

PARKLANDS BULLETIN Week 1 7th July - 11th July 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another busy week at school. On Monday, the Year 7s took part in the Memory Challenge finals, and there were some really impressive entries. Well done to everyone who made it to the finals. Also a huge congratulations to Esme D who became the Year 7 Memory Champion with her impressive total of 211 song titles from musicals. Amazing!

On Tuesday, Year 7 took part in the 'Big Vote'. As part of Aspire, Year 7 have been learning about democracy and the political system. This unit culminated in Year 7 creating their own political parties and campaigning in school. They learned about the voting system and went to polling booths in school to cast their votes.

Last night was the annual Year 11 Prom at Rivington Hall Barn. The Year 11s all looked fabulous and had a really great time; there are lots of photographs on school social media if you want to see the dresses, suits, and arrival vehicles! We are really proud of our outgoing Year 11s, and of how hard they worked for their exams; it was lovely to see them celebrating their well earned successes. The next time we will see them will be at Results Day in August.

Next week is one of the highlights of our school calendar - Learning Challenge Week. Please keep an eye on your emails, as you will have been notified if your child is taking part in a trip next week, or if there are any other special arrangements for the group they are in. Year 7 will take part in the Island Challenge, Years 8 and 9 will take part in a range of individual challenges, and Year 10 will be out on Work Experience. The week ends with Festival Day, where families, friends, and the local community are invited in to school to see what the pupils have been working on all week. It is always a really fantastic week, and we can't wait to see what the pupils will produce.

Just a reminder that pupils do not need to wear uniform next Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, we will have Alternative Sports Day and pupils must wear their **Parklands PE kit** or a **house colour T-shirt** and **Parklands PE shorts.** On Friday, this will be Festival Day and pupils must wear **uniform.** All clothing needs to be appropriate for school, comfortable, and practical. The usual standards will apply - no jewellery, make up, false nails, etc. Also, some of the challenges can be a little messy, so pupils should try to wear clothes that they don't mind getting a little dirty. There is a £1 charge for wearing non-uniform for the week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday).

Next week is also our annual Charity Football Match between Staff and the Year 11 ex-pupils. This will take place at West Way on Thursday 17th from 3.30 - 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch; the entrance fee is a £2 minimum donation. Please bring cash only; this will be donated to a charity chosen by Parklands.

Mrs. Batson Headteacher

Key Dates

July

- 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

TikTok Accounts

We would like to bring to your attention a concerning issue that has recently affected our school community.

A number of TikTok accounts have been created that mock or make fun of our staff members. While we have taken steps to report and shut these accounts down, unfortunately, new ones continue to appear. Even when pupils are not the original creators of these accounts, some have been engaging with the content by liking, commenting, or sharing it.

This behaviour is not only deeply upsetting for our staff, who are dedicated professionals working hard to support your children, but it is also entirely unacceptable. Everyone in our school deserves to be treated with respect and kindness, both in person and online.We ask for your support in addressing this matter. Please speak with your child about the importance of responsible online behaviour and the impact of social media on others. Remind them that even engaging with inappropriate content can contribute to the harm being caused.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and will take appropriate action in line with our behaviour and safeguarding policies. Thank you for working with us to uphold the values of respect and integrity in our school community.

Learning Challenge Week

Next week (Monday 14th July - Friday 18th July) will be Learning Challenge Week and all the pupils and staff are very excited to get their challenges underway!

Notice for next week:

Pupils may wear their own clothes on the following days - **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** and if they wish to do so, they need to bring a £1 donation on Monday. They only need to pay £1 for the whole week. The money will be collected from students and all money raised from the week will be donated to the charity of our choosing in the final week of term.

For Years 8/9, their challenge may have given them something specific to wear (e.g - something they don't mind getting dirty) as they may be outside, painting etc. They should know this information, as they have been aware of their groups for 8 weeks. If they are unsure, they should email their group leaders.

The same standards regarding jewellery, make-up, nails and lashes still apply and this is not allowed during the week and may be confiscated and kept in the office until the end of the day. This applies to all years.

On Wednesday, we will have Alternative Sports Day and pupils must wear their **Parklands PE kit** or a **house colour T-shirt** and **Parklands PE shorts.** On Friday, this will be Festival Day and pupils must wear **uniform.**

It is also likely to be hot next week on some days. Please make sure your child has brought a drink, a hat and has suncream, in case they are outside for some challenges/workshops. Next week is set to be fabulous so look out for updates on our social media!

