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Parent Bulletin

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a profound mix of sadness and pride that I am writing to share my decision to retire at the end of this academic year, my final day at Parklands High School will be 31st August 2026. Parklands has been my life's work. I have spent nearly 30 years at this school, growing alongside our community in a journey that has seen me serve as Curriculum Leader of Art, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, and finally, as your Headteacher.

Throughout these three decades, my mission has remained unchanged: to ensure we deliver a truly holistic education. I have worked tirelessly to create an environment where skills, attributes, and character are valued just as highly as academic excellence. My guiding principle has always been simple: keeping the pupil at the heart of every decision we make.

Deciding to move on was incredibly difficult, but I feel that this is the right time for both myself and the school. Parklands is currently in a position of great strength, supported by an exceptional staff and a dedicated leadership team. I am grateful to be leaving on such a high note, and I am fully committed to supporting a smooth, seamless transition over the coming months.

I want to thank you for your support and for trusting me with your children's education, and for many of you, your own school days as well! It has been the greatest honour of my career to serve multiple generations of this community.

I look forward to making my final term here the best one yet.

Warmest regards,

Mrs C Batson

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General Noticeboard

Dance Team World Championship Fundraising Raffle



Our dancers have been invited to represent the English Schools at the World School Dance Championships in London, in June this year.

It is a fantastic opportunity for us but very expensive so we are fundraising to help us get there. Can you support by buying a raffle ticket?

£1 a ticket or 6 for £5

Confirmed prizes so far ...

- £15 Alabaster Jar Voucher
- £20 Rebel Chorley Voucher
- 2 x tickets to a Chorley FC home game of your choice
- Sweet treat hamper
- And more coming soon

ReBel



Tickets available through Scopay, from the pavilion or form in a morning

SCHOOL PROM 2026

Dear parents and carers

We would like to provide you with details regarding the forthcoming prom, which will take place on **Wednesday 8th July 26** at Rivington Barn for invited pupils. Tickets are priced at £40, which includes a three course meal, music and other surprises. They will be available to purchase from **Tuesday 5th May** on SCOPAY and all tickets must be purchased by **Friday 5th June** as numbers must be given to Rivington Barn by Monday 8th June.

Arrival to the prom is from 6.30pm with a view to sitting down to eat by 8pm. Pupils will need a small amount of money for a soft drink. Prom will finish at 11 pm.....



[Click here for more Information!](#)



Safety Reminder

Please can we ask that you remind your child about keeping themselves and others safe when travelling to and from school. In addition to this could we ask that vehicles are parked considerately around the school grounds when dropping off or picking up a pupil. We do receive communications from concerned members of the public about our pupils riding their bikes in an unsafe way, cars blocking driveways or the cemetery and we've been asked that pupils are reminded not to feed animals that aren't theirs, specifically horses, as this can make them unwell. Thank you for your cooperation.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Thursday 23rd July

Cost

£37.50

**Emails have been sent to all pupils
who are eligible to earn the required
trip points**

**Non
Uniform Day for
pupils on the trip
only**

It's been another busy week in our PE department....

Another glorious week of sunshine! Please remember to take a look at our new extra curricular timetable which includes rounders, cricket, athletics and tennis!



Finn signed another 2 year football contract with Preston North End and Darcey and Macey's football team won the Lancashire Cup. Congratulations!

[Click to see more photos](#)



PASTA CLUB

Last week Mrs GB invited pupils and parents to take part in a brand new PASTA club at Parklands, run by Chorley School Sports Partnership and with support from Chorley Council.

The programme is normally funded for primary schools but we were lucky enough to be selected for secondary school trials. Teaching pupils and their families all about the benefits of cooking healthy meals on a budget and staying active. We may receive a lot of rewards and prizes along the way. Gary and his team will be with us for the next 4 weeks.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

for LANCASHIRE MIND

FRIDAY 22ND MAY YEAR 7, 8, 9 AND 10 ONLY * (DUE TO GCSE EXAMS)

Get ready to ditch the blazer and stand out!
We are turning up the volume on our outfits to support mental health across Lancashire

£1 MINIMUM DONATION GIVE YOUR DONATION TO YOUR FORM TEACHER DURING REGISTRATION ON MONDAY 18TH MAY

Be Brave - Be Bright!

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR MOST VIBRANT, EYE-CATCHING AND COLOURFUL CLOTHES. WHETHER IT'S NEON SOCKS, A PRIMARY COLOUR HOODIE OR A FULL RAINBOW FIT, **THE BOLDER THE BETTER!**

Why are we doing this? ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LANCASHIRE MIND, HELPING THEM PROVIDE VITAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, COACHING, AND RESOURCES TO PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

KEEP IT APPROPRIATE: NO OFFENSIVE SLOGANS, CROP TOPS OR OPEN TOED SHOES
JEWELLERY AND HAIR: UP THE STANDARD! SCHOOL PRIZES FOR JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP REMAINS IN PLACE
EQUIPMENT: JUST BECAUSE THE BLAZER IS OFF DOESN'T MEAN THE BRAIN IS OFF YOU MUST COME PREPARED FOR A NORMAL FRIDAY TIMETABLE
BE READY: IF YOU HAVE PE ON FRIDAY MAY 22ND MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR FOOT KIT TO CHANGE INTO
BE KIND: THIS DAY IS ABOUT SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS. LET'S KEEP THE VIBES POSITIVE!
DON'T FORGET YOUR POUND - NO CASH! NO NON-UNIFORM!

