

PARKLANDS BULLETIN Week 2 30th June - 4th July 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday of this week we held our 'Global Goals' fair, which is the culmination of the Year 8 Aspire project. In 2015, World Leaders agreed on 17 Global Goals, including eradicating poverty, providing clean water and sanitation, and reducing inequalities. Pupils worked in groups to research their chosen goal, and create presentations based on their findings and ideas for reaching the goal. They presented in a market style event, and their work included songs, poems, art works, food tasting, and interactive elements. The winners will be announced next week.

On Wednesday, it was another busy day in school. Year 10 visited Runshaw College for a taster day where they attended a variety of sessions and experienced life on the Runshaw campus for the day. Whilst Year 10 were out, we had our Year 6 induction Day at Parklands. The Year 6 pupils experienced lessons and life at Parklands; they spent time in their form groups, and met a variety of pupils and staff in their taster lessons. The day ended with Year 6's first House Competition, which contributes to the House Shield at the end of the Summer term.

Last night we held our annual KS3 Presentation Evening, and it was lovely to welcome so many families into school for the awards. Pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 received awards for a range of achievements including top trackers, most improved trackers, contribution to House, and progress and achievement awards for subjects. Please see our social media pages for pictures of the winners. I would also like to extend a Thank You to <u>Ebb & Flo Bookshop</u> in Chorley, who helped us with our order of books for our Year 9 winners.

Mrs. Batson Headteacher

Key Dates

July

- Wednesday 9th July: Year 7 and 8 Behaviour for Learning reports home
- Thursday 10th July: Year 11 Prom
- Monday 14th July: Learning Challenge Week, Year 10 Work Experience
- Thursday 17th July: Charity Football Match Staff vs Pupils at Westway 3:30pm kick off
- Friday 18th July: Learning Challenge Week Festival Day
- 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

Important - No aerosol sprays in school

For the health and safety of everyone, especially those with asthma, please **do not use aerosol sprays** (like deodorants or body sprays) anywhere on school grounds. These sprays can trigger serious asthma attacks and allergic reactions. Let's keep our environment safe and breathable for all.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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/carer 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 <u>admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> 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.

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.

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: 36 pupils to date Year 8: 41 pupils to date Year 9: 34 pupils to date Year 10: 37 students to date All: 148 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 156 pupils Year 8: 140 pupils Year 9: 124 pupils Year 10: 159 students All: 579 students

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: 135 pupils Year 8: 114 pupils Year 9: 89 pupils Year 10: 120 students All: 458 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



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 61 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	92.9%	93.7%
ASA	95.5%	94.9%
EUR	96.7%	95.2%
SAM	91.5%	94.2%
AFR	93.2%	94.2%
Totals %	93.7%	94.1%

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.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip

The date of the trip is Thursday 24th July. Final deadline for places and payment is Friday 11th July. Unfortunately, we cannot add pupils to the trip past this deadline.

Miss Burrill



Year 8 Prefect Applications Now Open

We're excited to announce that Year 8 students are now invited to apply for prefect positions. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and play an active role in our school community. Applications are open now - details have been shared with students during tutor time.

Senior Student Leadership Applications – Year 9

We are pleased to share that applications for Senior Student Leadership roles are now open to Year 9 students. This is a valuable opportunity for students to take on greater responsibility, contribute to school life, and develop key leadership skills. Full details have been shared with students during tutor time.



This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

To support your child's learning in Religious Studies, here are some updated discussion questions you can explore together at home.

Year 7 – Wealth and Poverty

- How do Buddhist and Christian views on helping others compare?
- Why do different religions often share similar values around kindness and compassion?
- What can we learn from these beliefs in our own lives?

Year 8 – Life After Death

- What are ghosts and mediums said to be?
- Why do people believe in them, and what evidence is there?
- What might a religious or non-religious person say about ghosts?

Year 9 – Religion and Life

- What is euthanasia, and why is it controversial?
- How do Christian and Muslim beliefs about sanctity of life affect views on euthanasia?
- Should people have the right to choose how and when they die?

