



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 1

9th June - 13th June 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have held our 'Meet the Form Tutor' events for next year's Year 7s and their families. It was lovely to meet our new pupils, and also to see so many of our existing pupils helping out on the evenings. It was especially heart warming to see our Year 7 pupils bravely volunteering to give speeches about their experiences at the start of their first year. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort in September 2025.

At the other end of the year groups, it is nearly time for our final farewells to Year 11. The last whole cohort exam is Physics on Monday, and the final exam in Further maths on Wednesday. It is then the Year 11 Leaver's Assembly on Thursday at 9.30am. Mrs Haslam will send more information with arrangements for this final event. After that, the next time we will see the Year 11 pupils will be at Prom on the 10th of July.

Today has been Sports Day, and it has been a really great day. Our pupils have joined in enthusiastically and won some points for the end of year House Cup. It was lovely to see so many different pupils taking part in the races, especially the House relay events at the end of the day. Many of our pupils will now go on to take part in the District Sports competition later this term.

Next week we move on to Year 10 end of year exams. They start on Thursday and run for two weeks. All Year 10 pupils have been given information about what to revise for each subject. This will give them the experience of longer exams in the sports hall, in preparation for their Year 11 mocks. We are confident that the pupils will rise to the challenge, work hard, and show us what they are capable of.

Next Tuesday is Respect Day for Year 8, and the day is focussed on STEM. Our Respect programme is a really valued aspect of our curriculum, and we are sure that the pupils will get a lot out of the day.

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Key Dates

June

- **Wednesday 18th June:** Chorley District Sports Day for selected athletes
- **Thursday 19th June:** Year 11 Leavers Assembly 9:30 and Year 10 Mock exams start
- **Tuesday 24th June:** Parent Forum 6pm
- **Thursday 26th June:** Year 10 Wigan and Leigh College Taster Day
- **Monday 30th June:** INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

July

- **Wednesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day and Year 10 Runshaw College Taster Day
- **Thursday 3rd July:** KS3 Presentation Evening - Invite only
- **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

Whole School Messages

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. 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.

Year 8

There will be a Respect day next week tackling the question, 'What is engineering?' Pupils will get to meet local employers and find out how engineering impacts their daily lives. There will be the opportunity to engage in practical workshops all day. Visitors include Network Rail, NIS, BAE, MDBA, Forensics experts, construction and STEM.

HALS

Due to the increase in pupils bringing water pistols into school, these will be confiscated and disposed of. Please ensure that your child or children in your care are aware of this and do not bring them into school.

Many thanks
House Achievement Leaders

Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip

Please do not forget to pay for the trip as consent is needed for your child to attend the trip before you are able to pay for it. A few parents have consented but not yet paid.

Referrals

School has been notified that CAMHS are no longer taking referrals for Autism and related conditions, therefore any referral for this condition would need to be actioned via the GP "Right to Choose" method.

Whole School Messages

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 - Uniform and Standards

A big thank you to those pupils and parents who are supporting us to uphold our uniform standards. However, we still have a minority of our pupils who are still not getting it right. Please see below some of the areas which are causing us the most issues;

Pupils' hair colour should be of a natural colour - blue and pink are not natural!

Socks should be black or navy and should not be sports socks.

False nails/nail varnish of any description are not permitted.

Makeup is not allowed nor are false eyelashes. Year 11s may wear discreet makeup.

The only jewellery that is permitted is a watch. All other jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the week.

School will be the final arbiter with regards to uniform and standards. Should any pupil continue to disregard our school policy then further sanctions will be applied.

Year 11

We are delighted to inform you that the **Parklands Yearbook 2025** is now available to order. It is available on SCOPAY for a cost of £22.00. Orders can be placed up to Friday 20th June and the yearbooks will be available for collection on results day on Thursday 21st August.

The class of 2025 had a very different experience to the year groups that went before them, ending primary school and starting high school during the pandemic. They didn't experience the usual conventions that take place to mark the milestones of ending junior school or starting at Parklands. We hope the Parklands Yearbook will go some way to providing you with special memories and a long lasting keepsake from the end of another milestone in life - the end of 5 years at Parklands.

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: 43 pupils to date

Year 8: 45 pupils to date

Year 9: 35 pupils to date

Year 10: 39 students to date

All: 162 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 169 pupils

Year 8: 142 pupils

Year 9: 108 pupils

Year 10: 158 students

All: 577 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: 138 pupils

Year 8: 116 pupils

Year 9: 89 pupils

Year 10: 122 students

All: 465 students

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 16th June 2025	<p>"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."</p> <p>H. JACKSON BROWN JUNIOR</p>	 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire
Have You Heard the News? <small>There are now just two weeks of GCSE exams left. Today, we have Biology followed by PE, and on Wednesday it's the final Maths paper. Thursday has the final Geography paper, Further Maths and Music Tech. Chemistry is on Friday. The SEND Progress Evening is this Thursday. Learning Support will be out of the office and in most of these exams but you catch up with us before 8:50am.</small> Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk	Joke of the Week  Why are dogs always terrible dancers?  Because they have two left feet.	<p>If you're doing the best you can...</p>  Be gentle with yourself.
 Inspire Club  This is an Osborne 1. In 1981, it became the first what? <small>Left: Frank's internet connection</small>	Useful Links <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ADDitude Magazine■ Autism Eye■ Autism Parenting Magazine■ British Dyslexia Association■ The Communication Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FIND Newsletter■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information■ Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)■ KOOTH Mental Health Support■ Local Offer■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline■ Witherslack Group

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 65 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	92.4%	93.8%
ASA	95.1%	94.7%
EUR	96.3%	95.2%
SAM	94.4%	94.3%
AFR	92.8%	94.2%
Totals %	94.1%	94.1%

Due to the Year 11's currently being on study leave they have been excluded from these figures.

