



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 1

23rd - 27th February 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,.

It has been lovely to welcome pupils and staff back after the half term break. We have used this return to emphasise the importance of our core standards. We have held assemblies with all year groups to remind them of our expectations regarding, uniform, behaviour, attendance, punctuality, and mobile phones.

Mobile phones: In line with recent Government guidance, we are taking a stronger stance on mobile phones to ensure our school remains a focused, social, and safe environment. We have reminded all pupils that **phones must be switched off and out of sight in bags or lockers**. They must **not** be kept in pockets.

Please note that **phone strikes do not reset each term**. As a reminder, our stepped policy remains:

- **1 Strike:** Confiscation of the device.
- **2 Strikes:** Confiscation and a school detention.
- **3 Strikes:** Confiscation, detention, and a parent/carer is required to collect the phone.
- **4 Strikes:** Confiscation, detention, parent collection, and the pupil must hand their phone into the office every morning.

Staff will be conducting **spot checks** throughout the day. We ask for your full support with this: **if your child contacts you during the school day using their phone, they are breaking the rules**. If they need to make an urgent call, they must see their House Achievement Leader; likewise, if you need to reach them urgently, please call the school office directly.

We are actively investigating systems which will enable us to ensure that phones are not accessible or used in school. As an example, we have visited a school where Yondr pouches are in use (see link [here](#)) and this is one approach which we are considering.

Punctuality

We have reminded pupils that they should be in school and at their form room by 8.30am, ready for registration at 8.35am. Pupils who are not in their form rooms at 8.35am, ready to start the day, are marked late and will receive a same day break time detention. Repeated lates will result in detentions after school. We have also clarified for pupils the importance of being on time to all lessons. We have made some changes to the one way system in school to improve the flow around school and to ensure that pupils are able to arrive on time to all of their lessons.

The vast majority of our pupils get everything right; this has just been an opportunity to remind pupils about standards. It has been lovely to see so many Year 7 and 8 pupils receiving their trackers and being rewarded for excellent progress in special breakfast events this week. Next week sees the launch of our new look bulletin. Hopefully you will find this easier to navigate. Please let us know what you think!

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Key Dates - February to April 2026

- **Tuesday 24th February:** Year 8 Trackers sent home with pupils and available on Edulink
- **Thursday 26th February:** Year 7 Trackers sent home with pupils and available on Edulink
- **Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th March:** School Dance Show
- **Thursday 5th March:** Years 9, 10, and 11 Behaviour Reports sent home
- **Tuesday 10th March:** Ramadan Iftaar Event (17:30 – 19:00)
- **Thursday 12th March:** Year 9 Specialisms Evening (18:00 – 19:30)
- **Friday 13th March:** Careers Fair
- **Thursday 19th March:** SEND Progress Evening
- **Friday 20th March:** Comic Relief & World Down Syndrome Day (Odd Socks Day) – *More information to follow*
- **Thursday 2nd April:** School closes at 15:00
- **Monday 20th April:** School Reopens

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

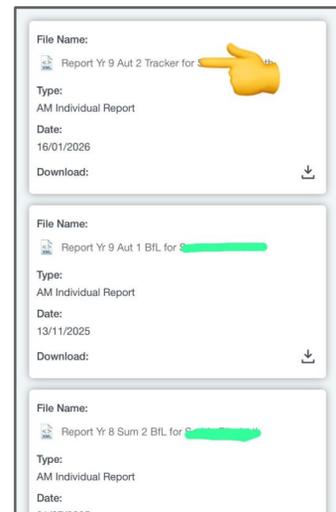
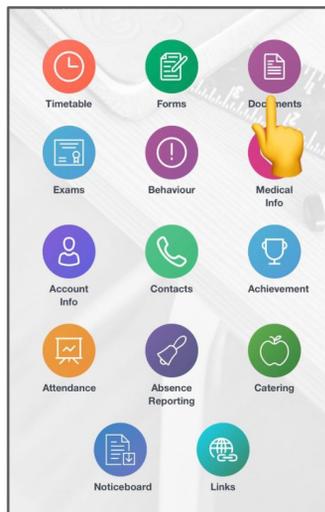
Catering: To see our **new** school menus, please click [here](#). Next week will be **week 2**



How to View Trackers & BfL Reports

Trackers and **BfL Reports** are published as official school documents. These are found in the **Documents** section on the app.

