



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 1

2nd - 6th February 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy and purposeful week here at school. Our corridors have been buzzing with activity, from university visits to professional interviews, as we continue to support our students in broadening their horizons and preparing for the future.

Highlights from This Week

It's been a week of "real-world" experiences and looking ahead:

- **Lancaster University Visit:** On Monday, some of our Year 10 students enjoyed an insightful trip to Lancaster University. These visits are vital for demystifying higher education and helping our pupils see the exciting paths available to them.
- **Year 11 Mock Interview Day:** Today has been particularly impressive. Our Year 11s have been "under the spotlight," taking part in formal interviews with representatives from local businesses. This experience is invaluable for building the "employability skills" that will set them apart in the future.
- **Boys' Assemblies:** Throughout the week, we held targeted assemblies for Boys in Years 7 through 11, focusing on real life concerns about online dangers, specifically what is known as 'sexortion'. The boys in all year groups took the messages seriously and behaved maturely. This was directed at boys as they are the group at most risk of this crime. This was an additional session, as this topic is covered for all pupils as part of the Secure programme.
- **Student Leadership:** Our Head Pupil led an excellent online assembly focussing on mental health, demonstrating the fantastic leadership talent we have within our student body.
- **Year 9 Progress Evening** took place on Thursday. This is a crucial time for Year 9 as they begin to consider their specialisms, and we were able to discuss their achievements and potential with parents and carers.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

We have a packed schedule to lead us into the holidays:

- **Year 7 Respect Day** takes place on Monday. This is a day where Year 7 pupils will focus on disability awareness and this should be an enjoyable and informative day for them.
- **Year 9 Specialisms Launch** takes place on Thursday. This assembly marks the start of the specialisms process, helping Year 9s begin to choose the subjects they will specialise in for their GCSEs.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** On Tuesday, we will be hosting DTP/ACWY immunisations for Year 9. We also have staff Refresher Diabetes training taking place, as we ensure our whole school community is looked after.

Headteacher's Message Continued....

- Creative Talents: Good luck to our Year 11 Dance students, who will be completing their formal exams on Monday and Tuesday.
- Travel Preparations: On Monday evening, we will be hosting a meeting for parents of students attending the Edinburgh History Trip.

Half-Term Break

Please note that **Friday, 13th February** is the final day of term.

Notice: The school will be **closed** for the half-term break from the end of the day on Friday, and we will reopen to all pupils on **Monday, 23rd February**.

I hope you all have a productive final week and a wonderful, well-deserved rest when the holidays arrive.

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

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.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs C Batson
Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

I would just like to say a thank you to all of our male students who sat through assemblies on SEXTORTION this week. They were mature in their response and listened carefully to the information and guidance shared by myself and Mr Galbraith. Please remember to feel confident to share any worries or concerns with a trusted adult either at home or school so that we can support you to the right services.

Mrs Fairhurst
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Whole School Messages

Key Dates - February 2026

- **Friday 13th February** – Last Day of Term 3pm Finish

Y9 Immunisations Reminder

Y9 Immunisations will take place in school on Monday 9th for those who have given permission. Where possible please make sure your child has eaten and is wearing a short sleeved shirt. If you have any questions regarding this day please contact the nursing team on tel. 03333 583397 option 2, email team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk

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 3**

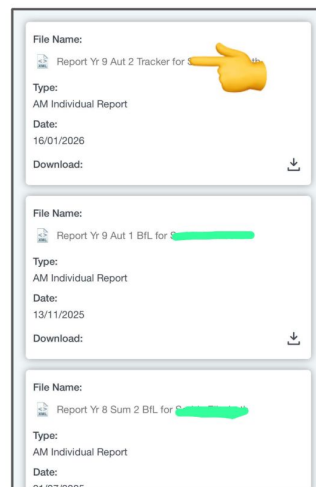
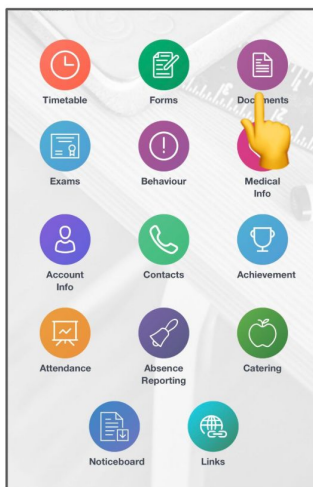
Edulink



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**



Books for Birds

Thank you to all those who have donated books for the second hand bookfair. We will be selling the books in the week after half term. All proceeds from the sales will go to placing nest boxes around the school site.