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

Fusion

Last Friday, members of the Fusion team had their Cheer Party to prepare for their National Schools Competition this Sunday (15th June). They made banners, signs, and produced goodies to give to the other schools who will be competing. They also celebrated all of their hard work with pizza and, of course, ended the night with routines from 'Just Dance'. We are so proud of their dedication over the entire school year and can't wait to see them showcase their routines at the competition this weekend.

We are proud of you, say we are proud of you! Good luck Fusion!



Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 9th June 2025

A great start to the summer term with glorious weather too! 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!

Leaders Quad kids competition at Westway. This involved all local Chorley Primary schools in an athletics competition. Our leaders did a fantastic job showing great maturity and leadership skills. We are very proud of you! Well done.



Under 14 Cricket at Holy Cross against Chorley Schools. Great attitudes shown by the team but unfortunately the results didn't go their way. Well done.



Y8 Rounders A team was selected to compete in some friendly rounders games at Bishop Rawstorne. The team showed great tactical awareness and have made huge improvements since year 7. Well done. Now bring on the tournament!



Sports Day...results and photos pending at this time... Have a great weekend!

Whole School Messages

Astley Park Y11 Prom

Mrs GB was very privileged to be invited to Astley Park year 11 prom. Mrs and Mr GB had donated money to the class for their prom so the pupils invited them. A wonderful time was had by all.



Whole School Messages

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

Our KS3 classes continue to make great progress with their summer term topics. To support learning at home, here are some discussion questions you could explore with your child this week:

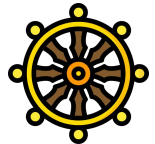


Year 7 – Wealth and Poverty

- How can fair trade practices help improve living conditions in Low Income Countries?
- What role do international organisations like the UN play in reducing poverty worldwide?
- Should richer countries limit their own consumption to protect resources for poorer nations? Why or why not?

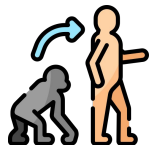
Year 8 – Life After Death

- How do Buddhist funerals differ in Theravada and Mahayana traditions?
- What do these rituals tell us about Buddhist beliefs?
- Why might these practices be important for Buddhists today?



Year 9 – Religion and Life

- What are Christian and Muslim beliefs about how human life began?
- How does the theory of evolution compare with religious beliefs?
- Do you think science and religion can agree on how humans came to be?



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.

Micronesia Country of the week



Capital - Palikir
Population - 105,500
Main religion - none
Leader - Wesley Simina
Official language - English
Land mass - 701km²
Currency - The US Dollar

The Federated states of Micronesia is a nation consisting of numerous islands. The main 4 islands are Yap, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Kosrae. It is known for the ancient ruins of Nan Madol. It used to belong to Japan which resulted in Japanese being spoken in the islands which has slowly been discouraged. Micronesia is home to the world's largest crabs. Mogmog is a tiny Micronesian island located 2,000 km north of Papua New Guinea. It's home to the largest terrestrial arthropods (crabs) in the world, which have a leg span of 3ft (0.9 metres) and can crush coconuts with their pincers.

PROM - Incentive (half termly)



- BfL average 2.95 and over - 1 point
- Attendance 94% and over - 1 point
- No social strikes - 1 point
- No lates - 1 point
- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

From today until exams finish.

You will need **18 points** to be eligible for prom.

There will be opportunities for you to gain extra points by attending revision sessions, Easter School and using Class Chart points.
Extra points available for 100% attendance and perfect '3' BfL.



Do you have what it takes to win the Science Summer Cup?

Come and compete with the best of our Y9 and Y10 scientists to win the coveted **Science Challenge Trophy**, a certificate endorsed by **Cambridge University** and **points for your house!**

Candidates will sit a **35 minute challenge paper** on content from the first chapter of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The test will take place in N14 at 3pm on Mon 16th June

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



Peru Crew Sponsored Walk

Join the Peru Crew on Sat 28th June for a walk on a local route with woods, water and a small hill.

**£5 PER PERSON, PLEASE PAY ON
SCOPAY. FOR MORE INFO, SEE MR
JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY**



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





It's that time of year where the doors open to welcome young dancers from Preston and the surrounding areas to join Preston Youth Dance Company for the 25/26 year.

Open to anyone aged 11 - 19 years, Preston Youth Dance Company is different from your average dance class. We are a community, a family of dancers who collaborate to create and perform innovative performances across the region and nationally. We celebrate the individual, help young people find their voice, encourage their creativity and support them in development dance, physical, creative and teamwork skills.

No previous experience necessary - we look for enthusiasm and potential. The audition isn't scary, just a chance to meet current company dancers, join in class, get creative and let us know a little more about you.

Everyone welcome but registration in advance is essential.

Register your place at the audition here: <https://www.bluemooosedance.org.uk/pydc-audition/>

Join our Facebook event here: <https://fb.me/e/6tt5LgROr>

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 further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Braden O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Braden guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



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.

Do you know
about...



Free school meals



If your child qualifies for free school meals,
they will have a **free meal** every school day

It's easy to find out if you qualify –

Lancashire

Website: <https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Pupil Premium

Is **additional funding** for our school to
ensure we can support pupils
to **achieve their full potential**