Parklands Cheerleading Team, Fusion

Fusion are raising funds to purchase roll out gym mats for practises. We have a luxury confectionery hamper which we are raffling off at just £1 a strip. Tickets are available to purchase from the pavilion office at lunchtime and during form time from the cheerleaders. Parklands have over 100 cheerleaders who are the UKCA school champions in numerous categories. We would be grateful of your support so pop down and see us!















Parklands Peru Crew

A huge thank you and well done to all our Crew on their first sponsored/training walk. We made a very happy group on Saturday of 21 walkers and 4 well behaved 4 legged friends. The weather was kind to us, even if the midges and horse flies were not. Our route took us over Great Hill and across the moor to Roddlesworth, through some very pretty woodland, and along a small river where we had a rest stop for snacks and all the dogs cooled their paws before heading for home. The homeward route was interesting with several stiles, which required some human muscle power to get all of the dogs over! Thank you to Lily-Mae and Eva for bringing your dads, as my 45kg dog needed to be lifted over several locked gates next to the stiles. We really couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to Mrs Mawdesley for giving up her Saturday to walk with us.

We still have a few fundraising opportunities left this year; our main one is the Water Fight. Please see the information in this bulletin.



Ice Bucket Challenge

Are you able to sponsor Mr Herbane to do the Ice Bucket Challenge? Mental health is something that concerns all our community; students, staff, parents... everyone!

Lancashire Mind is a local independent charity based in Chorley. Their committed and energetic team of staff, trustees and volunteers are passionate about making a difference to the mental health of people living and working in Lancashire.

Any amount Mr Herbane can raise to help Lancashire Mind will be fantastic and your support is greatly appreciated. Payment is preferable on SCOPAY, but you can also pay cash. The deadline for sponsorship will be the 16th of July and buckets will be sent (without ice in!) on the day.

Alternative Sports Day 16th July Period 5. Venue to be confirmed!

My sincere thanks, Mr Herbane 🙂



PE Update week beginning 30th June 2025

The summer is closing in! Remember to check out the new summer extra curricular timetable which includes athletics, rounders, cricket, flag football and tennis! Lessons outside will continue unless it is unsafe to do so. Remember, there is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

Y7, 8, 9 & Rounders Tournaments

All their hard work was put to the test with the district rounders tournaments for all year groups this week! All teams played extremely well with year 7 placing 3rd, year 8 placing 4th, year 9 placing 3rd and year 10 also placing 3rd. We are so proud of you all. Well done!



Have a great weekend!

Staff versus Y11 Charity Football Match

The time is almost upon us...



Nature Photography Competition 2025

The Judges have met and can now announce the results of this year's Nature Photography competition. You can view all of the winners and runners up here:



Overall winner: Public Vote

All winners and runners up are now through to the final round to decide the overall winner. Pupils will get to vote on this in their forms next week but we would like to invite parents to also cast a vote for their favourite photo.

To vote, go here: <u>https://forms.gle/A1PzLTC2MaKJ8zTo7</u>. Voting closes at 5pm on Sunday 13th July.

Super Sustainability News

Here is the latest information regarding our solar panels here at school. It's great to think that this is happening just above our heads. Every little helps in our pledge to cut our emissions here at school.

We cannot wait to share with you our next endeavour in improving our schools carbon footprint.

Also great things are happening during Learning Challenge week regarding our biodiversity pledge here in the school grounds - watch this space!



Who will become Y7 "Parklands Memory Champion"?

THE PROJECT: Who can remember the most within their chosen category in the correct order?

24th June	Heats in Aspire Class	
1st July	Semi Finals in the Hall during Form	
7th July	Finals in the Hall during Form	. AC

Kazakhstan Country of the week



Capital - Astana Population - 20.33 million Main religion - Islam Leader - Kassym-Jomart Tokayev Official language - Kazakh, Russian Land mass - 2.725 million km² Currency - Kazakhstani Tenge Kazakhstan, a Central Asian country and former Soviet republic, extends from the Caspian Sea in the west to the Altai Mountains at its eastern border with China and Russia. Its largest metropolis, Almaty, is a long-standing trading hub whose landmarks include Ascension Cathedral, a tsarist-era Russian Orthodox church, and the Central State Museum of Kazakhstan, displaying thousands of Kazakh artifacts.

