



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 1

17th - 21st November 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have held a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need; we also played a whole school game of Bingo in form for those who donated to the charity. So far, we have collected £865, with some donations still to come. Thank you, as always, for your generosity today.

Before the Summer, we sent information about the need for price increases in the canteen to bring us in line with Lancashire schools. We have made these increases incrementally, with the final increase due to take effect on Monday 1st December. Please contact your child's HAL if you have any questions or concerns about this. The Free School Meals Allowance will still allow pupils to buy the meal deal at lunchtime.

Next week we will be welcoming back last year's Year 11 cohort and their families to celebrate their GCSE exam achievements at KS4 Presentation Evening on Thursday at 6pm. It is always lovely to see them, and to see how much they have grown up and to hear how well they are all doing.

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Key Dates - November and December 2025

- **Thursday 27th November** – KS4 Presentation Evening for our 2025 leavers, 6:00–7:30pm
- **Friday 28th November** – Cheerleaders Christmas Party, 6:00pm
- **Tuesday 2nd December** – KS3 Reading Evening, 5:30–6:30pm (*more information to follow*)
- **Wednesday 3rd December** – Flu Vaccinations (Years 7–11) and Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- **Thursday 11th December** – Year 7 Christmas Disco
- **Friday 12th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Year 11 Mock Exams finish
- **Thursday 18th December** – Year 7 Christmas Cinema Reward Trip and Years 8–11 Christmas Trip to the Trafford Centre.
- **Friday 19th December** – It's CHRISTMAS! School finishes at 1:00pm

School reopens Tuesday 6th January for pupils.

School Menus

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

Price Increase

Breakfast item	Lunch Item
Sausage/bacon barm- £1.60	Main meal- £2.60 Meal Deal- £2.80
Bacon wrap-£1.60	Chicken wrap- £2.00
Waffle- 90p	Burger- £2.00
Pain au choc-£1.00	Panini-£2.00
Hash brown- £1.00	Potato item- £1.60
Cheese & toast-£1.00	Pizza- £1.60
Toastie-£1.60	Pizzini- £2.20
Toast/crumpet-50p	Sausage roll- £1.60
	Chicken strips £1.60

Secure Class:

Next Monday in Secure, all pupils will be learning more about Men's mental health and Movember. We will be discussing barriers to getting help and how to help themselves and others.

Whole School Messages

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

From January 2026, the school will be updating the trip subsidy for students eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or the Pupil Premium (PP) grant.

We are proud to offer a generous subsidy for trips, much higher than many other schools, but to ensure it remains sustainable, the annual allowance per student will change as follows:

- FSM students: Reducing to £150 per academic year
- PP (non-FSM) students: Reducing to £100 per academic year

Important Details:

- Reward trips will remain 50% subsidised for both FSM and PP students.
- Curriculum trips that are compulsory as part of the course will continue to be fully funded.

Why this Change is Necessary:

- Adjusting the allowance enables us to support more students and offer a wider variety of trips.
- By reducing the allowance, we can maintain the quality of our trips year after year.
- This change also helps us adapt our interventions and provide alternative forms of support for our students.

Action for Outstanding Deposits:

If your child has a planned trip and the deposit has not yet been paid, please ensure it is submitted by **31 December 2025**. Deposits not received by this date will be subject to the new allowance rates in 2026

For any questions about trip funding or your child's allowance, please contact

pupilpremium@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Miss Rhodes

Pupil Premium Lead/Assistant Headteacher

PP Funding

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If your child qualifies for PP funding, you have been emailed the link to a survey. Please complete at your earliest convenience. Thank you to all who have completed this so far.

Kind Regards

Miss Rhodes

Pupil Behaviour and Attendance Survey!

All pupils have been sent a link to a survey relating to attendance and behaviour in school. Please can you encourage your child to fill this survey in. We will be using their feedback to improve and guide our systems.

Many thanks, Mrs Haslam

Whole School Messages

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

Is Your Child a Young Carer?

If you think your child may have young carer responsibilities, or if you'd like to make us aware, please get in touch.

Please email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk with the following information:

- Child's name
- Year group
- Who they care for
- How frequently they provide care
- Anything else you would like us to know

While young carer status does not come with additional funding, it does ensure your child is recognised and supported in school.

Y9, Y10 and Y11 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.

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 **360 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%	93.9%
ASA	95.7%	95%
EUR	94.6%	95%
SAM	94.3%	94.9%
AFR	93.3%	94.8%
Totals %	94.3%	94.7%

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**.

Whole School Messages

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: 113 pupils to date

Year 8: 84 pupils to date

Year 9: 89 pupils to date

Year 10: 96 students to date

Year 11: 85 students to date

All: 467 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 177

Year 8: 151

Year 9: 165

Year 10: 169

Year 11: 175

All: 873

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: 168

Year 8: 133

Year 9: 137

Year 10: 126

Year 11: 137

All: 701

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.....



