



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 1

19th - 23rd January 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another vibrant and productive week here at school! It's always a pleasure to see our students engaging with such a wide variety of opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Highlights from This Week

Our SECURE programme has been in full swing this week. We were delighted to welcome guest performers on Tuesday and again today, providing our Year 8 and 9 students with thought-provoking sessions designed to build resilience and awareness.

It has also been a significant week for our Year 11s as they look toward their futures. We hosted interview teams from Wigan & Leigh College on Wednesday and Preston College today. It is a proud moment for us to see our senior pupils conducting themselves with such ambition.

Other key events included:

- Year 7 & 8 Reports: Behaviour for Learning (BfL) reports were sent home on Thursday. These are a great tool for reflecting on progress and setting goals for the term ahead.
- Year 10 Assembly: On Thursday, Year 10 attended an important and informative assembly by Oddballs, focusing on testicular cancer awareness. This is a vital part of our commitment to student health and wellbeing.

Looking Ahead

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our Year 10 families into school for the Progress Evening on Thursday. This is a crucial opportunity to discuss academic progress as students move further into their GCSE journey.

A Note on Attendance and Punctuality

As we strive for excellence, I must reiterate the vital importance of attendance and punctuality. While morning arrival remains steady, we have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late to their individual lessons throughout the day.

Every minute lost in transition is a minute of valuable learning time missed. To ensure our classrooms remain focused environments, we are introducing a new system. From Monday, we will be closely tracking lateness to lessons. Any student with repeated or significant lateness will be required to serve a one-hour detention on Friday after school.

Headteacher's Message Continued...

We want every student to get the most out of their education, and being in the right place at the right time is the first step toward success. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these standards at home.

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher



NHS Children's Dental Care for U16's

We are currently offering NHS dental registration to new under 16 patients, this means increase access to dental care for children.

Please email pm@jonesdentalpractice.co.uk and we will be happy to arrange an appointment for your children.

Key Dates - January and February 2026

- **Thursday 22nd January** – Y7 & 8 Behaviour for Learning Reports Home
- **Thursday 29th January** - Y10 Progress Evening in School
*Bookings will be available from **Jan 22nd at 4pm** - <https://parklands.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **Thursday 5th February** - Y9 Progress Evening in School
*Bookings will be available from **Jan 29th at 4pm** - <https://parklands.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **Friday 13th February** – Last Day of Term 3pm Finish

Could Your Child be Eligible for Free School Meals?

Check **eligibility and apply** via Lancashire County Council:

[Free School Meals - Lancashire County Council Lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/)

If you do apply, please also email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Catering: To see our **new** school menus, please click [here](#). Next week will be **week 4**

Missing Bottles... waiting to be reunited with their owners!

If your child's bottle is one of these, please ask them to come to the main office to collect it.



Whole School Messages

Chorley's SEND Road Show

Chorley's SEND Road Show is on **4th Feb, 9.30am till 1pm, at Inspire Youth Zone..**

Agencies can book a stand via.. [Lancashire SEND Roadshows 2025/2026](#)

Families.. just turn up!

Child and Family Health App

Parents and carers in Lancashire can now access trusted child health and wellbeing advice through two new digital tools from Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing.

A new Lancashire Child and Family Health App (developed by HCRG) has been launched.

It is packed with information for parents, young people, and professionals working with families across the 0–19 age range.

The 'Lancashire Child and Family Health' app provides:

- Expert information on child development from before birth to age 18
- Guidance on breastfeeding,
- Healthy eating
- Sleep
- Vaccinations
- SEND
- Support for dads

Download for free

<https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/lancs-child-and-family-app/>

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing has also launched Anya, a free digital companion supporting families from pregnancy through to a child's second birthday. Anya offers 24/7 personalised guidance on infant feeding and early parenting, including interactive 3D animations, virtual communities, and specialist drop-in sessions.

Key features include:

- An AI-powered virtual companion offering personalised support
- Interactive 3D breastfeeding animations
- Specialist drop-in video sessions for feeding support
- A trimester-specific antenatal programme with birth planning
- Virtual communities and peer support

Anya is available in multiple languages, including English, Arabic, Urdu and Bengali, making support more accessible for families across Lancashire.

Whole School Messages

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

Here is an update on KS3 RS and some conversation starters you might like to discuss with your child at home.

Year 7: Students have continued their spring unit exploring the inquiry question:

“What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st Century?”

