



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 2

26th - 30th January 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week at school, and the energy in the corridors has been wonderful. As we move deeper into the term, it is heartening to see our students so focussed on their goals.

Reflecting on This Week

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families who joined us for the **Year 10 Progress Evening** yesterday. It was a busy and incredibly productive evening!

Speaking with so many of you, it's clear how much hard work is happening behind the scenes. These conversations between teachers, parents, and students are vital in ensuring our Year 10s feel supported as they navigate the midpoint of their GCSE courses.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

The momentum continues next week with two very important events on the calendar:

- **Year 9 Progress Evening (Thursday):** We look forward to seeing our Year 9 families on Thursday. This is a pivotal year as students begin to think about their future specialisms, and we are eager to discuss their brilliant progress with you.
- **Year 11 Mock Interview Day (Friday):** On Friday, our Year 11 students will be taking part in a "Mock Interview Day." We are thrilled to welcome representatives from several **local businesses** who have kindly volunteered their time to conduct these interviews. This is an invaluable experience to help our seniors build confidence and refine their professional skills before they head off to college and apprenticeships.

A Quick Reminder: Punctuality

Following on from our update last week, we are continuing to monitor **lateness to lessons** throughout the school day. Thank you to the vast majority of students who are arriving promptly and ready to learn; your commitment to making every minute count is really showing in the classroom!

Finally, I'd just like to draw your attention to the lockdown information which you will find later in the bulletin. It is an important process to ensure that we are all safe in school. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's House Achievement Leader in the first instance.

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher



Operation Encompass Parents Awareness Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school/ college is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At **Parklands High School** our Key Adults are **Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Haslam**. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved. **Yours sincerely,**

Mrs C Batson Headteacher

Mrs N Fairhurst Designated Safeguarding Lead

Whole School Messages

Lockdown Practice

We are writing to inform you that our annual lockdown practice will take place on the week commencing 9th February.

Just as we practice fire drills to ensure we can evacuate the building safely, it is essential that we practice "lockdown" procedures to ensure we can keep everyone safe indoors should an emergency arise.

The aim of this drill is to test our procedures and ensure staff are confident in their responsibilities.

To minimise disruption and anxiety:

- The drill will be explained to pupils beforehand (during registration or assemblies) so they understand what to do.
- Staff will guide pupils calmly throughout the process.
- The focus is on safety and preparedness.
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Parklands' lockdown procedure is designed to protect pupils and staff in various situations, such as:

- An intruder or unauthorised person on school grounds.
- A local environmental hazard (e.g., chemical spillage, smoke, or dangerous animal).
- Extreme weather events.
- Malicious, false or threatening emails or correspondence

During the practice, an audio signal will play. Staff will secure classrooms, lock doors and windows, and keep pupils calm and away from clear view. No entry to the school grounds will be permitted for the duration of the drill. Once the procedure is successfully tested, the Headteacher or Senior Leadership Team will sound the "all clear."

We hope we never have to use these procedures for a real emergency, but being fully prepared is the best way to ensure the safety of our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. C Batson (Headteacher) via email at cbatson@parklandsacademy.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

I am emailing to inform you that next week, I will be running assemblies with our male students to inform and educate them about "sextortion". There is lots of evidence/cases that young males are being targeted by criminals and exploiting them with demands for money because, unfortunately, through social media, young males have been asked to send sexual images and then demands for large amounts of money have been asked of them, or the threat of exposing the pictures to family and friends is made.



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 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

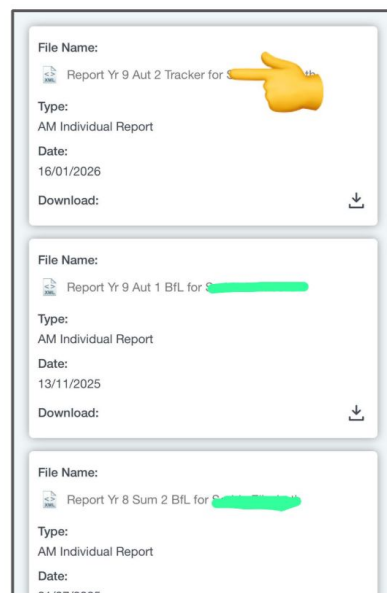
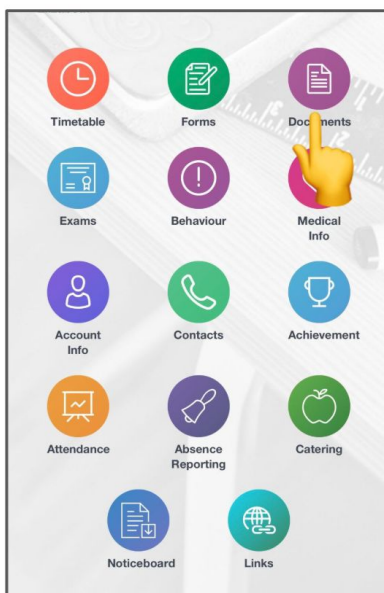
Catering: To see our **new** school menus, please click [here](#). Next week will be **week 2**