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
24th November 2025

Have You Heard the News?
This is an important week for those year 11s studying Food & Nutrition. They will be doing their Non-Exam Assessment. For last year's school leavers, it is their Presentation Evening on Thursday when GCSE certificates and prizes are awarded. On Friday, our cheerleaders hold their (quite early) Christmas party. Finally, remember that there is always somebody available to talk to in N17 before school, break and lunchtime.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

**Inspire Quiz**

What is the name of this island?
Last time's answer: Charles Dickens

"Self confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings."

SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

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You have to take the STAIRS.

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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

Whole School Messages

Career Visit:



On Monday, twelve Year 10 students visited the University of Central Lancashire's Preston campus, where they took part in a campus tour, a finance workshop, a student life Q&A session, and Law/Human Rights workshops.



This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

Students continue to explore some big questions and ideas. To help spark meaningful conversations at home, here are some discussion questions you might like to explore with your child:

Year 7 – Ultimate Questions

- How are Hindu teachings about the origins of the universe similar to Christian teachings?
- How are they different?
- How do different beliefs about creation affect the way people live their lives?
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Year 8 – Prejudice and Discrimination

- How have men and women been treated differently throughout history?
- Why was the right to vote so important for women?
- In what ways did women contribute during World War Two, and how did this change society?



Year 9 – Human Rights and Social Justice

- Who is Malala Yousafzai, and why is she considered such an important figure?
- Why is education such a powerful tool for promoting justice?
- What did Malala mean when she said, “one child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world”?



Secure Class:

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Parklands Parental drop in



BEE'S
COUNTRY
KITCHEN,
FLEET
STREET,
CHORLEY

FRIDAYS
9:15-
10:30AM

£10 VIA
SCOPAY

JOIN US FOR A

TRAFFORD CENTRE TRIP YR 8,9,10,11

OWN CLOTHES ON THE DAY
LEAVE AT 3:30PM- RETURN 9PM BACK
TO SCHOOL

18th
DEC

AT 3:00 PM
SCHOOL HALL FOR
COACH
INSTRUCTIONS

YOU NEED 6 TRIP
POINTS TO ATTEND



HOME ALONE MOVIE

Year 7 Christmas Trip

At Reel Cinema Chorley

***17th December
2:00pm - 5:00pm***

£5.00



Christmas Reward Trip Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate and recognise the good behaviour, effort, and achievements of our Year 7 students this Autumn term, we are delighted to offer a trip to **Reel Cinema in Chorley to watch the Christmas movie - Home Alone.**

Date: Wednesday 17th December 2025

Cost: £5 per student. For pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium the cost will be £2.50

This payment covers cinema ticket only. Students may wish to bring additional spending money for popcorn or sweets.

Timings:

- Depart school at approximately 2:00 pm for a 3:00 pm start of the film
- Please collect your child from Reel Cinema at 5:00 pm or alternatively if they usually walk home, they may do so.

Dress code:

Students may come to school in appropriate non-school uniform for the day.

Payment details:

- **Deadline for payment: 3:00pm on Friday 12th December 2025**
- Payment link: <https://www.scopay.com/parklands-lancashire>
- Please note: Payments are non-refundable.
- By making payment, you are providing consent for your child to attend the trip.
- Please ensure your child's medical information on Edulink is up to date. If you need to update details, email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk
- Your child's place will only be secured once payment has been received.
- If you require online payment login details, please email your child's name and form to: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

There are 160 places available, and the trip will close once all places are filled.

Eligibility criteria:

As this is a trip organised through staff goodwill, it is open to students who have shown consistent good attendance, behaviour, effort, and progress.

We will use the Points system to determine eligibility. Students can earn up to 8 points during the Autumn term, and will need at least 6 points to qualify for the trip.

Christmas Reward Trip Year 7 cont'd....

Criteria	Requirement	Points
Behaviour for Learning (BfL)	2.95 or above	1
Attendance	95% or higher	1
Lates	0	1
Social Strikes	0	1

Each criterion is measured for both Autumn half-terms

Maximum 8 points

Behaviour expectations:

This trip is designed to be an enjoyable reward, but safety and conduct remain our top Priorities.

We ask that you remind your child of the importance of respectful and responsible behaviour throughout the trip.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's place at any point up to and including the day of the trip if behaviour, attitude, or attendance do not meet expectations. We appreciate your full support in this matter.

We look forward to what promises to be a fun and memorable afternoon for our students.

Warm regards,

The House Achievement Leaders

Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 17th November 2025

A great week in the PE department. The 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.

Year 8&9 Netball Due to the inclement weather the set of games at Holy Cross was called off. However Southlands were able to join us for some friendlies to get prepared for the tournaments next week! Well done



Under 16 Girls Football first round of the Lancashire Cup. A tough start coming from 2 goals behind to a 10-2 win! The team rallied together and showed brilliant tactical play. The team are now through to the next round against St Michael's.



Click [here](#) for career news



As always, lots of useful information in Career News. There are webinars, conferences, virtual work experience opportunities, workshops, apprenticeship vacancies, advice, quizzes and much much more.

