUT FREE**



'Star Outside School'



In the forth-coming newsletters we would like to share and celebrate children's good news and achievements from outside school. If you would like to contribute to our 'Star Outside School' section, please email the school office – admin@dsatparkland.org with some text and a picture that we can use in our next newsletter. Thank you.

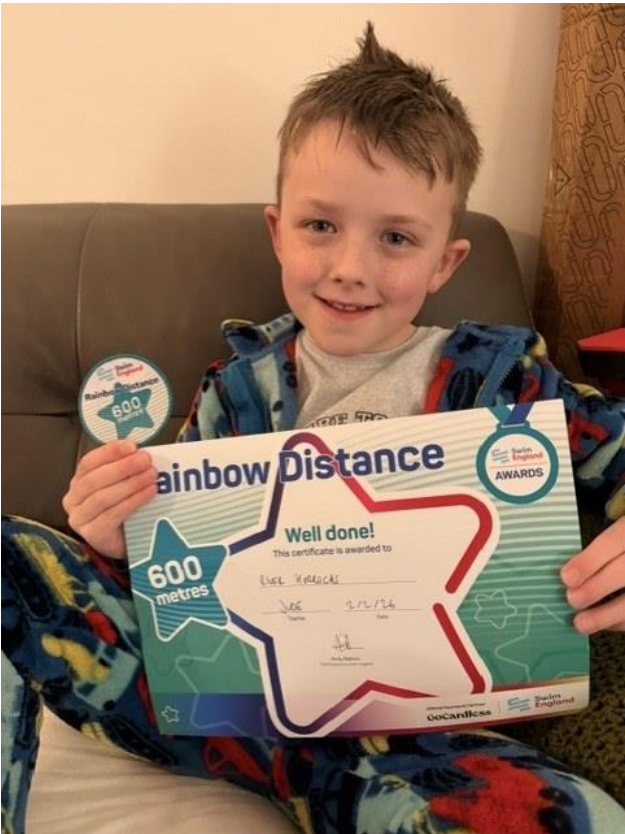
We love to celebrate the achievements of our pupils outside of school. We have been overwhelmed with the incredible achievements of our pupils. Congratulations to all of our pupils and thank you for sharing your celebrations with us all. We have awarded 5 Dojo points to each pupil who has shared their accomplishments outside of school!

- Elliott in Year 4 played in his rugby tournament earlier this term. It was the first season playing contact rugby and he did some amazing tackles and scored some impressive tries. Well done Elliott!
- Olivia, Dottie and Belle in Year 2 came fourth in their Dance Troup Competition earlier this month! Well done girls!

- Maizie in Year 2 won a medal in her dance show for getting distinction in all four of her dance exams, Ballet, Tap, Modern and Acro! Well done Maizie!
- Ruby in Year 5 won a trophy in theatre arts in her dance show at the beginning of May. It was her first year doing musical theatre and her confidence has grown so much. Well done Ruby!
- Congratulations to Rain in EYFS who has achieved his Stage 6 in swimming! Older brother River in Year 3 has also completed his 600m swimming badge and is now in Stage 8! Well done to you both - you must be very proud of yourselves!
- Dottie in Year 2 competed in a competition at the weekend for her dance school (LMG Academy) and got 1st place for her character solo to 'I remember love'. She received excellent feedback and a gold medal! Well done Dottie!
- Dougie in Year 5 competed in a dance competition doing his musical theatre piece to Oliver Twist and placed First Place winning a GOLD medal. His feedback from the judge was he had the audience in the palm of his hands! Well Done Dougie! He has been asked to perform this in LMG Dance Academy's Annual Show!!
- Belle in Year 3 competed in her dance competition doing a Modern Solo and nailed her box jump placing 2nd Winning a Silver medal! Well Done Belle! She has been asked to perform this piece in LMG Dance Academy's Annual show!











Class Assemblies

Each class has the opportunity to showcase their learning and achievements over the academic year and we warmly invite parents and carers to attend your child's class assembly. Class assemblies will be in the main school hall and will start at 2.30pm.