- On the main dashboard, look for the **Documents** icon.
- In this section, you will find a list of PDF files. These include:
 - **Trackers**
 - **BfL Reports**



Years 7, 8 & 9

On **Tuesday** we held a Review Day assembly for our **Year 8** students ahead of them receiving their Trackers. There were some amazing reports and over 100 students still have a BfL score of a Perfect 3.

On **Wednesday** morning we held a reward breakfast for **Year 8** students with the 'top' trackers. Well done to James A, Jack L, Isaiah M, Molly W, Hannah S, Amelia B, Mariam A, Lily G, Georgia S, Grace B, Joseph H, Jessica M, Eva C, Libby W, Henry R, Hasaan A, Belsim B, Bethany G, Amy B, Sheza H, Sarah A and Jessica C.

On **Thursday** we held a Review Day assembly for our **Year 7** students ahead of them receiving their Trackers. There were some amazing reports and over 140 students still have a BfL score of a Perfect 3.

And on **Friday** morning we held a reward breakfast for **Year 7** students with the 'top' trackers. Well done to Thomas B, Grace J, Alex P, Annabelle S, Anwen T, Macie W, Max G, Laci T, Ruby D, Seb H, Katie L, Isabella D, Junaid K and Rahoz S.

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

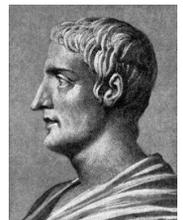
Here is an update on what students have been learning in KS3 RS, along with some conversation starters you might like to explore with your child at home.

Year 7: Students have continued to explore **“What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st Century?”**



- What do the terms kashrut, trefah, and kosher mean in Judaism?
- What is Shabbat, and why is it important for Jews?
- How is Shabbat celebrated?

Year 8: Students have been learning about **the History of Christianity** and reflecting on **“Who was the real Jesus?”**



- What did Cornelius Tacitus write about Jesus?
- Why is Tacitus' position as a Roman historian significant when considering evidence for Jesus' existence?
- Do you think the Gospels provide reliable evidence for the existence of Jesus? Give reasons for your view.

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

- What is Shariah law, and where does it come from?
- What types of punishments can be given under Shariah law?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of Shariah law?



Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 23rd February 2026

A great start to the first few weeks of the new year! The wet weather has well and truly arrived! Please remem. We have been very busy with lots of fixtures this week. From football to handball to basketball and lots of GCSE preparations with the practical mock exams!

Enjoy a few snaps of our super stars...

*****DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES DANCE SHOW NOTICE*****

MON/TUE FULL TECH REHEARSAL IN COSTUME 3-5.30

SHOW WED/THURS/FRI ARRIVE 6-6.15PM

FRI PRIMARY MATINEE 2-4PM

FRIDAY SOLD OUT! WED/THURS AVAILABLE

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/parklands-high-school>

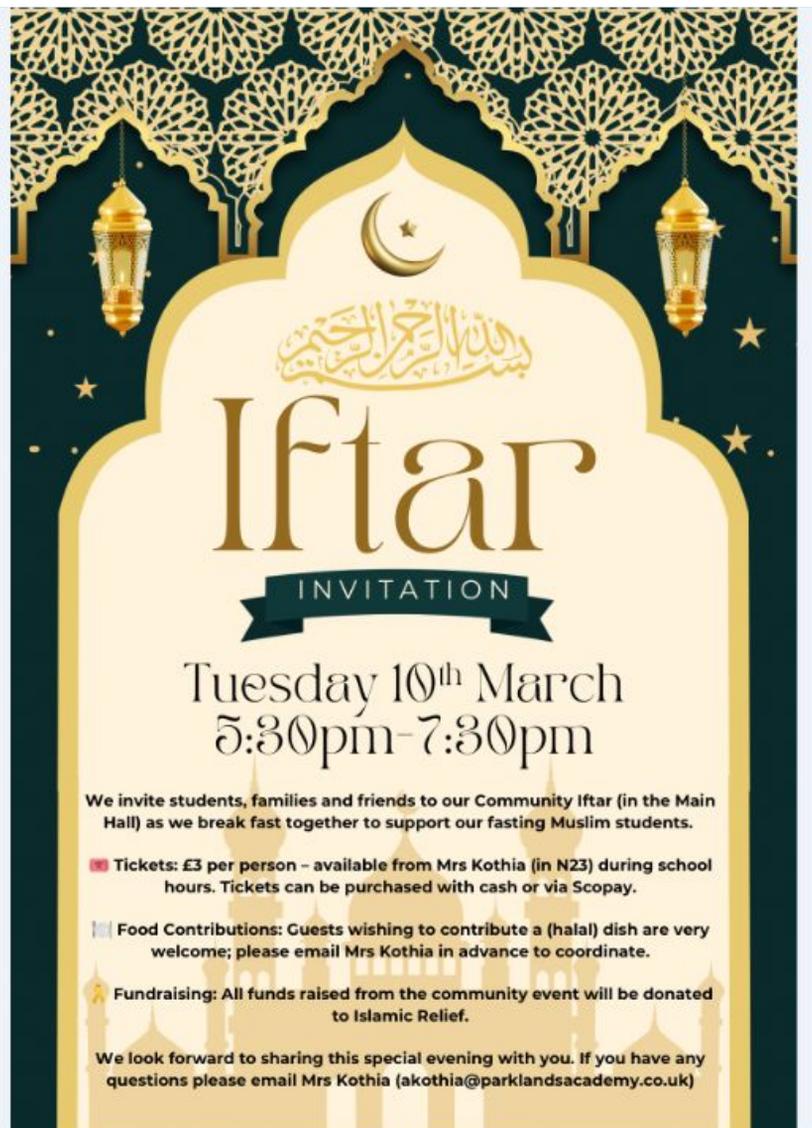


Well done to the Y7 & 8 pupils who have shown great maturity and confidence in PE and as a result have been invited to use the fitness suite after school as their reward!



Pupil spotlight

A big shoutout to our Y9 pupil Elizabeth who competed in the English Age Group Weightlifting Championships in Birmingham this past weekend and secured a silver medal. Congratulations!



Iftar
INVITATION

Tuesday 10th March
5:30pm-7:30pm

We invite students, families and friends to our Community Iftar (in the Main Hall) as we break fast together to support our fasting Muslim students.

- 📄 **Tickets:** £3 per person – available from Mrs Kothia (in N23) during school hours. Tickets can be purchased with cash or via Scopay.
- 🍽️ **Food Contributions:** Guests wishing to contribute a (halal) dish are very welcome; please email Mrs Kothia in advance to coordinate.
- 🕋 **Fundraising:** All funds raised from the community event will be donated to Islamic Relief.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you. If you have any questions please email Mrs Kothia (akothia@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

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.



March 5th - The Library

The Big Book Swap 2026

How to take part

- On or before World Book Day, bring a book to The Library that you are happy to give away.
- On World Book Day, come to The Library and take a book from the selection that other people have brought to swap
- Enjoy reading something new



SCHOLASTIC  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school*

11th March - 17th March. On the Concourse outside The Library



Book covers displayed: **LET'S SPLIT UP** by Bill Wood; **2025 FOOTBALL LEGENDS** (Top Players); **PHANTOM HEARTS** by Rosie +ALB+ and Sarah Maxwell; **Powerless** by Lauren Roberts.