LET'S LIGHT UP THE SCHOOL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

CAREER News

2026

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Mock Local Election Day! 7th May 2026

Pupils spent the last Secure session learning about local government and their rights and responsibilities. Next week in form time, in the run up to the election, they will be learning about the local candidates and what they stand for. We will be focussing specifically on the policies of these parties that are most relevant to 11 to 16 year olds.

[Click for more information!](#)

Classchart Champions

	Positive Points Total per House	Student awarded the most Positive Points this week
AFRICA	539	Es'zmae P
ASIA	609	Jacob Mc
AUSTRALASIA	582	Ellison F
EUROPE	609	Kieran B
SOUTH AMERICA	634	Daniel B

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

How many had the perfect 3 since September? **How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?**

Year 7:	66	Year 7:	168
Year 8:	56	Year 8:	139
Year 9:	58	Year 9:	154
Year 10:	60	Year 10:	170
Year 11:	61	Year 11:	184
All:	301	All:	815

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 – 3.00?

Year 7:	157
Year 8:	119
Year 9:	128
Year 10:	126
Year 11:	144
All:	674

Pupil of the Week Awards

20/04/2026 – 24/04/2026

Brogan B (SWZ), Daniel B (BRA), Taylor C (COS), James C (FIJ), Charlie C (ARG), Amelie F (PNG), Fares F (MRI), Jack F (DEN), Jenson F (AUS), Mia G (GER), Tommy H (SKO), Jessica J (POR), Jamie K (CHI)

Hallie-Beth K (MOZ), Jessica L (SKO), Evie L (MAR), Freddie L (THA), Sienna M (FIJ), Jacob Mc (NEP), Grace N (CHI), Lilly P (COS), Sienna S (NEP), Lexi S (SWZ), Ivy T (GUA),

Weekly Attendance Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a positive and successful learning environment at Parklands, we would like to provide you with an update on the overall attendance across the school. Regular attendance is essential for student success, and we want to share important information regarding current trends, key attendance goals and ways we can work together to support all of our students.

We currently have **105** students who have 100% attendance so far this year. If your child is one of these students please congratulate them and continue to encourage their attendance, it is a great achievement.

House	This Week %	This Year %
ANZ	94.1%	93.8%
ASA	95.5%	94.8%
EUR	96.6%	95.1%
SAM	95.2%	94%
AFR	95.2%	94%
Total %	94.9%	93.8%

Students are expected to be in the school building at 8:25am, heading to form at 8:30am and be in form by 8:35am. If they are arriving between 8:35am and 9:15am for any reason they need to enter through the pupil entrance and be signed in at the Top Office.



WIN PRIZES JUST FOR GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL! NEW PARENT RAFFLE

WE KNOW HOW CRUCIAL YOUR ROLE IS IN SETTING YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUCCESS, AND WE WANT TO REWARD YOUR HARD WORK! WHEN CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL EVERY SINGLE DAY, THEIR CHANCES OF THRIVING VASTLY INCREASE.

TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH A NEW ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE—JUST FOR PARENTS! FOR EVERY WEEK YOUR CHILD ACHIEVES 100% ATTENDANCE, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY EARN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR OUR GRAND SUMMER TERM DRAW.

- Prizes will include:
- Supermarket vouchers
 - Gift cards for fantastic local businesses
 - Plus, a few exciting surprises!
- Thank you for partnering with us to make every school day count!



Safeguarding Information

The One Stop Shop is a drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof. We offer a warm welcome, refreshments, and an opportunity to get help with:

- Housing
- Finance
- Accessing food banks
- Mental health support
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- ... & more

Children and Family Wellbeing Service
 Tel: 01257 516 316
 Email: Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

FAMILY HUB CHORLEY
 Drop-in at Clayton Brook Community Centre
 Tuesday 28th April
 09:30am to 11:30am

Lancashire County Council

SERVICES HERE TO HELP

Get help with referrals for further support, and access to a range of community agencies, as well as information on lots of free groups (including parenting, domestic abuse, relationship communication, speech & language, and pre-school play sessions).



Citizens Advice citizens advice Lancashire West	Home-Start Central Lancashire HOME START Central Lancashire
Unify Credit Union Unify Credit Union	Lancashire Talking Therapies Talking Therapies
Chorley Buddies SVP Chorley Buddies We're Helping	SendIAS Lancashire SEND IAS Information, advice and support for Special Educational Needs and Disability
Places For People Places for People	key We're there for people going through tough times, working across four key areas
Social Prescribing Service Chorley Council	Inspire Youth Zone INSPIRE An OnSide Youth Zone



Providing NHS services

Exams can be tough.

They're supposed to test you, and sometimes that can be overwhelming. But we're here if it ever feels too much.



Compass BLOOM
 CENTRAL & WEST LANCASHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS