



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Inter Faith Week and Remembrance:

This week, our school marked Inter Faith Week, 'Together we serve' alongside Remembrance, reflecting on peace, respect, and understanding between people of all backgrounds. The children learned how people of different faiths can work together to build harmony and how remembrance helps us value the sacrifices made for our freedom. In our assembly, we also linked these themes to our school values — Partnership, Perseverance, Patience, Practice, and Pride, thinking about how each one can help us live peacefully and show kindness in our everyday lives. Thank you to Mrs Bandy for playing 'The Last Post' on her Bugle.



Here is a snapshot of some of our children representing Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Squirrels and Rainbows last weekend:



Amazing Mathematicians - Sum Dog Champions:

We are very proud to celebrate our Top Ten SumDog Contest winners!

Congratulations to Indie (Mercury) and Brooke (Skylab), who achieved first and second place out of 514 children from across the South West.

- Indie answered 995 questions correctly with an impressive 96% accuracy.
- Brooke followed closely with 942 correct answers and 94% accuracy



A special mention goes to James (Phoenix), who finished 4th with 910 correct answers, and Max (Mariner), who came 7th with 858 correct answers — fantastic results!

Yorkley's Top Ten Mathematicians were:

Indie (955), Brooke (942), James (910), Max (858), Lilly-May (586), Eve (436), Connie (356), Jesse (352), Theo (314), and Freddie (272).

The **next SumDog contest** begins on **12th December**, so keep practising your maths skills and get ready for the next challenge!

Star of the Week: Congratulations to all our children listed below:

Week ending 23rd October



Poppy, Darci, Ada, Theo, Esme, Enfys & Theo

Week ending 7th November



Eden, Darcie, Cohen, Jake, Herbie, Thea & Frank

Attendance Matters:

Whole School Attendance: 96.55%

Class:	Attendance week ending 23 rd October	Attendance week ending 7 th November
Calipso	92.39%	97.83%
Apollo	92.79%	96.92%
Phoenix	96.15%	98.08%
Oberon	99.07%	96.30%
Mercury	100% - impressive!	98.26%
Mariner	90.00%	93.60%
Skylab	98.91%	98.70%



Challenge Yourself!

The second French Challenge is now available on the French Noticeboard at the top of the stairs outside Mariner Classroom. There will only be 20 available, so if you would like to have a go, be quick!

Well done to all those who completed the first challenge successfully. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm of all the children, even if they are not currently learning French.



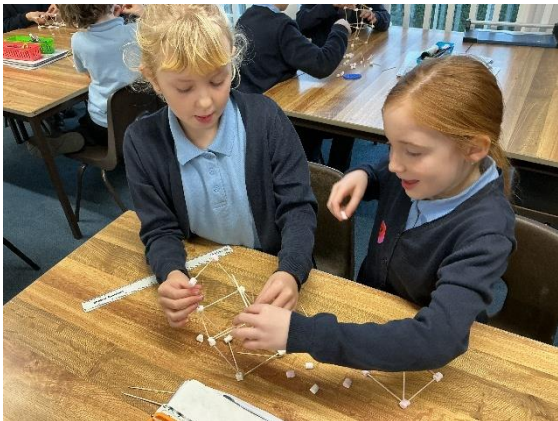
Gloucestershire Music Hub have awarded us a new and more precious award this year focussing on recognising our ambition and commitment towards music.

This recognition, which replaced the previous Music Mark Schools Programme in September 2025, is granted by Music Mark, the UK Association for Music Education, on behalf of a local music service.



Class updates: Mercury and Oberon:

In Design Technology, Mercury class enjoyed using cocktail sticks and marshmallows to create models of 3D structures. Although some of the structures started off a little wobbly, the children were able to explore how different shapes affected stability and experiment with different ways to reinforce them. Their perseverance and partnership throughout this



task were impressive and together they were able to create some fabulous final pieces.

On a similar theme but in maths, Oberon had a brilliant time making 3D shapes using playdough and cocktail sticks. They were able to name their shape and discuss its properties.





Phoenix reminiscing about Calipso fun:

Within maths, Phoenix class enjoyed using their barcodes to scan their items while calculating their answers. Just for more fun, some even managed to use the tills from Calipso!



Shoe Box Appeal:

Thank you to all the families / children donating gifts to the Show Box appeal.

Out of School Contributions: Bream Show.

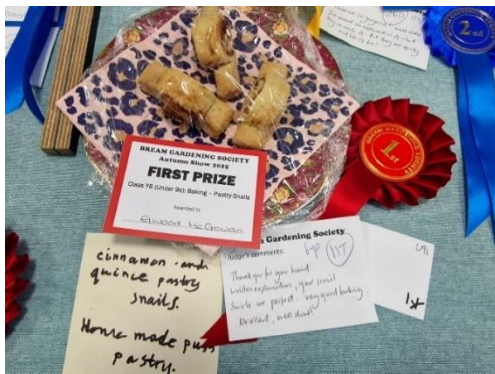
It was lovely to hear that some of our children had entries in the Bream Show.



