

PARKEND NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic Summer 1 term with so much going on! It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning, taking part in exciting activities and making the most of every opportunity. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved already this term.

We hope you all have a lovely and well-deserved half term break, enjoy the rest, sunshine (hopefully!), and time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for our final term, which will be full of learning, celebrations, and some special goodbyes.

Stepping Back to Roman Times at Caerleon



Foxes Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Caerleon, alongside Oberon Class from Yorkley, where they explored the remains of the Roman amphitheatre and visited the historic baths. Although the amphitheatre now appears as grassy banks and earth mounds, the children used their imaginations brilliantly, picturing what it would have been like in Roman times; filled with soldiers, spectators and the excitement of battle. A particular highlight was the opportunity to dress up and step into the role of Roman soldiers. The children enthusiastically acted out training drills and dramatic battle scenes, fully immersing themselves in the experience.

It was a wonderful way to deepen their understanding of Roman history and bring their learning to life.

This trip provided a valuable enrichment opportunity, allowing the children to connect their classroom learning with a real historical setting. Exploring the site first-hand helped to strengthen their understanding of life in Roman Britain in a meaningful and memorable way.

Visits like this also offer children across the Federation the chance to spend time together, make new friends and build relationships beyond their own school, making the experience even more special.



Spelling Bee at St White's School

Four of our children, Laura, Tabitha, Alana and Poppy represented our school at the annual Spelling Bee held at St White's School on Wednesday 20th May. With 12 schools taking part, it was a fantastic opportunity to take part in a wider event and challenge themselves in a competitive setting.

We are very proud of all four children for stepping up to participate, showing resilience and representing our school so well throughout the event.

"I really enjoyed it! It gives children a fun way to learn their spellings and show how much they have learned." Poppy



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House Points:

Week ending 8th May = Green 89, Yellow 70 and Red 65

Week ending 15th May = Yellow 67, Red 49 and Green 47

Star of the Week and Lunchtime Stars:

Week Ending 8th May



Lunchtime Star = Poppy

Congratulations to Lilah-Mae, Skyla and Osian.

Week Ending 15th May



Lunchtime Star = Roman

Congratulations to All Year 6, William and Alyssa

Attendance Really Matters! Please support us with improving it

Current Whole School Attendance = 93.98% (Below the National Average)

Class name	Attendance week ending 8.5.26	Attendance week ending 15.5.26
Hedgehogs	86.51%	97.47%
Foxes	83.93%	99.29%
Wild Boar	95.83%	99.05%

Year 1 and Year 2 Religious Education

Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning how Hindus use dance to express what is important to them. They explored how dance can tell stories and share feelings, beliefs, and celebrations.

The children learned a lively dance inspired by the festival of Holi, using movement to show joy and togetherness. They really enjoyed taking part while learning about another culture and religion.



Young Leaders showcase their club at Parkend

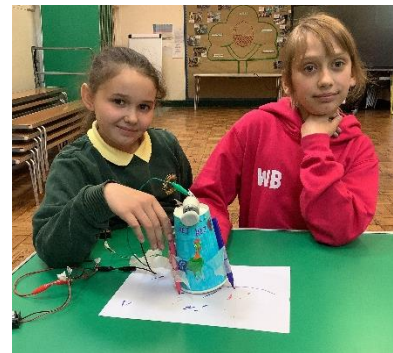
We are very proud of our 'Picture News Pioneers' from Yorkley School who recently led an assembly at Parkend in front of the whole school and their parents. They demonstrated great confidence and leadership throughout. The purpose was to encourage children at Parkend to do the same next year.

The children shared how they lead monthly assemblies at Yorkley using Picture News, exploring national news stories and encouraging pupils to think, discuss and reflect on the world around them.

Their work supports our Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural development, helping pupils to reflect on values, consider right and wrong, work collaboratively and learn about different cultures. It also promotes British Values, including democracy, respect, tolerance and individual liberty.



Design Technology - Wild Boar:



Wild Boar Class have been catching up on their DT learning this week and have loved every minute of it! The children designed and created their own 'doodlers', carefully tailoring their ideas around the interests of a classmate. They also applied their science knowledge brilliantly, building a working circuit with a switch to open and close it. Fantastic creativity and teamwork all round!



Sporting Updates:

On Thursday 21st May Four members of Wild Boar Class proudly represented Parkend at a Mountain Biking event held at Wydean School. Competing as part of a relay team, each rider completed two challenging 500m laps. The team performed brilliantly, securing an impressive second place overall and earning well-deserved silver medals.

Hazel was the fastest individual girl, while Jasper M achieved third place and Jasper G took second place in the fastest individual boy category.

Congratulations to all four riders, we are incredibly proud of your fantastic effort and achievement!



Parent Survey

Thank you to all our parents who have taken the time to complete the recent parent survey. We really appreciate your feedback, which has been very positive and supportive.

Today is the final day to share your views, so if you haven't yet responded, please do so.