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/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.

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: 37 pupils to date Year 8: 40 pupils to date Year 9: 33 pupils to date Year 10: 35 students to date All: 145 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 146 pupils Year 8: 149 pupils Year 9: 144 pupils Year 10: 146 students All: 585 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: 88 pupils Year 10: 121 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 59 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	93.4%	93.7%
ASA	95.9%	95%
EUR	95.1%	95.2%
SAM	94.9%	94.2%
AFR	93.5%	94.2%
Totals %	94.4%	94.2%

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.

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.



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 🙂



Pupil Charity bike ride

Hello, my name is Jenny and I am a Year 9 pupil. I am doing a 38 mile bike ride around Glasgow in support of Sir Chris Hoy's Tour de 4 charity. I am really excited to do this bike ride and I would love to fundraise as much as possible for the charity. Any contributions will make an impact. Whether you donate a lot or a little, anything helps! If you would like more information or to make a donation, please click <u>here</u>.

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

To support and enrich your child's learning in Religious Studies, here are some questions you can explore together at home. These prompts are designed to encourage reflection, discussion, and deeper thinking about the concepts and beliefs we have covered in class.

Year 7 – Wealth and Poverty

- What is Fair Trade and why is it important?
- How does Fair Trade help reduce poverty around the world?
- What Fair Trade products have you seen or used?

Year 8 – Life After Death

- What are Near Death Experiences (NDEs) and Out of Body Experiences (OBEs)?
- What do people say happens during an NDE?
- What evidence supports or challenges NDEs and OBEs?

Year 9 – Religion and Life

- What does "quality of life" mean, and why does it matter in ethical decisions?
- Can ending a life ever be a compassionate decision?
- What do Christians and Muslims believe happens after death?
- How do beliefs about the afterlife influence the way people live?









PE Update week beginning 7th July 2025

The last PE bulletin of this academic year and it's been a busy one! Remember to check out the summer extra curricular timetable which includes athletics, rounders, cricket, 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!

Aspirational Futures Sports Day

Parklands hosted the very first sports day for all of the primary schools in our Multi Academy Trust. We had teams from Balshaw Lane, Highfield and Gillibrand. Our sports leaders ran netball, football, orienteering, tug of war and athletics events. All pupils participated with so much passion but it was the team from Balshaw Lane that took home the trophy! A massive congratulations to all of our sports leaders for helping run the event. THANK YOU!





Year 10 Football Summer Cup - at home against St Michaels. It was an evenly matched game, the lads played some great football. Unfortunately the final score did not reflect the game. We lost 4-2. Well done.

Year 8/9 Rugby Festival - against Southlands. Brilliant game displaying great levels of skill and even better sportsmanship. A very close match with only one point in it... and we won! Well done!





Year 7/8 Tennis Competition - at home. A team was selected to compete against all schools in our district. The team played with great skill and came away with third place! Well done!

PE Update week beginning 7th July 2025

Pupil Spotlight - Dylan G Year 7. On Sunday 6th July it was the FINAL for the North West Rugby Counties Cup 2025 - Dylan and his team mates at Ince Rose Bridge were up against Leigh Miners for the cup. A strong start from Leigh quickly saw a try, putting Ince on the defensive. Endurance, skill and sheer determination saw Ince smash Leigh 22 - 6 to lift the cup! A first in Ince's history to win that cup at that age level - a massive congratulations to them - it was a thrilling game to watch. Well done!





Have a great summer!

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.



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



ARKGANDS NATER DESCRIPTION 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

Careers

Work Experience Week

Whilst the rest of the school is taking part in Learning Challenge Week, the Year 10s will be out and about on Work Experience. I'm sure I don't have to say it, but remember you are representing Parklands throughout the week, so best behaviour please, whatever your placement.

Employers will be contacted for registers each day and asked to complete a feedback document at the end of the week. Staff will also visit as many businesses as possible throughout the week. If a pupil is ill or has a medical or dental appointment and cannot attend work, please contact school and the employer so that we are aware and don't send out a search party!

Make the most of the opportunity to find out more about a career - and if at the end of the week, you realise it's not for you, then that's a valuable lesson learned early and you can research other careers before you commit to a college course or apprenticeship at the end of Year 11.

