



PARKLANDS BULLETIN



14th July - 18th July 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

As we write this bulletin we are right in the middle of our fabulous Learning Challenge Week. Today's Festival Day is the culmination of a unique experience for Parklands pupils. There are lots of photos and videos on our social media, so please have a look if you want to see what has been going on in school this week. We will include some of the highlights in next week's bumper Summer Bulletin.

Just a reminder that pupils should be back in full uniform next week, ready for our final week of term. Wednesday is the Big Picnic, Thursday is the end of year trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, and Friday will be the big reveal of the winners of the House Cup in the end of year assembly. Friday is also an early finish - pupils will start their summer break at 1pm.

There will be some reminders for September in next week's bulletin. Here's to a fabulous Festival Day!

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Key Dates - July

- **Monday 21st July:** Year 7 and 8 will receive their final BfL and attendance reports and certificates for those students with Perfect 3 behaviour scores for the year
- Year 9 and 10 will also receive certificates for Perfect 3 behaviour scores
- **Wednesday 23rd July:** Year 9 End of Key Stage report home
- **Thursday 24th July:** Summer Reward Trip
- **Friday 25th July:** Last Day of the School year - 1pm Finish

Y9 and Y10 same day detentions

Please be aware that if your child should receive a **BfL 1 or 0** they will be required to serve a same day detention after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. We hope this sanction may lead to an improved focus and better behaviour in lessons. We will endeavour to notify you by text message should your child need to attend the detention however please be aware this may not always be possible depending on the time of day. For example, if your child receives a 1 or 0 during their P5 lesson we may not be able to notify you ahead of picking your child up at the end of the day. You can also monitor your child's BFL on the EduLink app under the 'Attendance' section.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Polite reminder - Dropping items off at reception

Parents and carers are welcome to drop off forgotten items at reception, however please note that we are not able to notify pupils to let them know an item has arrived. Due to the high volume of PE kits and equipment we receive throughout the school day this is not possible. However, pupils are regularly informed and reminded that if they realise they have forgotten something they are able to check at the office to see if an item has been dropped off, even if a parent/carers hasn't been able to notify them prior. Pupils can continue to check throughout the day.

Please speak with your child to let them know that this is the protocol and therefore should they forget anything, they will know where to look.

Cashless systems - SCOPAY

To ensure smooth transactions that can be tracked and recorded for trips, food payments, uniform and more, we ask that payments are made online on SCOPAY wherever possible. We aim to reduce the amount of cash that is handled in school to improve efficiency and security. If you do not have a SCOPAY account, please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk stating your child's full name, form group and year group and a SCOPAY link will be sent to you. If this link does not arrive in your inbox please check your junk box.

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July 2025

Dear parents, carers, pupils and students,

As we fast approach the end of the academic year, please find below our latest update.

Ofsted inspections

Both Balshaw Lane and Gillibrand primary schools were inspected earlier this year with both schools securing **OUTSTANDING** for personal development and **GOOD** in all other areas. The trustees and I are delighted with these outcomes, especially the judgement for personal development, which we believe is a key element for parents and carers when choosing a primary school for their child. You may be aware that Ofsted are changing the Education Inspection Framework for next year, full details of which have yet to be shared with schools. Ofsted inspectors will receive their training on the new framework by October half-term, with full inspections commencing early November.

Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)

I am delighted to report that we have been successful in two of our bids to the Department for Education, details of which are below. Ms Slater, our Chief Operations Officer, is working with both schools and contractors to get the works underway and hopefully completed before September.

School	Successful projects	Total project value
Gillibrand	Fire Safety Improvements	£110,974
Highfield	Replacement of Fire Alarm System	£84,247
	Urgent Electrical Rewiring Works	£304,051
Total value		£499,272

Unfortunately, the DfE did not accept our funding bids for our two high schools. However, we have submitted appeals as our applications were exceptionally close to being successful. The outcome of the appeals will be announced in August (although this isn't guaranteed).

School	Appeals have been submitted for:	Total project value
Parklands	Fire Safety Scheme	£277,888
	Electrical Rewiring (Phase 3)	£446,135
Walton-Le-Dale	Renewal of Heating Distribution to Main Building (Phase 2)	£398,937
	Renewal of Roof Coverings to D Block	£433,442
Total value		£1,556,402



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Growth of our Central Team

In order to provide further support to our five schools, we have recently made the following appointments:

- School Improvement Lead
- Human Resources Admin & Finance Officer
- Estates and Compliance Manager