Year 11 - you really do need to be getting those college applications in as soon as possible - preferably before the Mock Exams start, then you can focus on doing your best in those, rather than stressing about college applications! They are all online and will take you around ten minutes to complete - what are you waiting for? Don't forget that you can change your mind about the course(s) you have chosen, so don't panic if you're still not sure what to do at college.

[Click here](#) for all the help you need in completing college or apprenticeship applications.

DECEMBER 4TH

AT BREAKTIME, OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

CAKE SALE

CASH ONLY PLEASE

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PERU CREW

Year Seven Christmas Party

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 6-8PM

£2 ENTRANCE FEE, PLEASE PAY ON SCOPAY

MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS THE PERU CREW

SPREADING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH SOME
FESTIVE FUN, CHRISTMAS SING-ALONGS AND PARTY
GAMES.

MORE INFO SEE MR JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY





Family Reading Evening

Tuesday 2nd December
5:30 - 6:30PM



There will also be a book fair and the opportunity to buy book-themed Christmas gifts.



Christmas Cookie House comp!



Rules

You **must** evidence making and decorating your cookie plus your finished product.
(three pictures sent to Mrs K O'Reilly)

Final finished picture will be judged!

STARTS MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER – ENDS SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

PRIZES FOR 1ST 2ND AND 3RD PLACE. CLASS CHARTS POINTS FOR ALL WHO ENTER.



ADHD AWARENESS EVENING

26TH NOVEMBER AT 6:00PM - 8:00PM

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENING OF INFORMATION ALL ABOUT ADHD AND ADOLESCENCE

- The ADHD parent workshop will be a **practical** and engaging session that aims to provide parents with a **clear understanding** of what ADHD really is, separating facts from common **misconceptions**, and show **how ADHD affects children at school and home**.
- Parents will gain **clear, research-based insights** and **easy to use strategies** to support their child's learning and wellbeing.
- The workshop will be delivered by **Lydia Brooks**, an Assistant Educational Psychologist who currently works for **ed-Psychology Solutions**, an educational psychology service that helps identify and meet the individual and complex needs of young people across Lancashire.
- Lydia has a Masters in **Developmental Disorders** and has supported children with a wide range of special educational needs in nursery and school settings.

All parents welcome!

Please contact Lisa Williams SENCo if you would like to attend.

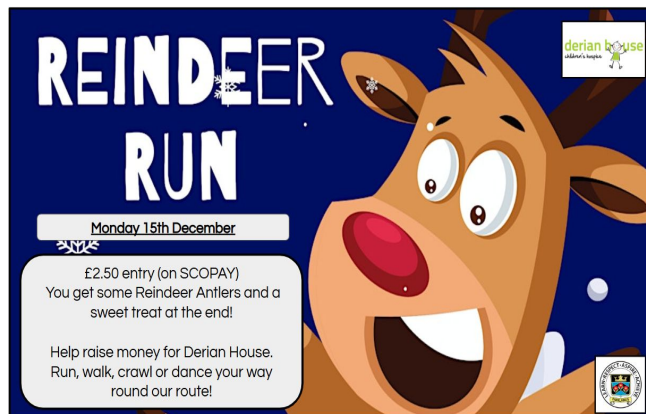
Email: lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk



🎄 Reindeer Run for Derian House 🎄



After school on Monday 15th December, we will be walking to Derian House Children's Hospice in Astley Village and back to help raise money and awareness for this wonderful charity. Everyone will be wearing festive reindeer antlers and spreading plenty of Christmas cheer along the way! Each participant will also receive a little Christmas treat. The cost to take part is £2.50, which should be paid via Scopay by Monday 1st December. Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference this Christmas!





COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

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

26th November - 3th December. On the Concourse outside The Library





PE Reminders/Cold Weather



The weather has changed significantly and pupils do still have lessons outside. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for PE. As they will still do the lesson outside unless it is deemed unfit by myself.

We have spare hoodies available if your child does not own one. I am happy to trade a hoodie permanently for a small donation.

We encourage the purchase of the leggings or pants from our suppliers

You can also wear your own base layers, white, black or blue. Underneath their PE t shirts.

Pupils should arrive at PE and change into the PE kit in the changing rooms.

Pupils who are struggling with an injury/medical ailment, please email pe@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Pupils will be expected to be involved unless there is medical note excluding them from the activity.

Our uniform can be purchased from both below.

<https://jadauniforms.co.uk/product-category/phs-parklands/>

<https://www.nuuniforms.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=60>





Duke Street Family Hub



WARM & Welcome

**MONDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL**

**Starting 20th October
3.30pm - 5pm**

JOIN US FOR FREE
ARTS & CRAFTS
WARM DRINKS &
CREATE YOUR OWN
PIZZA!



Parklands Preloved uniform

Pass it on, don't throw away,
A uniform's here to save the day!
Keep it going, let it flow,
Helping pupils as they grow.

Please send any preloved uniform into school
to Mrs.K O'Reilly.

Thank you.