We will be sharing the results, along with any next steps, in our next newsletter once our Governors have had the opportunity to fully review them.

Update from the Friends of Parkend

We will be holding a Friends of Parkend School meeting on the morning of Sports Day, from 9:00-10:00am at Whitemead.

Parents and carers are warmly encouraged to join us as we discuss the future of school discos, Parkend Carnival, and explore other upcoming events and ideas.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke
Executive Headteacher
Forest of Dean Community Schools
Federation

Out of School Celebrations:



Congratulations to Henry as he has been awarded his Chief Scout's Acorn Award, the highest award a Squirrel Scout can earn. This recognises his adventures, teamwork, and all the new skills he has learned - a fantastic achievement! Well done Henry!

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Community Links:

Local Offer Education Support and Graduated Pathway Survey

We are making some changes to the look and feel of this section of Local Offer website. We would like your feedback to better help and support you and other families with SEND in Gloucestershire.

This survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete. When you submit the form, it will not automatically collect your details like your name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

Please click the link below to complete the survey:

[Support Families with SEND - Gloucestershire Local Offer Education Support Feedback - Fill in form](#)

This survey will close at midnight on Sunday 31st May 2026.

If you would like someone to contact you, or you would like to get involved with shaping the information we share with families and young people, please email us: LocalOffer@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Many Thanks,

Sara Barnett

SEND Specialist - Local Offer Review and Improvement Project

Gloucestershire County Council

St. PAUL'S PARKEND ENVIRONMENT WEEKEND



Sat 6th – Sun 7th JUNE 2026

Starts 10:30am – 4:00pm



A Christian presence in every community



COME AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND OUR CHURCHYARD AT PARKEND TO SEE THE WILDLIFE AND FLOWERS THAT FLOURISH THERE.



- VARIED PROGRAMME ON BOTH DAYS:
- ❖ MOTHS REVEAL EACH MORNING
 - ❖ TALK ON THE BATS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE
 - ❖ TALK ON THE FLORA & FAUNA OF THE FOD
 - ❖ VIEW THE ORCHIDS, FLOWERS & LICHENS
 - ❖ DISPLAYS – NATURE TABLE
 - ❖ CHILDREN'S COMPETITION



**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FURTHER DETAILS & TIMES TO FOLLOW**



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

DADS VS LADS & LADETTES FOOTBALL GAME!
UNDER 14'S SIGN ON DAY!

PERFORMING LIVE!
HANNAH MAY
VOCALIST | LIVE 1 HOUR SET

21 DAYS AND COUNTING



DADS VS LADS & LADETTES FOOTBALL GAME!

TUG OF WAR!

ICE CREAM VAN!

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 12PM - 6PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FANTASTIC RAFFLE PRIZES!



Bream Youth FC U10's

Join Girls Football Team in the FOD

Looking for new players from Year 4 & 5

Goalkeeper Wanted!
Footballers Wanted!

Take part in fun-filled activity where you can make friends, work as a team and grow your football skills!

Contact:

breamyouth@yahoo.com

Adey 07817719334

Or

Jesse 07523033307




Knowing Me

Creative Me

Articulate Me

Future Me

Stronger Me

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IMPORTANT DATES: We will add new dates each Newsletter in red

Summer Term:	
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term 5
Mon 1 st June	Start of Term 6 - Children in
Fri 5 th June	History Competition Entries in by today
Mon 8 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tues 9 th June	Parkend Sports Day followed by family picnic (morning) Start at 10.30 - finish roughly 12, followed by picnic until 12.30.
Tues 9 th June	Friends of Parkend School Meeting at Whitemead 9-10am
Thurs 11 th June	Orienteering at Viney Hill. Letter to follow for selected children
Mon 15 th - Weds 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 London Residential
Thurs 18 th June	History Quiz - Letter sent to selected children
Mon 22 nd June	Father's Day (Hedgehog Class) Share a book with a special person 8.35-9am
Mon 22 nd June	Five Acres High Primary Maths Challenge Day *Letter to follow for selected Year 5/6 children*
Wed 24 th June	Wydean Transition Day - Year 6
Wed 24 th June	Home Visits for September Reception Intake
Tues 30 th June	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy
Tues 30 th June	Five Acres Transition Day - Year 6 (Day 1)
Wed 1 st July	Walk & Ride - Letter to follow for selected children
Wed 1 st July	Five Acres Transition Day - Year 6 (Day 2)
Fri 3 rd July	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 6 th July	The Dean Academy Transition Day - Year 6 (Day 1)
Mon 6 th July	Moving up Morning 9am-1pm inc September Reception Intake
Tues 7 th July	The Dean Academy Transition Day - Year 6 (Day 2)
Tues 7 th July	Moving up Morning 9am-1pm inc September Reception Intake
Wed 8 th July	September Reception Intake Parent Information Evening 5pm
Tues 14 th July	Written Reports out to Parents
Fri 17 th July	End of Term 6 - School finishes 1.15