In the past, many pupils have gained part time jobs, or even apprenticeships following their work experience week, and it's a great opportunity to network and make connections with employers (who may even end up interviewing you during Mock Interviews in Year 11!)

Well done to everyone in Year 10 for finding a placement. Work hard, ask lots of questions and most of all, enjoy it.

P.S. Career News will return next week!

- Pupils attending the NHS placements at the LIFE Centre at Chorley Hospital don't forget to complete the last page of the booklet emailed to you. Scan it (or photograph it) and send it back before the first day of placement to the number/email address on the form. You will NOT be allowed to take part in the sessions if this is not returned.
 If you haven't been to the LIFE Centre before, go to Car Park B, accessed from Preston Road (not the hospital entrance on Euxton Lane). The LIFE Centre is at the bottom of the slope you can't miss it! (I have emailed full instructions to the pupils).
- MPCT pupils in school on Monday at 8.30am. Sign in at the Top Office and make your way to the Conference Room for a meeting. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.
- Rise Up pupils in school for 9.45am on Monday. Sign in at the Top Office and we'll head over to the placement.



Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and foke content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

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Meet Our Expert

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As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young beople know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations inkndo or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

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FAMILY HUB SUMMER PARENTICARER CONSULTATION APPOINTMENT

Who Are Compass Bloom?

We offer a free & confidential service supporting children & young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health & wellbeing needs. We work in 85 schools & colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston & West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood? This could look like:













Feeling worried

Struggling to sleep

Withdrawal from family, friends and/or usual activities

Struggling to concentrate

Tearful

If any of the above sounds like your child/young person we can help!

Please note: Consultations are just for students at our partner schools. - Check our (website) to see if yours is on the list!

How to Book

We've got 30-minute appointments available in-person or over the phone.

Wednesdays & Thursdays | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM from 23rd July - 28th August

Book via the link below or scan our QR code: bit.ly/CompassBloomBooking



Pick your place, pick your date! - search for your chosen venue and select a date to see what times are available.

Can't see any appointments available? Don't worry – just give us a call on 01772 280123 and we'll do our best to help!



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Loans are subject to eligibility and affordability checks. Eligibility criteria is available on our website. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority (FRN 213321)

Struggling with the cost of school uniforms? We are here to help!

Many parent's end up sacrificing the essentials or getting into unmanageable debt desperate to provide school uniforms, we are here to provide an ethical, affordable alternative to high cost lenders.

Our **School Uniform Loan** was designed to help parents ease the pressure by breaking down the cost into smaller, manageable repayments.

What we offer:

- Loan amounts from £150 £500
- Just 1% interest per month (12.7% APR)
- Repaid back over 50 weeks or 11 months
- Affordable repayments through Child Benefit



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School Uniform Loan breakdown

Loan amount per child	Repayments		Total Cost of Loan	
	Weekly	4 Weekly	If repayments are Weekly	lf repayments are 4 Weekly
1 Child- £150	£3.18	£12.27	£158.99	£159.87
2 Children - £250	£5.30	£20.50	£264.99	£266.45
3 Children - £350	£7.42	£28.70	£370.98	£373.03
4 or more children - £500	£10.58	£41.00	£529.98	£532.90

Loans are subject to eligibility and affordability checks. Eligibility criteria is available on our website.

For more information on the loan or to apply online Please scan the QR code below





Oliver House, a specialist autism school, are offering free training to any parents. There will be ten courses:

15th September 2025	Parent led session about 3 case studies	
13th October 2025	ADHD and Autism	
10 th November 2025	Social communication challenges	
8 th December 2025	Girls with autism and masking	
19th January 2026	Sensory challenges in autism	
23rd February 2026	Social anxiety and isolation	
23 rd March 2026	PDA evening slot 6.30pm-8.30pm	
27th April 2026	Executive functioning difficulties	
8 th June 2026	Challenging behaviour and autism	

The courses will run from 10am to 12 noon and there are 80 places on each course- Except the 23^{rd of} March which is an evening session.

Tea & coffee will be provided

Please note that if you wish to attend you <u>must</u> book on the courses. Please contact Jenny Powell at Oliver House School on 01257 220011 to book.

Venue: Valley Church, Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS



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.