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 <u>ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>



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Wednesday 16th July, After School

£3 PER PLAYER, PLEASE PAY ON SCOPAY DODGEBALL WITH WATER MORE INFO, SEE MR JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS THE PERU TRIP



Visit The National Festival of Making and learn a new skill or have fun just watching! Full details can be found here: <u>https://festivalofmaking.co.uk/</u>



Careers

Click here for career news.



Lots of really useful information in this week's Career News: work experience, webinars, open events, festivals, apprenticeship vacancies, competitions and much more!

Work Experience Week is rapidly approaching, but I still have a few pupils who have not returned their booklets. These must be back by Monday 7th July. If anyone is struggling to find a placement, or their placement is unable to go ahead, then there are still a few places on the Rise Up scheme. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to work together to design their own youth services in Chorley. Drop me an email if you want to know more: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Well done to the Year 10s who have recently visited Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw Colleges for their sampling days - behaviour was exceptional throughout and staff were very impressed by how mature, polite and engaged everyone was. By Christmas this year, pupils will have completed their applications to colleges, so these days are invaluable in introducing pupils to the range of subjects they could study post-16. There will be lots of open events in the autumn term (some are advertised already) and I would urge pupils to visit as many as possible to ensure they make the right choice once they leave school. Too many pupils drop out of college as they haven't fully researched the courses, or they have chosen a college as it's on their doorstep or their friends have gone there. It's your personal choice, so be selfish and pick what's right for YOU.



A fantastic work experience opportunity has just been offered to us. RISE UP is a new project set up to represent young people in Chorley and they need to hear from young people about the issues that affect them. They are running a pilot scheme and this is where you come in!

They are looking for TEN young people to be involved in this scheme - get involved, and you can make a difference to future generations in the town.

ARE YOU

- A caring person who thinks about other people?
- Someone that wants to see change and a better future?
- A creative, arty individual who is keen on interior design?
- Someone who likes to help out with tidying, organising, sorting?
- Able to lend a hand with maintenance, painting, gardening?

If you can answer yes to any of the above, then this WEX week is for you! You will be working together as a team to transform a vision into reality (think DIY SOS!)

You will get to discuss issues that affect young people, whether that is exam stress, mental health, family life ... whatever it is that makes life tough for young people.

- You might be leading a discussion group or painting a wall.
- You might be planting flowers or writing letters to MPs.
- You might be deciding what issues 'RISE UP' should be concerned about and thinking of possible solutions.
- Whichever role you choose, you will be spending time in a safe, supportive environment, with friends.

If you are interested in finding out more, let me know come and see me in the Top Office. SOUNDS

GOOD?

THIS IS A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY - DO NOT MISS OUT!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For turther guides, hinter guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about



Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

like some child-friendly tablets ne iPad is not built for rou lling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or splil can result in a costly repair. If a child is using t rly, a sturdy case and so ce regul etector are strongly recommended to help event accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

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BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate toplcs simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by advits set by adult . .

SCREEN ADDICTION

Pads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional an behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

onged use of tablets has been linked with Following a data of tradiers has been timed with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating, Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

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Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a clearly but how for laws to mark the market how the set of th a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

bols like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime lows you to block access during key times - such as before bed or during omework - while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps erfs help children anticipate when their time is almost up. hom

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in IOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filte weesites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable to installation of certain app types completely.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or Intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under family Sharing ensures you receive a notificati to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and all you to discuss purchases together before they're made.



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Barnardo's MyTime to Thrive Service

Young Person Leaflet

An Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for children in Lancashire and South Cumbria that works alongside other mental health services using the Thrive model of care to provide the right service at the right time.



FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY 11AM-1:30PM

Parents, toddlers, carers and grandparents - Family Day is open to everyone!

Go head to head with everything from climbing to football or chill out in baking and art.

We've even got a brand new Baby Zone in the dance studio for the youngest of visitors... there really is something for everyone!