Class	Date
Oak	Friday 12 th June 2026
5MT	Friday 19 th June 2026

Upcoming Trips

- Tuesday 16th June - Saffron Lane Athletics
- Monday 22nd June 2026 - 4VT trip to Battram Woods
- Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Bowling Trip
- Monday 29th June 2026 - 4DR & 4MT trip to Battram Woods
- Tuesday 15th September 2026 - current Year 4 students trip to National Space Centre
- Wednesday 23rd September to Friday 25th September 2026 - current Year 5 students trip to PGL

- Wednesday 16th December 2026 - new EYFS students trip to De Montfort Hall
- Tuesday 12th January 2027 - current Year 5 students trip to Warning Zone
- Wednesday 8th September to Friday 10th September 2027 - current Year 4 students trip to PGL

Bikeability

Bikeability is the Government's national cycle training programme, helping riders learn practical skills and to understand how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

Parkland Primary School pupils were fortunate to be including in the funding from the Department of Transport for recent Bikeability sessions, led by the local authority. Congratulations to our recent students who complete the Level 1 and Level 2 courses.

Leicestershire County Council also offer parents the option of booking their child directly onto Level 1, 2 or 3 courses during the holiday periods. Courses are subject to availability and bookable via Eventbrite; [Leicestershire County Council - Road Safety Team Events - 6 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

For more information on the Bikeability levels and how to ensure your child's bicycle is roadworthy and safe, please visit; [Bikeability cycle training | Leicestershire County Council](#)

Staff Updates

- We have welcomed Mrs Honeyman to join our team. Mrs Honeyman is based in the Nurture Class with Mrs Revell.
- We will be welcoming another new member of staff after half term; Mrs Prendergast. Mrs Prendergast will be supporting children as a Learning Support Assistant and as a Midday Supervisor.
- We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Duckett, our Pre School Manager. Miss Duckett has been with us for over 10 years and was key in establishing our Pre School provision. We will her all the best for her future role with Leicestershire County Council.

Community News

- Please be reminded of the support available for local people and families from the Elliott Hall - Youth & Community Building. The Pantry Nook, a community ran food pantry, is different to a food bank. It costs £5.00 to use and individuals are able to choose their food items which include fresh meat, bakery items, fruit, and vegetables. It is an incredibly supportive environment where they work with individuals to support them with their challenges. As well as the food support every week, they are joined with other organisations who provide support on mental health, housing, debt, benefits and employment. There are also donated clothes that are available for people to purchase, including school uniform. The organisation is also running free cooking lessons for parents/carers to learn how to make quick, cheap, healthy meals. For a friendly, listening ear and somewhere warm to go, the kettle is always on - they would be warmly welcomed.
- LCH Charity are opening their Highcross school uniform store for families who may struggle with the cost of school uniform this summer. Please see the below poster for more information and register [here](#).
- Everyone Active, Wigston Pool & Fitness Centre have spaces available for May half term's crash course swimming lessons. See the below poster for more information.
- Check out the places where children can eat for free (or for £1.00) over the Easter Holidays.
- Please find attached the June Newsletter from South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (SLSSP). The focus for June is on the topic of Body Image. They aim to give families a clear introduction to health and well-being, with links to useful websites, helplines, and further sources of support. They have included a Community Noticeboard section to highlight local events. They have also provided a number of resources and information aimed at helping families who may be facing challenges and seeking support as well as an overview of mental health services across the county; [Helpful documents for your mental health and wellbeing - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust](#)

PANTRY NOOK

Do you live in South Wigston, Wigston or
Oadby?

Are you struggling to make ends meet?
If so, please come down to our community
food pantry and hygiene bank where we
are here to help!