Join Us for the KS3 EAL Family Reading Night!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At our school, we believe that **multilingualism is a superpower**. To celebrate the diverse languages spoken within our community, we warmly invite all families who speak a language other than English at home to our **KS3 EAL Family Reading Night**.

Reading together in your home language isn't just about stories—it strengthens family bonds, boosts cognitive development, and provides a vital foundation for academic success in English.

- **When:** Tuesday 24th March
- **Time:** 3:10 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Where:** School Library

Why Attend?

- **Global Library:** Learn how to access thousands of titles in **any language** via our E-Platform.
- **Community:** Meet other multilingual families and share reading tips.
- **Refreshments:** Enjoy tea, coffee, and snacks while you browse.

Whether you are fluent in English or just starting your journey, this evening is for you. Let's work together to keep your child's love for their home language—and reading—thriving!

RSVP: Please send a quick email to jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk to confirm your attendance for catering purposes.

 ! انضموا إلينا في أمسية القراءة العائلية لطلاب المرحلة المتوسطة

،الأهالي وأولياء الأمور الأعزاء

نحن نؤمن في مدرستنا بأن تعدد اللغات هو ميزة استثنائية. واحترافاً باللغات المتنوعة في مجتمعنا، ندعو جميع العائلات التي تتحدث لغة غير الإنجليزية في المنزل للانضمام إلينا في أمسية القراءة العائلية

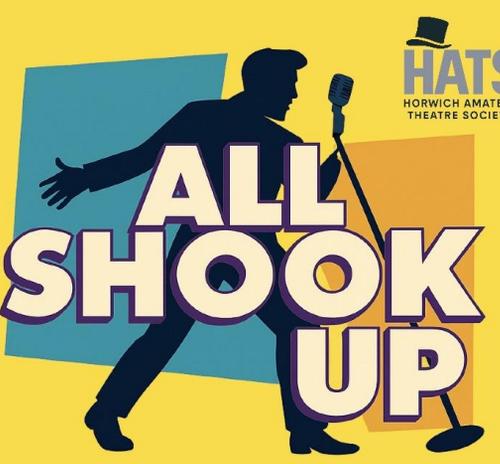
إن القراءة معاً بلغتكم الأم لا تقتصر على سرد القصص فحسب، بل إنها تقوي الروابط العائلية، وتعزز التطور المعرفي، وتوفر أساساً حيويًا للنجاح الأكاديمي في اللغة الإنجليزية

- **الموعد:** يوم الثلاثاء 24 مارس
- **الوقت:** 3:10 – 4:00 مساءً
- **المكان:** مكتبة المدرسة

لماذا يجب عليكم الحضور؟

- (E-Platform) **مكتبة عالمية:** تعرفوا على كيفية الوصول إلى آلاف الكتب بأي لغة عبر منصتنا الإلكترونية
- **مجتمعنا:** فرصة للقاء عائلات أخرى تتحدث لغات متعددة وتبادل نصائح القراءة
- **ضيافة:** سيتم تقديم المشروبات والوجبات الخفيفة أثناء استمتاعكم بالتصفح

سواء كنتم تتقنون الإنجليزية أو كنتم في بداية رحلتكم لتعلمها، فهذه الأمسية مخصصة لكم. لنعمل معاً على تعزيز حب طفلكم للغتهم الأم وللقراءة **تأكيد الحضور:** يرجى إرسال بريد إلكتروني سريع إلى jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk لتأكيد حضوركم (لأغراض تنظيم الضيافة).