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**



Whole School Messages

National Storytelling Week

Next week is National Storytelling Week and the theme for this year is 'Soundtrack your Story'. There will be a range of different workshops during lunch throughout the week for pupils to get involved in and explore how we tell stories through music. Pupils can ask Mrs Holly if they want any more information about these sessions.

Year 11

All students have been given their Statement of Entries today for their Summer GCSE exams. Could you please take the time to check this with your child. Any queries regarding the entries to be sent to the Exams Officer, sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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.

We have been very busy with lots of fixtures this week.

From swimming to football to basketball!

Enjoy a few snaps of our super stars...



Pupil spotlight

A big shoutout to our Y7's who won the ELFA Kiera Walsh Cup and our Y10 James who made his debut for the Bowden men's hockey 1st team. Congratulations!



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: 98 pupils to date
Year 8: 67 pupils to date
Year 9: 69 pupils to date
Year 10: 73 students to date
Year 11: 72 students to date
All: 379 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 169
Year 8: 149
Year 9: 153
Year 10: 159
Year 11: 163
All: 793

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: 176
Year 8: 143
Year 9: 148
Year 10: 140
Year 11: 156
All: 763

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 **147 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	93.6%	93.1%
ASA	93.5%	94.1%
EUR	94%	94.6%
SAM	92.8%	93.6%
AFR	93.3%	93.9%
Totals %	93.1%	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**.

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
2nd February 2026

"Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life."
J. K. ROWLING

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

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
For those Year 11s who missed their interviews for Wigan & Leigh College last month, there is another opportunity on Tuesday. Mrs Berry will have further details. There are also mock interview sessions for Year 11s on Friday. Some Year 11s will also be supported by Memory Revision sessions on Tuesday afternoon. Finally, it's the Year 9 Progress Evening in school on Thursday evening. Whatever your age, have a great week!
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

**What is the highest wind speed ever recorded on earth and where was it?**

Last time's answer: Croatia

Joke of the Week

What do lions say before they have dinner?
Let us PREY!

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Useful Links

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

Careers

Click [here](#) for career news



Lots of useful information in this week's Career News. There are webinars, apprenticeship vacancies, workshops, quizzes, challenges, competitions, work experience opportunities and so much more.

Runshaw College interviews for Year 11 are now in school on 19th and 20th March 2026. The evening event has now been cancelled (9/2/26). Everyone who has applied will now be interviewed during the school day - schedule to follow once I have the full list of applicants.

Year 11 will have their Mock Interviews with employers next Friday 6th February. They should bring along a completed, checked, unfolded CV - they do not need to bring anything else. Full school uniform is required.

Many college deadlines now approaching: SJR, Bolton Sixth Form, Newman - if you apply after the deadline, you will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of a place. Do not take the risk! If you haven't put in applications to at least TWO colleges, please do so immediately. That applies even if you are intending to take up an apprenticeship position or join one of the uniformed services - anything can change before September.

In aid of



Valentine's Hamper Raffle tickets are now available to purchase on scopay for £1 per strip, during form time or at breaktime on the concourse outside the library. The draw will take place at lunchtime on Friday 13th February.



♥ *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!

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.

Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

Inspire Youth Zone Chorley

4th Feb 2026

9:30 – 1pm



Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



Lancashire
SEND
Roadshow

Dates across Lancashire are:

25th Sept 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
22nd Oct 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
3rd Dec 2025 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
28th January 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
4th February 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
26th March 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
15th April 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
6th May 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
16th June 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
1st July 2026 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub



To book please use the following
<https://forms.office.com/e/yVjR4rwppk>



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



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!



SVP Chorley Buddies
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