School Improvement

There are a number of areas we shall focus on next academic year across our trust, but I would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. Artificial Intelligence. The emergence of AI in education is an exciting prospect, but it must be approached with care, consideration and caution. There are a large number of AI products which can have a positive impact on teaching and learning, so our School Improvement Lead will work with our Network Manager and all our schools to ensure we choose the right products and provide the right training, support and guidance for our staff and students. AI is the future and it is here to stay: it would not be in our pupils' best interests to ignore the advance of AI, we must teach them to use it appropriately, wisely and safely.
2. Ofsted. As mentioned above, the new Education Inspection Framework is due to be rolled out during the autumn term, so we shall ensure that we upskill our school leaders, local governors and trustees. Our School Improvement Lead is a current Ofsted inspector, so we shall benefit enormously from his experience and training.
3. Early Years Foundation Stage. We shall review our provision with a view to ensuring we build on our strong foundations across the trust, so that our youngest pupils are even better prepared for Key Stage 1. This ties in with the Department for Education's [*Best Start in Life Strategy*](#).
4. Walton le Dale High School. The school's new headteacher, Mr Lamoury, has been in post since January this year, so for just two terms, but we can already see the impact of new initiatives under his leadership at the school. Our School Improvement Lead will work closely with the Senior Leadership Team and wider school staff to further drive improvements across the school.
5. Attendance. Since COVID, national levels of attendance have been too low. The DfE is very clear in its drive to increase attendance levels across the whole education sector, so we will continue to work hard with children and families where attendance levels are a cause for concern, so that the right support is available.

Primary Sports Day

We held our first sports day involving our three primary schools on Wednesday, 9th July at Parklands High School. Supported by Parklands pupils and staff, our Year 5 pupils from Balshaw Lane, Gillibrand and Highfield participated in the following events:

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • 5 a-side football | • Speed bounce | • Orienteering |
| • Long jump | • Javelin | • Tug of war |
| | | • Relay race |

Congratulations go to Balshaw Lane and their group 5B who were the overall winners!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in September

Kind regards,
Steve Mitchell CEO

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

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

**Learning Support Board**
Week Commencing
21st July 2025

"In every life we have some trouble, but when you worry you make it double. Don't worry. Be happy."

BOBBY McFERRIN

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Have You Heard the News?
After eight eventful weeks, we have reached the final week of the academic year for 2024/25. School finishes at 1pm on Friday but before that are several events. On Thursday is the Reward trip for those pupils above BfL and attendance thresholds. Then, on Friday morning, we have the House Shield Assembly where the winning House for the year will be revealed. Have a great week.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk



This is the only flag not to contain a shade of red, white or blue. What country?

Last time's answer: Charles bridge

Joke of the Week

What music do balloons hate?
POP MUSIC


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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

SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

Open to years 7-9
The next trip will not go until 2029 so don't miss out!

13th February 2027

7 days

Total cost: £1590

Deposit: £100



Deposit Payments Via ScoPay
Email Miss Marr more information.
gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk
Letters available from the pavilion office.

The deadline to sign up has been extended to Friday 12th September.

Wanted: Food Business Owners

The Peru Crew are putting together a community recipe book and would like you to donate a recipe. If you want to be involved, please scan the QR Code opposite and donate £10 to our justgiving page. In return for this, you will get a double page spread in the book featuring your recipe, a photo, and an advert for your business. We are hoping to distribute our book throughout our school community, around Chorley and beyond. If you want to get involved or need more information please contact me on ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk



Whole School Messages

Staying healthy on your summer holiday

Dear Parents,

Are you going on holiday this summer?

If you are going on holiday or to visit family or friends in another country, you need to keep your family safe and healthy.

Check the travel health advice at [TravelHealthPro](https://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk) for the country you are visiting to find out if you and your family need any vaccinations or medicines before you go.

Why is this important?

Currently there are rising measles cases in England and abroad. There is a risk of more measles cases, especially over the summer months, as families with unvaccinated children and adults travel to countries where measles outbreaks are occurring.

Children are also particularly at risk of catching infections, which can spread through contaminated food and water.

If your child gets sick, they might:

- Feel very unwell on holiday
- Miss school when they come back
- Make other people in your family sick
- Make other children at school sick

Get vaccinations before you go

Your doctor may recommend some vaccinations before going away, for example:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis A
- Typhoid

These vaccinations are free on the NHS. The MMR vaccine is a routine childhood vaccination. Please do check with your GP if you are not sure if your child is up to date.

Book your appointment early so vaccines have time to work – ideally 4-6 weeks before travel but if you are later than this still check with your GP/travel clinic. Some vaccines only last for a few years so always check with your GP.

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What are these illnesses?

Measles

This spreads very easily from person to person. It can be very dangerous for young children.