HATS
HORWICH AMATEUR
THEATRE SOCIETY

ALL SHOOK UP

Inspired by and featuring the songs of **ELVIS PRESLEY**
Book by **JOE DIPIETRO**

8th - 11th April 2026
Peace Community Theatre, Bolton
Doors Open 7:00pm / Show Starts 7:30pm

Directed by Nicholas Edwards. Choreographed by Lorraine Brown

For ticket information, visit horwichats.com
or check out our Social Media

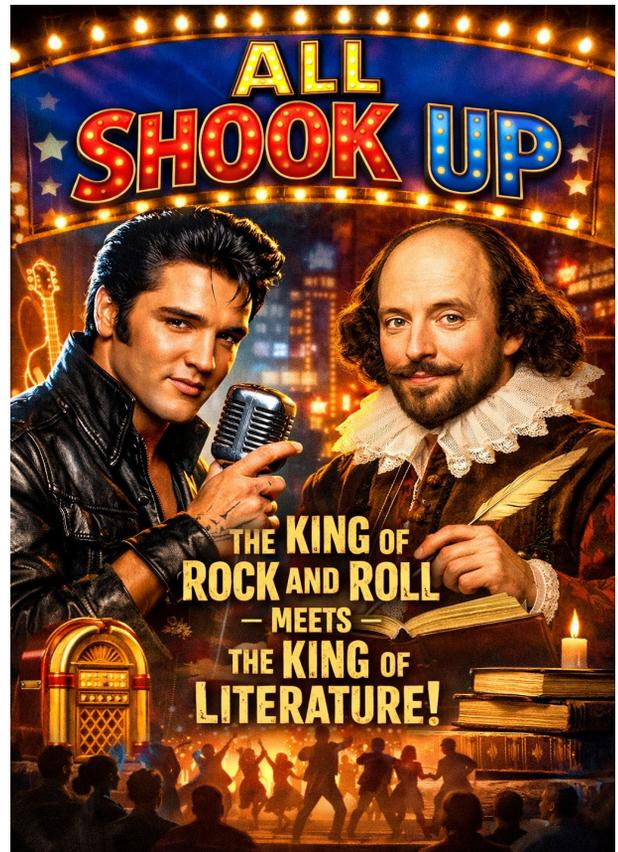
 [Horwich Amateur Theatre Society](https://www.facebook.com/horwichamateurtheatresociety)  [horwichamateurtheatresociety](https://www.instagram.com/horwichamateurtheatresociety)

Originally produced on Broadway by Jonathan Pollard, Berni Kukoff, Clear Channel Entertainment, Harbor Entertainment, Miramax Films, Bob & Harvey Weinstein, Stanley Buchthal, Eric Falkenstein, Nina Esman, Nancy Nagel Gibbs, Jean Cheever, Margaret Cotter, in association with Barney Rosenzweig, Meri Krassner, FGRW Investments, Karen Jason, Phil Clausillo Conard. Originally produced for Goodspeed Musicals, Michael P. Price, Executive Producer, Sue Frost, Associate Producer

All Shook Up is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), www.theatricalrights.co.uk

This Easter, Miss Fox and Mrs Sullivan-Brown are performing in the jukebox musical All Shook Up. It's a fantastic 1950s reimagining of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night featuring the iconic music of Elvis Presley.



We would love to see the Parklands community in the audience cheering them on!

Grab your tickets today: horwichats.com



Valentine's Fundraiser Success

We are incredibly proud to announce that our Charity Prefects raised a fantastic £313.18 for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation during our recent Valentine's events.

This donation will go directly toward supporting world-class cancer treatment and care in our region. A huge thank you to our hardworking prefects and to every student, parent, and staff member who supported the fundraiser. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

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: 87 pupils to date
Year 8: 66 pupils to date
Year 9: 64 pupils to date
Year 10: 67 students to date
Year 11: 70 students to date
All: 354 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 165
Year 8: 139
Year 9: 150
Year 10: 153
Year 11: 160
All: 767

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: 166
Year 8: 128
Year 9: 126
Year 10: 123
Year 11: 143
All: 686

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 **132 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	94.5%	93.4%
ASA	96.5%	94.3%
EUR	96.5%	94.7%
SAM	95.7%	93.6%
AFR	93.5%	93.9%
Totals %	95%	93.5%

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**.

Attendance Ladder



Attendance

Attendance Update: Every Lesson Counts

This term, we are renewing our focus on attendance and punctuality. We know that high attendance is the key to raising GCSE grades, but it also ensures your child remains socially connected, forming better friendships and taking full advantage of our extra-curricular clubs.