If you have any more donations of books aimed at teens and above, please send them into school where they can be stored outside of W01.



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: 92 pupils to date
Year 8: 66 pupils to date
Year 9: 69 pupils to date
Year 10: 72 students to date
Year 11: 71 students to date
All: 370 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 168
Year 8: 152
Year 9: 149
Year 10: 165
Year 11: 168
All: 802

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: 167

Year 8: 130

Year 9: 128

Year 10: 125

Year 11: 144

All: 694

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 **141 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	95.9%	93.2%
ASA	94.8%	94.2%
EUR	95.5%	94.6%
SAM	92%	93.5%
AFR	94.8%	93.9%
Totals %	94.2%	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**.

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](#)

**Learning Support Board**
Week Commencing
9th February 2026

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
We reach the half-term holiday on Friday. Before the end of the week, Year 7 have a Respect Day on Wednesday largely led by Daisy - a disability charity. On Thursday, there are Year 11 Dance exams. Remember that NIT is available if you need to see a member of Learning Support staff.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

**What are the three basic ingredients of ice cream?**

Last time's answer: 203 mph, Borrow Island, Australia

**Joke of the Week**
What has six legs, bites and talks in code?
A MORSE-quito!
Dot dot dot. Dash dash dash. Dot dot dot.

**STOP THINK**
MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

**Follow us on Instagram:**
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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)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group

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

Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 2nd February 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 coaching to handball, to table tennis and lots of GCSE preparations!

Enjoy a few snaps of our super stars...



Pupil spotlight

A big shoutout to our Y10 GCSE PE student Tommy. He has just signed a 2 year scholarship with Warrington Wolves (U15's). What a fantastic achievement. Congratulations! And Finn in Y9 who had his second football game representing Wales. Well done!



Whole School Messages

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 are the differences between Orthodox and Reform Judaism?
- What are the main features of a synagogue?
- Why is the Torah important in Jewish worship?

Year 8:

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

- Why did Christianity and Judaism split?
- Why was a Messiah considered necessary during Jesus’ time?
- What are the Gospels, and what do they teach Christians about Jesus?

Year 9:

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

- What was the early life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) like?
- Why is Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) considered a role model?
- How did Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) spread the message of Islam?

The Big Parklands Paper

Read all about it!

The latest edition of the school newspaper is out now. You can download a full copy [here](https://parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/parklands-newspaper). To see past copies, visit:

<https://parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/parklands-newspaper>

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THE BIG PARKLANDS PAPER

RELUNCH (M) DRAMA (W) TRAITORS

VOX POPs

Overheard around school

"Reading allows you to travel to other lands and other worlds, from your sofa."
—Mrs Holly

"Where wise actions are the fruit of life, wise discourse is the pollination."
—Miss Keller

"I think learning a language can change your life...it changed mine."
—Mr Stalker

Puzzle Corner

1	2	4		
	5			2
	3	2	6	5
		5	4	
		1	5	6
		3		

BOOK CORNER: The Outsiders

Scarlett Ashworth

You should read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton as it's a coming-of-age book that has been around for many decades. *The Outsiders* book is a timeless read that can show light to realities of growing up and the impact of friendships and family. It can also allow readers to understand complications within youth, loyalty and societal prejudice.

Careers Continued...

Lancaster University Trip

This week, ten of our Year 10 students headed to Lancaster University for an action packed day. They took part in campus tours, explored what life as a student is really like, got stuck into a student finance workshop, and even tackled a history of the campus challenge.

Our students represented the school brilliantly, and the day was a fantastic opportunity to experience university life up close. A brilliant trip all round!