- What are mitzvot, and why are they important in Judaism?
- Why is Moses an important figure in Jewish history and belief?



Year 8: Students have begun their new spring term unit exploring **the History of Christianity** and the enquiry question: **“Who was the real Jesus?”**

- What do you already know about Jesus and Christianity?
- What does the term ‘messiah’ mean?
- Why do Christians believe Jesus was the prophesied Messiah?



Year 9: Students have continued their study of **Islam**, deepening their understanding of key beliefs and teachings.

- What Tawhid means and how does this belief influence Muslims in their daily lives?
- Who is Prophet Ibrahim? Why is he an important figure in Islam?



Manchester Jewish Museum Trip

Tuesday 24th March 2026



- Students will take part in the **Holidays & Challah** workshop, where they will learn about Jewish festivals and traditions.
- They will have the opportunity to explore the **synagogue** and take part in activities that deepen their understanding of Jewish community life.
- The trip takes place **during the school day**. You will leave **after form time** and return **before lunchtime (Period 4)**.
- The cost of the trip is **£10**. There are **70 places available**.
- To secure a place, parents or guardians must pay a **£5 deposit via ScoPay**. Places are allocated **on a first come, first served basis**.

Miss J. Sullivan has emailed Year 7 parents with full details.
Please refer to the letter or contact jsullivan@parklandsacademy.co.uk
for more information.

Whole School Messages

On Monday our **Wellbeing Prefects** (part of the Breathe & Be Wellbeing Team) collaborated with [Compass Bloom](#) to record a special podcast project focused on the theme of **belonging**.



The prefects did an outstanding job, demonstrating remarkable confidence and insight throughout the recording process. Their work contributes to [Compass Bloom's](#) wider mission of supporting young people's mental health through innovative, peer-led initiatives. We are incredibly proud of their dedication to promoting a positive wellbeing culture within our school community. Keep an ear out for the final episode, which will be available soon!.

Year 7

Well done to Year 7!

A commendable effort from Year 7 this week during the GL Assessment PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) Survey. The students conducted themselves with maturity throughout the process.

The data gathered from this survey is invaluable, allowing us to accurately identify and implement targeted support where it is most effective.

Miss Rhodes
Assistant Headteacher & Year 7 Achievement Lead

Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 19th January 2026

A great start to the first few weeks of the new year! The wet and colder weather has well and truly arrived! Please remember to bring warm clothing with PE kit (PHS hoodie/PHS leggings/PHS joggers). You can also wear a long sleeved dark top UNDERNEATH a PHS t-shirt if you do not have a PHS hoodie. If you are unsure please ask a member of the PE staff.

To ensure pupil safety during PE, all students with long hair are required to tie it back. While I have previously provided spare hair bobbles, this was a temporary measure that is no longer sustainable.

Effective immediately, hair bobbles will no longer be provided by the department. It is a pupil's responsibility to include a bobble as part of their essential PE kit. Failure to have one—resulting in an inability to participate safely—will be recorded as a kit mark/BfL (Behaviour for Learning) point in line with school policy.

We have been jam packed with fixtures these past few weeks. From netball to handball to dodgeball to district champion football!

Enjoy a few snaps of our super stars...



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?

Year 7: 101 pupils to date
Year 8: 69 pupils to date
Year 9: 72 pupils to date
Year 10: 75 students to date
Year 11: 72 students to date
All: 389 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 171
Year 8: 155
Year 9: 161
Year 10: 146
Year 11: 183
All: 816

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?

Year 7: 169

Year 8: 126

Year 9: 134

Year 10: 125

Year 11: 146

All: 700

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school
[Parklands Bulletin](#)

Parklands Pupil Bulletin

Find out what is happening in your school.....



Attendance

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 **163 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	91.9%	93%
ASA	94.5%	94.2%
EUR	94.7%	94.6%
SAM	92.3%	93.6%
AFR	93.3%	93.9%
Totals %	92.8%	93.4%

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**.

Reward Trip System Years 7-10

How do I get the points?



Reward Trip Point System - per half term

- BfL average 2.95 and over - 2 point
- Attendance 94% and over - 1 point *
- No social strikes - 1 point
- No lates - 1 point
- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

You have 4 half terms to earn a maximum of **20** points. You will need **17** for the trip!