How we are supporting your child:

- **FT Check-ins:** Form Tutors will now have a brief "wellbeing check-in" with any student returning to school after time off to ensure they are caught up and supported.
- **Targeted Support:** Students classified as *persistently absent* will meet with a member of SLT or their HAL. These meetings are designed to help us understand how we can remove barriers to their attendance.

We are asking for support from all parents and carers to uphold high expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day. Let's work together to maximise their potential!

Did you know?

- 90% attendance sounds good, but it equals $\frac{1}{2}$ a **day of school missed every week**.
- Over one school year, 90% attendance is **4 weeks of missed learning**.

Please support us by ensuring your child attends school every day.

Table: Attendance vs. Lost Learning Time

Attendance %	Days Lost per Year	Lessons Missed
100%	0 Days	0 Lessons
95%	10 Days (2 Weeks)	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days (4 Weeks)	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days (6 Weeks)	145 Lessons

EXTRA TRIP POINT AVAILABLE!

Next week is our first bonus point week
for the Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip

Achieve 100% attendance
ALL NEXT WEEK
and earn an extra point
towards your trip!

Year 11
Prom points
are available!

Remember, you need 17 points and a
minimum of 93% attendance to be
eligible for the trip!

Body

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](#)



The collage features several sections: a blue header for the Learning Support Board week commencing 2nd March 2026; a quote by Charles Dickens about punctuality; a 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire' banner; a 'Joke of the Week' featuring a monkey and a peach; a 'The NIGHT before school' section with sleep tips; an 'Inspire Club Quiz' about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World; an Instagram follow prompt for @phs_learningsupport; and a 'Useful Links' section with a list of resources.

Learning Support Board
Week Commencing
2nd March 2026

"I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence."
CHARLES DICKENS

LANCASHIRE LOCAL OFFER Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
Welcome back to the spring term. The last few weeks have seen a few changes at Learning Support. Ms Williams, our SENCO, now has a larger office adjoining our break-out space, the Zen Den. We can now meet you in more spacious surroundings than the very cramped old office. The LSAs are still based in N17.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Joke of the Week
Where do baby monkeys sleep?
In an APE-RICOT!

The NIGHT before school
Get everything you need for school ready
Set your alarm with time to spare
If you bring your lunch to school - Make it now
Turn off electronic devices 30 minutes before sleep
Remember that people aged 11-16 need 8-10 hours of sleep

Inspire Club Quiz
Which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is shown here?
Last time's answer: Charnal

Follow us on Instagram:
[phs_learningsupport](#)

Useful Links

- FIND Newsletter
- GOV.UK Covid-19 Information
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group
- ADDitude Magazine
- Autism Eye
- Autism Parenting Magazine
- British Dyslexia Association
- The Communication Trust

Click [here](#) for career news



Lots of useful information in this week's Career News: helpful webinars, apprenticeship vacancies, open events, conferences, work experience and much much more.



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Training 2000

**APPRENTICESHIP
VACANCIES**

First Call Care Ltd
Business Admin Apprentice
Blackburn
£283.12 per week
Business Admin

Holdex Group Ltd
Recaller Apprentice
Bolton
£302.00 per week
Customer Service

Inox Fabrications Ltd
Apprentice Design Engineer
Blackburn
£294.45 per week
Engineering

Marvtech Limited
Electrical Fitting Apprentice
Hapton
£294.45 per week
Engineering

Alan Gordon Engineering Ltd
Apprentice Machinist
Chorley
£286.90 per week
Engineering

NFM Europe
CNC Lathe Operator/
Machinist Apprentice
Bamber Bridge
£302.00 per week
Engineering

Leyland Trucks Ltd
Facilities & Maintenance
Engineering Apprentice
Leyland
£344.00 per week
Engineering

Pets Choice Ltd
Apprentice Maintenance
Engineer
Blackburn
£316.00 per week
Engineering

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