Year 7 has a Respect day next Wednesday. The theme is disability awareness and we will be hosting visitors from the charity Daisy UK. You can find out more about their work [here](#). As well as this topic, Year 7s will also learn about some aspects of online safety and healthy friendships.

Click [here](#) for career news

Westholme Sixth Form
OPEN EVENING
Thursday 26 February 2026
17:00 - 19:00
www.westholmeschool.com

Preston College
Centre of Sporting Excellence
Sport and Football Taster Session
for all interested Year 11s
at Preston College
TUESDAY
17TH FEBRUARY 2026
10am to 12pm | registration from 9am

Parklands High School
MENTORVERSE
For students in the 10-11 year groups, we present the following activities:
• Free NHS Virtual Work Experience
• Free Volunteering Placements with the 'You Okay Doc?'
• Free National Study Skills E-learning
• Free Virtual Medical/Clinical Society Webinars
• Free Equality, Diversity and Inclusion E-learning Course for Healthcare Professionals
Your students can access these extraordinary opportunities by signing up for a free student portal:
Medical: <https://mentor-portal.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/>
Dental: <https://mentor-portal.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/>

Parklands High School
CAREER News 2026
Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School
Here we are at the end of another busy week at Parklands. Earlier this week we had staff from Wigan & Leigh College conducting interviews and on Friday we will have our Year 11 Mock Interview Day - where around 25 employees will speak to pupils. Hopefully I will have a full report for next week's edition. Pupils have been working CDE and personal statements in readiness for the interviews - and college staff are on standby ready to run the desktop and feedback sessions.
In other news this week:
• There is a Festival of Engineering and Construction on Monday 9th February at the Pagetfield Campus, Wigan & Leigh College from 8.30am - 7.00pm. There will be masterclasses and workshops, plus a number of top employer employers ready to talk about apprenticeship opportunities and career options.
• Alliance Learning in Wigan have their open evening on Thursday 12th February - and they too will have some masterclasses and workshops.
• NHS North West Ambulance Service are holding a Live Chat event on Tuesday 10th February for anyone considering a career in the ambulance service. Follow the link in the newsletter for full details.
• Don't miss the chance to find out more about the apprenticeship offers at Leyland Trucks with a number of live webinars during National Apprenticeship Week. Have your questions answered live and gain tips and advice from current apprentices.
• Westholme Sixth Form have an Open Evening on Thursday 26th February from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Scan the QR code to book your place.
• There is a Sport and Football Taster Session at Preston College on Tuesday 17th February from 10am - 12pm. Follow the link to sign up.
• If the Army is more your style, then why not take part in the online event on Thursday 3rd March, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. You will find out more about the wide range of career opportunities in the British Army.

NHS North West Ambulance Service
NWAS CAREERS LIVE CHAT
Are you thinking about a career in the ambulance service?
Are you considering alternatives to University, such as apprenticeships?
Tuesday 10th February 2026
1pm - 2pm
4pm - 5pm
SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT HOW TO CHAT TO US ONLINE
For more information and advice on roles and opportunities available, join our live chat at the specified times via this link:
<https://www.nwas.nhs.uk/careers>
For more information, please email: talentfor.care@nwas.nhs.uk

as a bronze pathway student, you can ...
Free work experience each month
Access to zoom links for all of our free conferences and seminars
Free Reading and Virtual Medical Societies
Access to Fundraising
All of your Medic Mentor certificates
Study Skills E-learning
Access to advance to other Pathways

Career News

As always, lots of useful information in this week's Career News. There are a few open events coming up at local colleges and training providers: Westholme Sixth Form, Myerscough, Bolton and LUSoM, plus Alliance Learning. For most colleges, that's it for this academic year - one or two colleges have a couple more which are mainly for Year 10s wanting to get a head start on choosing their next steps. The deadlines for some colleges have now passed, so any late applications will go on a waiting list, with no guarantee of a place. If you intend to apply to college and have not yet done so, you must get this done before the half term break.

The Runshaw College interviews will now take place in school on 19th and 20th March. As soon as I get the interview schedule, I will let everyone know their interview time.

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.



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





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>