(* attendance must be a minimum of 93% to be eligible for Blackpool)



Learning Support

Learning Support - Every Minute Counts: The Importance of Being in Lessons

We want every student to make the most of their learning time. Even a few minutes missed from each lesson can quickly add up and have a big impact on progress.

For example, if a child misses just 5 minutes from every lesson each day, that adds up to around 4 hours of learning lost every week. Some students are missing as much as 16 minutes per day as they are arriving late and/or leaving early. That's the equivalent of over 7 hours of learning time lost every week.

We fully appreciate that sometimes students need time to reset, reflect, or take a short break and these moments are important for wellbeing. However, we also want to highlight just how valuable lesson time is.

Every minute spent in the classroom contributes to a stronger understanding, better progress, and greater confidence in learning.

It is our job to work together to make sure our students are present, ready, and making the most of every learning opportunity.

Ms Williams
SENCo

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click [here](#)

**Learning Support Board**
Week Commencing
26th January 2026

"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation."
PAUL THEROUX

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire**

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
This is a relatively quiet week in school. Some of our year 11s are taking part in a revision training session on Tuesday afternoon. On Thursday evening, it's the year 10 Progress Evening here at school.
Finally, remember that there is always somebody available to talk to in N17 before school, break and lunchtime although not often during lessons.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk



What country is this?
Last time's answer: Puffin

Joke of the Week

What does an octopus wear in the winter?
A Coat-of-Arms!

RESILIENCE:
NEVER GIVING UP
even when things get tough
THE COURAGE TO
come back from a failure
TRYING HARD EVEN
if you're not sure of success



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- The Communication Trust
- FIND Newsletter
- GOV.UK Covid-19 Information
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group

Click [here](#) for career news



Lots of really useful content in this week's Career News: competitions, challenges, festivals, work experience, apprenticeships, webinars, workshops, courses ... the list is endless!

Leyland Trucks apprenticeships are now open for application - don't miss out. These are brilliant four year apprenticeships - and there are TEN available at Level 3. See inside Career News for more details.

CyberFest is returning to Blackburn College on 7th February. This is a great day for all the family - take part in laser tag, an escape room, cyber mythbusting and much more. Plus there's free food, drink and parking!

LEYLAND TRUCKS

A PACCAR COMPANY

Level 3 - Assembly Operative x 10

Level 4 - Automotive Engineer x 4

Level 4 - Facilities & Maintenance x 1

Level 4 - Fabrication and Welding x 1

Level 5 - HR x 1

Level 6 - Design Engineer x 2

Level 6 - IT Software Engineer x 1

Level 6 - Supply Chain x 1

Visit leylandtrucks.co.uk/apprenticeships



THE PERU CREW PRESENT...

Guess this Alpaca's name

Join us in giving this charming creature a name that reflects its character!
Pick from the list in The Library, guess correctly and win it.

£1 per guess, cash, or on scopay, see Mr Johnston in The Library to enter or for more information, the winner is announced on 13th Feb

All proceeds go towards the Peru trip in August 2026





♥ *Share the love this Valentine's Day for Rosemere* ♥

Want to surprise someone special? Support the **Rosemere Cancer Foundation** by sending a Valentine's treat!



- **Roses:** Just £1 or £1.20 if delivered directly to your friend or "someone special" during Form on Friday February 13th.
- **Treats:** Valentine's cards, lollipops, chocolate and bears are also available from 50p
- **Win Big:** Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win our **Luxury Valentine's Hamper.**

Available to purchase on scopay £1 per strip

Find the Charity Prefects on the Concourse at break. Every day from Monday, February 2nd.

Cash only!


Say **YES** to the prom dress



Our prom dress pop-up shop is back.

Featuring quality pre-loved dresses in a range of styles and sizes. We've got price points to suit every pocket and no appointment needed. Pop along and try on all of your favourites. Say yes to the dress and support your local hospice.

 The Garden Room,
St Catherine's Hospice
PR5 5XU

 Saturday 31st January

Sunday 1st February 2026

10 am to 4 pm

For further **details**,
call our team on
01772 695299

THE BIG UNIFORM EVENT

Chorley
Council

WEAR IT, LOVE IT, THEN
SHARE IT AND SAVE IT
FROM GOING
TO LANDFILL!

Thursday
12th
February
9am-12pm

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL
UNIFORM FREE TO TAKE
AWAY

INSPIRE YOUTH
ZONE, CHORLEY

Everyone welcome!



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We're Helping
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