Thursdays 10am-1pm

**Elliott Hall, Albion Street, South
Wigston, LE18 4SA**

To find out more information and
if you are eligible go to
www.elliotthall.net





Pantry Nook Additional Support

More than just food, the Pantry Nook works with professionals to holistically support members. Below is a schedule of the monthly support:

1st Thursday: Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	Council tax queries. Setting up repayments. Council support.
2nd Thursday: Tigers Foundation and HIRE	Debt and benefit checks and support. Job support. CV writing.
3rd Thursday: Helping Hands	Form filling, debt and benefits support, housing and legal support.
4th Thursday: Tigers Foundation	Debt and benefit checks and support.

Also the Local Area Coordinator is here every week for a range of health and wellbeing support and chat.

Visit our website for more information
<https://www.elliottthall.net/>





FREE

Come along to our family cooking lessons
at Elliott Hall, Albion Street, South Wigston.



THURSDAYS 1:30PM-3PM



DROP IN FREE PRE- LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE



Will you be struggling with the cost of school uniform this summer? LCH Charity are opening their Highcross school uniform store for families to select school uniform and PE Kit their children need for free!



Whilst Stock Lasts.

All families must register their interest [Please Click Here](#)



📍 Highcross Shopping Centre opposite Costa.

🕒 Open Monday to Friday 10am till 3pm.

MAKE A SPLASH THIS HALF-TERM!

CRASH COURSE

SWIM LESSONS!

FOR ALL ABILITIES

STAGES 1-5

1 2 3 4 5

LEARN • IMPROVE • HAVE FUN!

ONLY £38.00 FOR THE WEEK!

MAY HALF-TERM 25TH - 28TH MAY

WIGSTON POOL & FITNESS CENTRE

BUILD CONFIDENCE

IMPROVE SKILLS

WATER SAFETY

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS!

EVERYONE WANTS TO BE ACTIVE

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIKUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 Kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELodge

2 Kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

FAMILY DINING GUIDE

Where Kids Can Eat FREE (or Nearly Free)

SUMMER HALF TERM 2026

Half term runs approximately from 24th May to 1st June 2026, making it a great time to save on family meals out.

KIDS EAT FREE!

Free kids' meal with qualifying adult purchase

(All offers correct at time of publishing)

Restaurant	Offer	Notes
Bills	Kids - Up to 2 kids eat free with 1 adult meal (Mon-Fri 25th - 30th May)	
Zizzi	2x2 - Free kids meal with adult meal (Sat-Fri 25th - 31st May)	Not valid in the Millenium Club members only
Wol	Hot Lunch - Kids under 12 eat free with adult (Mon-Fri)	
Burger King	Burger King Jr. Meal with every adult meal (during school holidays)	16+ age required
Cafe Rouge	Cafe Rouge - Kids eat free with every adult meal (12-18pm every day of the week)	
McDonald's	McDonald's - Kids under 12 eat free with every adult meal (every day between 11am to 2pm)	16+ age required
Jack Station	Jack Station - Up to 2 free kids meals with adult meal (during half term only)	
Worries Cafe	Worries Cafe - Free kids meal - drink when adult spends £5+ (7 days a week)	
Becca Cafe	Becca Cafe - Free kids meal with every adult meal (Monday-Friday)	16+ age required
Donkey Poo Cafe	Donkey Poo Cafe - Free kids meal with every £5 spent in the cafe (every day)	

KIDS EAT FOR £1

COTE

ASDA CAFÉ

BELLA ITALIA

IKEA

MARSTON'S

HUNGRY HORSE

CHIFF

dobbes

Harvester

TOBY CARRIES

NOTE: Offers and dates vary by restaurant chain and individual branch, so always check the latest T&Cs before visiting. Some deals may require an app download, loyalty sign-up, or adult meal purchase.

Villy School Education

BODY IMAGE Newsletter

JUNE 2026

Funded by UK Government

What does body image mean?

Body image is a term used to describe how we think and feel about our bodies — whether those feelings are positive, negative, or a mix of both. It can relate to aspects such as body size and shape, height, skin colour, overall appearance, and any physical disabilities or differences.

It is normal for children and young people to compare themselves to others, especially as they get older. However, there are signs to be aware of which could indicate that they have an unhealthy view of their body, which is negatively affecting how they feel about themselves.

