



**Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!**

**Issue Number 23: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

This week has been a lovely week in school. It has been great to see the sun out and the warmer weather; we have even managed to resume playing football on the field which the children have loved. Our younger children have also enjoyed their time outdoors, with parties, dancing and picnics! Our woods sessions commenced for Spruce, Oak and Cherry. Again, fantastic to see the children making good use of our wonderful grounds.

As part of careers week, our assemblies focused on looking at a range of jobs and the skills required in order to carry them out successfully. At Parkhead, as part of our curriculum offer, we teach the children about the range of job opportunities available in order to fully prepare them for their future lives.

On Tuesday, some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a hockey competition. We were super proud of all of them; excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm and motivation. It is always lovely getting our children involved in wider opportunities.

On Thursday, we had a fantastic World Book Day. We started off with our family breakfast, which is always a great success. Thanks to everyone who joined us. Our children also enjoyed dressing up as different words. Great fun was had by all!

Over the next couple of weeks, we have a few whole class, year group and phase trips. Please remember that each trip does come with a cost. Although school subsidise these, we rely on parent contributions to help cover the cost. Each trip is set up in parent pay for consent from parent/carers. As we have already set up the yearly payment system, the consent for each trip will show as free of charge. This is so that you are not charged twice. Please note the separate yearly charge **covers all trips for the full year** and set up as a decreasing balance so you can pay as little as £1 each week. Thanks to those who have already made their contribution.

Please log on to parent pay and under payment items it will show **2025-2026 trips**. For reception, it is **Reception trips 2025-2026**.

Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Chard*

## SAFEGUARDING

You may remember the sun making an appearance this week, but like today, it can still play hide and seek at this time of year. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather and water bottle each day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026:

w/c Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – parent's evenings

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – last day of term

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter holidays **school closed**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – back to school

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday **school closed**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
KS2 SATS – YEAR 6**

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May – last day of term

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May – half term **school closed**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June – occasional day **school closed**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – back to school

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 2 weeks Y4  
Multiplication checks**

**Mon 8 June – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June Y1  
Phonic screening checks**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jul – last day of term

**Please note** we will continue to send all other dates in a separate email to parents/carers only. These will include dates of trips and events in school.

## PARENTS EVENING:

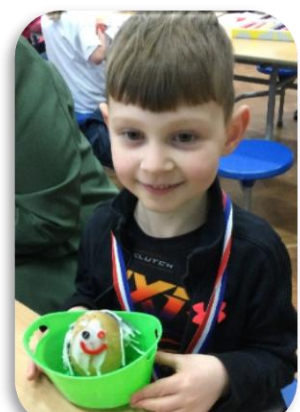
This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments are available to select on Arbor.

### CAREERS WEEK:

This week, we have celebrated National Careers Week by exploring careers in STEM. While National Careers Week takes place over one week, our STEM focus continues over five weeks, allowing children more time to explore and reflect on a range of STEM careers in more detail. Throughout this time, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will learn about five different people who work in STEM, discovering the skills and attributes they use every day. The focus will be on helping children recognise that they already have many of the skills needed for STEM careers, such as curiosity, problem-solving and teamwork. By showcasing a diverse range of STEM role models, we aim to challenge common stereotypes and inspire all children to see that STEM is for everyone. Each child will also receive a STEM postcard to take home and share their learning with families.

### WORLD BOOK DAY:

Our Reading Ambassadors worked with Mrs Leach to organise activities for the whole school to take part in throughout the day. It was great to see reading being celebrated and promoted across school.



### TTRS BATTLE – TEACHER V PUPILS

Next week we will have our teacher vs pupils TTRS battle from Monday morning until Thursday evening. Let the battle commence!

### RED NOSE DAY:

This year, RND takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Together, let's go big, give big and feel good to help Comic Relief help people get the support they need across the world, including here in the UK. Children can come into school wearing red or non-uniform.



### SCIENCE WEEK:

The theme for British Science Week 2026 is "Curiosity: what's your question?". British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, taking place from 6<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



During the week, all children will take part in a range of fun and engaging activities linked to the theme. Children will be encouraged to ask questions, explore their ideas and find answers to things they are curious about, helping them to see that asking questions is an important part of learning in science and beyond.

### FUNDRAISING:

Our Easter friends are coming to school soon to help us fundraise for outdoor seating areas for our children. But we don't know the name of our bunny, chick and lamb. Please help us find out, £1 per guess and once each of the three cards is complete, we can reveal the names. The winner of each name will win a £25 voucher and an Easter gift.



Continued over.....

# Star of the week

| Class     | Star     |
|-----------|----------|
| Seedlings | Coby     |
| Acorns    | Chloe    |
| Saplings  | Mya      |
| Beech     | Niyaesh  |
| Elm       | Marnie   |
| Willow    | Olivia   |
| Cherry    | Adeeb    |
| Maple     | Leighton |
| Spruce    | Noah     |
| Cedar     | Nelin    |
| Oak       | Jensen   |
| Birch     | Lottie   |
| Pine      | Maisey   |

| Mrs Chard's Stars of the week |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Early Years                   | Oscar |
| Key Stage 1                   | Ada   |
| Lower Key Stage 2             | Nancy |
| Upper Key Stage 2             | Olly  |

## FunClub

Well done