Lily was involved again this year and won the cup for Best in Show in the 9-15 year olds.

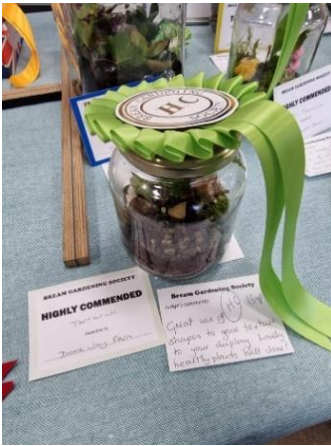
Coady was awarded with three rosettes. He got highly recommended for his terrarium, received third place for his pine cone elf (which is going on the Christmas tree) and he also got third place for having the heaviest conker.

Amayah also was highly commended for her terrarium and again received third for her pine cone elf.



Elwood achieved 1st and 3rd in the two competitions he entered.





Dora won first prize for one of her entries and was highly commended for another.

Amazing effort to them all!

House Points

Week ending 23rd October: Red 174, Green 173, Blue 170 and Yellow 129

Week ending 7th November: Green 211, Red 188, Blue 184 and Yellow 179

Celebrations out of school:



Ted won a medal for coming 3rd in a cycling competition. Brilliant effort!

Paddy undertook a race on Pendine beach over the half term. He placed 19th out of 49 others. He said it was especially tricky due to racing on the sand.

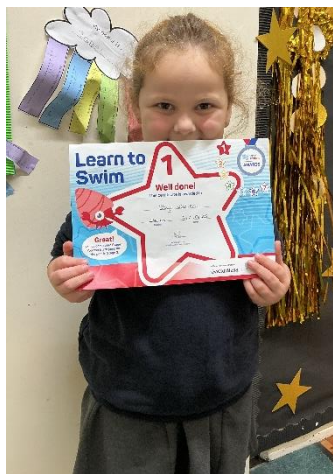
Amelie came an impressive 1st in gymnastics for her floor routine. Wow!

Congratulations to Eadie for 'Player of the Week' - Bream football club under 10's



'Valuing Learning, Learning to Value' Friday 14th November - Autumn / Issue 238

Curriculum Drivers = Creativity / Building Me / Belonging / Communication / Active Adventure.



Congratulations to so many of our children gaining swimming certificates over the last two weeks:

Ottillie, Lily, Elodie, Ivy, Gabriella, Lacey, Skye and Edith.

Well done to Felicity for gaining a gymnastics medal

Caspar won bronze in sparring in the Welsh Championships in Taekwondo.

Ronnie won a medal for coming 2nd in a cycling competition.



School Website:

We have now launched our updated website and over the next term would love to know how easy you are finding it to navigate. Later this term we will aim to launch the app that goes with it - once live, please download it as this will allow you to get instant updates from us, helping you stay up to date.

Kind regards,

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Executive Headteacher

Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

Community Links

Creativity	Building Me	Belonging	Communication	Active Adventure
Valuing Learning, Learning to Value				

YORKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

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18th November 1.15pm - 2.45pm (Tuesday)
3rd December 9.15am - 10.45am (Wednesday)



"Pupils are very proud of their school. It is easy to see why. It is a caring, cohesive community where everyone has pupils' best interests at heart. Everyone strives to make every day the best it can be for each pupil."

Outstanding in Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership & Management. Good for overall effectiveness

Yorkley Primary School / Forest Of Dean Community Schools Partnership / Parkend Primary School

Knowing Me	Creative Me	Articulate Me	Future Me	Stronger Me
Pride in ourselves, Achieve the best we can, Curious thinkers, Everyone together The small school with BIG ideas				

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"Pupils at Parkend Primary thoroughly enjoy their 'small school with big ideas'. There is a tangible sense of community and of working together in partnership. Pupils are incredibly proud to be part of the school, and this shines through in all they do."

Good overall effectiveness – February 2024
Outstanding in Behaviour and Attitudes and Leadership & Management

Parkend Primary School / Forest Of Dean Community Schools Partnership / Yorkley School

IMPORTANT DATES: - New dates in Red

DATE	EVENTS
Tues 18 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Parkend - 9.15-10.45am Open Afternoon for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Yorkley -1.15-2.45pm
Tue 18 th November	Girls football event at Newent School
Thu 20 th November	Phoenix Trip to Gloucester Mosque and Cathedral
Weds 3 rd December	Open Morning for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Yorkley - 9.15-10.45am Open Afternoon for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Parkend -1.15-2.45pm
Wed 3 rd December	Federation trip (Yorkley Year 1 - Parkend Years 1 & 2) to Forest Community Church Cinderford.
Wed 3 rd December	Carol Concert at Parkend Church 5.30 p.m.
Wed 10 th December	Christmas Performance KS1 2p.m.
Thu 11 th December	Christmas Performance KS1 9.30 a.m. *Filmed no toddlers
Sat 13 th December	Choir Performance at Taurus Crafts 11 a.m.
Tues 16 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers!
Fri 19 th December	Last day term 2
Mon 22 nd - Fri 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th January	Start of term 3