Some of the signs to look out for include:

Emotional effects

- Low self-esteem and lack of confidence
- Anxiety or depression
- Feeling ashamed, embarrassed, or "not good enough"
- Constant comparison with others

Social effects

- Avoiding social situations (e.g. swimming, sports, parties)
- Withdrawal from friends or activities they once enjoyed
- Being more vulnerable to bullying — or being deeply affected by it

Behavioural and physical effects

- Unhealthy dieting or extreme exercise
- Disordered eating or eating disorders
- Wearing certain clothes to hide their body
- Frequently checking mirrors — or avoiding them completely

DID YOU KNOW?

In the UK, 52% of children aged 11-16 worry about their appearance, with body image issues affecting children as young as 3-6 years old. Nearly 1 in 3 teenagers (31%) feel ashamed of their body image.

Source: Mental Health Foundation

Supporting young people experiencing poor body image

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Parent Talk

be body positive

NHS

YOUNGmINDS

Eating Disorders

An eating disorder is a mental health condition where a person has unhealthy thoughts, emotions, and behaviours related to food, eating, body weight, or body shape. These patterns can affect someone's physical health, emotional wellbeing, and daily life.

Eating disorders often involve:

- Extreme restriction of food, overeating, or cycles of both
- Intense worry about body weight or shape
- Feeling out of control around food
- Using harmful behaviors (like vomiting, excessive exercise, or laxatives) to try to control weight

Common types

Some well-known eating disorders include:

- Anorexia nervosa – severe restriction of food and an intense fear of gaining weight
- Bulimia nervosa – cycles of binge eating followed by purging (vomiting, laxatives, extreme exercise)
- Binge-eating disorder – frequent episodes of eating large amounts of food with a feeling of loss of control



Eating Disorders support

Many individuals are currently facing the challenge of eating disorders, often made more difficult by social pressures. Eating around others can trigger feelings of judgment or anxiety, while social media can reinforce unrealistic standards and comparisons. These influences can affect a person's relationship with food, highlighting the need for greater understanding and support.

If you're concerned about eating disorders or are supporting a loved one who might be experiencing one, it's important to seek professional help and offer compassionate, non-judgmental support. There are a number of organisations that can provide advice and support, but it's important to speak to a GP in the first instance.



Click the logos to find out more!



Advice for parents



YOUNG MINDS



LET'S GET SOCIAL!



Health | Well-being | School Sport | PE | Physical Activity
Supporting health professionals to work in schools to promote opportunities for all young people



Extended Services & Holiday Camp

Discovery Trust Extended Services are continuing their Holiday Camp provisions for the upcoming holidays.

Book in now via <https://discoveryextendedservices.co.uk/> for a variety of activities during the May half term.

They will also be operating a Summer Holiday Camp at Parkland Primary School for four weeks from 20th July 2026 through to Friday 14th August 2026.

We are delighted with the success of the breakfast scheme provision. To book in for wraparound care, please book your child's place at Childcare Bookings; [Discovery Trust Booking System](#)



HOLIDAY CAMP

For
Ages
4 - 11 yrs

Discovery Holiday Camps are packed with creative activities, exciting games, and plenty of smiles.

Bookings NOW open right through until the end of Summer Holidays 2026 at our various locations across Leicestershire



Scan & Book Now!

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DISCOVERY
EXTENDED SERVICES

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

Discovery Holiday Camps are packed with creative activities, exciting games, and plenty of smiles.

Bookings are NOW open for May Half Term, at various Discovery Schools sites across Leicestershire

For Ages 4 - 11 yrs

MAY 2026

BOOK NOW

Activities

- ✓ Sports Activities
- ✓ Outdoor Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Laser Tag & NERF
- ✓ Esports / Djing

Times & Prices

- ✓ 9am - 3pm - £20
- ✓ 8am - 5pm - £27.50
- ✓ 8am - 4pm - £25
- ✓ 8am - 3pm - £22.50
- ✓ 9am - 4pm - £22.50

[Holiday Camps - Discovery School Extended Services](#)

EasyFundraising

Support us through easyfundraising.org.uk!