Your child might:

- Have a runny nose
- Sneeze and cough
- Have red, sore eyes
- Feel very hot
- Have red-brown spots on their skin

Visit [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Hepatitis A

This affects your liver. You can catch it from dirty water or food, or from someone who has it.

Your child might:

- Feel very hot and tired
- Feel sick
- Have yellow eyes or skin
- Have dark wee
- Have a sore tummy

Visit [Hepatitis A - NHS](http://www.nhs.uk)

Typhoid

This affects your whole body and can be very dangerous.

Your child might:

- Feel very hot
- Have a headache
- Have sore muscles
- Have loose poo or find it hard to poo

Visit [Typhoid fever - NHS](http://www.nhs.uk)

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How to stay safe on holiday

Wash your hands

- Wash your hands after using the toilet
- Wash your hands before eating or preparing food
- Use soap and wash for 20 seconds
- Use hand gel if you cannot find soap

Safe food and water

- Only drink bottled or boiled water
- Do not eat food that is not cooked properly

If your child feels unwell after your holiday

Call your doctor or call NHS 111.

For more travel advice

- Travel Health Pro: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk>
- NHS Travel Health Advice: www.nhs.uk/travel
- Local Travel Vaccination Clinics: [List local options]
- [UKHSA blog: The essential travel checklist to keep you and your family healthy on holiday](#)

Best wishes,

Natalie Fairhurst

Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Water Safety information

Drowning Prevention - stay safe near water from The Lancashire Water Safety Partnership

When the warm weather hits, please don't be tempted to cool off by jumping into open water, particularly from height -

- The water is colder than it looks, even on a warm evening or sunny day
- This can lead to cold water shock
- Currents may be stronger than they look and even hidden
- There are often hidden dangers beneath the surface and water can be polluted

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

- Call 999;
- Tell them not to panic and, if they can't stand, to float on their back in a starfish shape. When calmer, encourage them towards you.
- Throw them something that floats or a throw/life line

World Drowning Prevention Day (Friday July 25)

[World Drowning Prevention Day - 25 July \(rnli.org\)](https://www.rnli.org)

To help raise awareness, landmarks across the whole of Lancashire are being lit blue on the Thursday evening. Please look out for those that take part to remind us that 'anyone can drown, no one should'. In previous years these have included Blackpool Tower, Fleetwood Marine Hall, Lytham Windmill, Chorley Town Hall, Ormskirk Clock Tower, Skelmersdale Light Cube, Rivington Pike and the Pigeon Tower. We will post further details and confirm the locations nearer the time on our Social Media Platforms. We would love to see your photos of them, so if you spot any (only the buildings though please – try not to include people sorry) you can send the pictures to - preventionsupport@lancsfirerescue.org.uk

You can find really good practical water safety advice for all different situations from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and partner organisations by clicking on this link [Water Safety | Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service \(lancsfirerescue.org.uk\)](https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk)



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ABOUT THIS EVENT....

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THIS EVENT WILL BE A PACKED INTERACTIVE SESSION LED BY EXPERIENCED PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS, SHARE EXPERIENCES, AND ASK QUESTIONS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT 'THE FIZZ', HOW THE BODY RESPONDS TO WORRY AND STRESS, AND HOW TO INCORPORATE AND IMPLEMENT EACH OF THE 12 DECIDER LIFE SKILLS INTO EVERYDAY LIFE. RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR THE DECIDER LIFE SKILLS EVENT AND EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS INCREASED MINDFULNESS, LESS STRESS AND MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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WEEK 2 – MON 11TH AUG – WED 13TH AUG
WEEK 3 – MON 18TH AUG – WED 20TH AUG
WEEK 4 – TUES 26TH AUG – WED 27TH AUG

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10:00am – 12:00am

AFTERNOON

1:00pm – 3:00pm

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Be Wildfire aware this summer...



Call 999
if you discover a fire

Stay safe, tell Fire Control the location, size and any relevant information.

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COLD WATER KILLS

it's more dangerous than it looks

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- ⚠ There is no supervision.
- ⚠ The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- ⚠ It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- ⚠ There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.
- ⚠ There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.
- ⚠ Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses. There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- ⚠ Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

**Enjoy the water safely
this summer**



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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always
research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with
friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service
when inland and the Coastguard if at the
coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

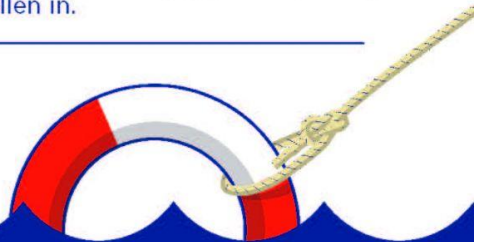
FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float
on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody
that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk





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