> P.S. FAMILY DAY IS FREE

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO!



FAMILY DAY IS POWERED BY





HAVE YOUR

Your Voice Matters!

We want to hear your thoughts on how we can improve and support opportunities for young people in Chorley. Your feedback will help shape the future for young people in the area.

This survey is designed for participants aged 12 years and older. You will also have the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win a £50 gift card for high street stores.



The survey is open now and closes on 1 November



Scan me for the survey

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Young People Survey



The best for our residents

Making it happen in

Chorley



Wednesday 6 August 11am to 3pm

Coronation Recreational Grounds, Off Devonshire Road in Chorley, PR7 2SR

A **FREE** community event packed with fun, creativity and play activities for children and families. Food, face painting, inflatables, rock climbing, play activities and much more.

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Welcome to Chr

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COOKER

Home Start Central Lancashire are launching Cooking Workshops for Parents and Carers. Children are welcome to join us too! The sessions are led by a trained team and will focus on batch cooking and supplying you with techniques and skills to use at home.

COOKING

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Sessions are FREE and ingredients will be provided, a slow cooker will also be available to use and take home

after use.

BOOKING REQUIRED CALL 01257 241636

Workshops will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 30th July 2025 09:30-11:30 Wednesday 13th August 2025 09:30-11:30 Wednesday 27th August 2025 09:30-11:30

112A Market Street Chorley PR7 2SL (Access from Fleet Street Car Park)

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A down-to-earth workshop in a supportive setting

No jargon We keep things simple and relatable.

No judgement Share your experiences without fear of criticism.

No pressure Join in the discussion as much or as little as you like

Help your children thrive and reach their potential!



Upcoming Sweet Chilli Parenting Workshop Dates

Mornings- 9:30am to 12:30pm - starting Monday 21st July 2025 for 5 weeks - Chorley Office, 112a Market Street PR7 2SL

Full Day -9:30 am - 2:30 pm - Running on Tuesday 9th Sept, 16th Sept and 23rd Sept 2025 Chorley Office, 112a Market Street PR7 2SL

After School- 3:30pm to 5:45pm - starting Thursday 11th Sept 2025 for 5 weeks - Cottam Primary School, Preston

If you would like to attend a session, please call the office on 01257 241636 and ask to be added to the session you require.

Please be aware that all sessions must be completed, and we are unable to offer any childcare for the sessions.

If you would like to hear about our future Sweet Chilli Parenting Workshops, please register via the QR code and we will then be able to send you the information when new sessions are released.



LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER?

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2025 SUMMER IN LANCASHIRE: EAT, PLAY, REPEAT!

袋 Get Ready for an Epic Summer! 袋 Join us for a packed programme of fun, adventure, and creativity this summer! From international-themed evenings and wild water games to exciting trips and chilled-out vibes, there's something for everyone. Sessions are for young people aged 12-16yrs, living in Chorley and on free school meals.



JULY

Mon 28 – Unite the World: USA | SEN Provision | 4:30–8:30pm @ Lord St Tue 29 – Ultimate Youth Games | 12–4pm @ Lord St Wed 30 – Arcade Club Trip | 11am–4pm

AUGUST

Mon 4 – Unite the World: Asia | SEN Provision | 4:30–8:30pm @ Lord St Tue 5 – Splash Zone Showdown - have fun with Water games | 12–4pm @ Lord St

Thu 7 - Pleasure Beach Trip | 8:30am-5:30pm

Mon 11 – Unite the World: Brazil | SEN Provision |4:30–8:30pm @ Lord St Tue 12 – Creative Vibes: Art Jam Graffiti artisit art session | 12–4pm @ Lord St Mon 18 – Unite the World: Italy | SEN Provision |4:30–8:30pm @ Lord St

Tue 19 - Celebrate & Chill | 12-4pm @ Lord St

Wed 20 – Anderton Outdoor Centre | 9am–5pm

Wed 27 – Wildshore Water Inflatables | 11am–4:30pm

To book a place scan the code and search Chorley: For more information contact: chorley.tys@lancashire.gov.uk

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lancashire.gov.uk/events





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.