Easyfundraising partner with thousands of brands who will donate part of individual online spending to a nominated cause. There is no additional cost to any individual.

By creating an individual account and nominating Parkland Primary School, each time you want to do an online shop (including supermarkets, Amazon, JustEat and many more, including larger purchases such as holidays or insurance), by linking through the Easyfundraising site, enables additional funds to be raised for the school.

Our supporters have already help to raise over £670.00. Be part of the action and sign up by scanning the QR code below! It won't cost you a penny to help raise important funds for the school!

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Use this number when you order to earn 30% commission for school.

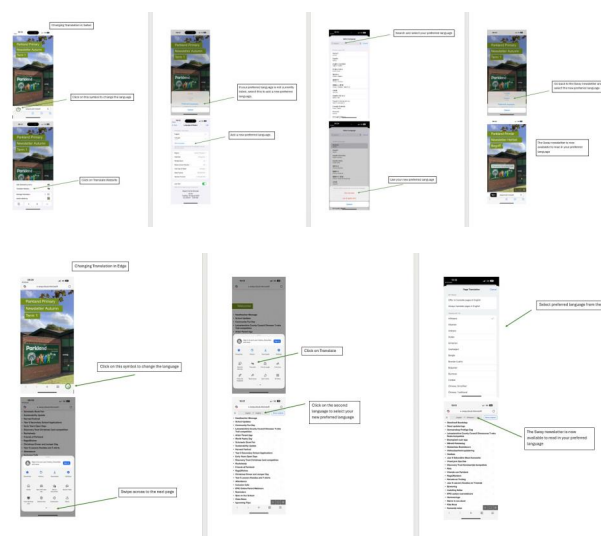


Visit www.stikins.co.uk to learn more & to order.

Perfect Name Labels Sent Out Same Day

Translating Sway

Did you know you can translate this Sway Newsletter to your preferred language?



KEY DATES

Monday 1st June 2026 - School opens for the Summer Term 2 2026

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 - PGL 2027 Information evening (for Year 4)

Monday 8th June 2026 - Pre School open afternoon

Monday 8th June 2026 - PGL 2026 Information evening (for Year 5)

Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Induction Evening for new EYFS Parents & Carers (5.00pm)

Thursday 11th June 2026 - World Cup 2026 Special Menu*

Thursday 11th June 2026 - Induction Evening for new EYFS Parent & Carers (3.30pm)

Friday 12th June 2026 - Oak Class Assembly (2.30pm)

Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Year 5 Sports Festival at SWHS

Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Rocksteady Concert (PM)

Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Saffron Lane Athletics

Friday 19th June 2026 - Inclusion Cafe (AM)

Friday 19th June 2026 - 5MT Class Assembly (2.30pm)

W/C Monday 22nd June 2026 - PTA Virtual Duck Race**

Monday 22nd June 2026 - 4DR & 4MT trip to Battram Woods

Monday 22nd June 2026 - Pre School / EYFS / Year 1 Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 - Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June 2026 - Year 5 / Year 6 Sports Day

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Bowling Trip

Friday 26th June 2026 - PTA Virtual Duck Race Finale & Celebration**

Monday 29th June 2026 - 4VT trip to Battram Woods

Monday 29th June 2026 - Transition Session for new EYFS pupils (1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June 2026 - CLCC and SWHS Year 6 into 7 Transition Days

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - Transition Session for new EYFS pupils (9.15am - 10.15am)

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - PTA Year 6 Leavers Disco

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Year 6 Performance**

Thursday 2nd July 2026 - End of Term Special Menu*

Friday 3rd July 2026 - EYFS End of Year Celebration (PM)**

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th July 2026 - Wigston Academy & Beauchamp Year 6 into 7 Transition Days

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - Pre School end of year production (PM)

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Last day of academic year

Monday 24th August 2026 - First Day of Academic Year 2026/2027

**Please order via SchoolGrid*

***Further information to follow*

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