



# Parkroyal Life

Edition 81 Spring 2 2025

**REMINDER** – school closes for Easter on Friday 4th April at **1.15pm**. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 23rd April at 8.45am for the start of the Summer term.

Picture News stories discussed this half term in Mrs Beaumont's Monday morning Assemblies. Picture News shares current issues with our pupils and helps to make British Values relevant and meaningful and develop links between personal, school and community values.



- **Is it important to feel proud of where we come from?**
  - The 'Times' newspaper asked young people between 18 and 27 what they thought about their lives and life in the UK
- **How can we make connections with other?**
  - The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures of her children, drawn by herself. The artworks are part of the Shaping Us campaign, which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age.
- **How can we support each other in keeping our school tidy?**
  - The school and classrooms are part of our environment and we need to look after our school environment. What can we all do collectively to make sure the space in which we work is clean and tidy?



## Key Dates - Apr/May/June

4th Apr	School closes for Easter holidays <b>1.15pm</b>
22nd Apr	INSET day - school closed to pupils
23rd Apr	School reopens for Summer term 1 - 8.45am
29th Apr	3EM to Pizza Express
1st-2nd May	Y4 residential to Barnswood
2nd May	Reception visit to Glebe Farm
5th May	May Day - school closed all day
6th May	3PS to Pizza Express
7th May	Academy Photography - class and Y6 leaver photos
8th May	Y5 to Safety Central
12-15th May	Y6 SATs
23rd May	School closes for May half term - 3pm/3.15pm
2nd June	School reopens for Summer term 2 - 8.45am
4th June	Y4 Bikeability Level 1
16th June	3EM to Silk Museum all day
18-20th June	Y6 PGL Residential, Boreatton Park, Shropshire
24th June	3PS to Silk Museum all day

## Easter Bingo Thank You & Bookmark Competition Winners

Thank you to everyone who attended (and to the staff who helped organise) the Easter Bingo evening. Great fun was had by all and the evening raised an amazing £1000. Friends of Parkroyal World Book Day bookmark competition had some fantastic entries and it was so difficult for them to choose the winners. Congratulations to the three Phase winners who were:-



**Phase One** - Amar 1WA

**Phase Two** - Olivia 3EM

**Phase Three** - Rose W 6AJ





# Reception



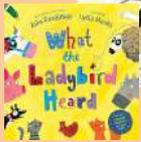
As part of our science learning, we have been looking at life cycles. This was inspired by the discovery of frogspawn in our pond! The children have learnt about the different stages of life for frogs and chickens.



Our Holi-inspired Colour Celebration was certainly the highlight of this half term. So much fun was had. What a great way to welcome in Spring!



Maths has been a big focus of ours this half term. We have looked at ordering and comparing numbers up to 8, double facts and odd and even numbers. We have also looked at naming 2D & 3D shapes, identifying their properties and combining shapes to make pictures.



Talk for Writing

Life Cycles

Maths

Holi

# Year One

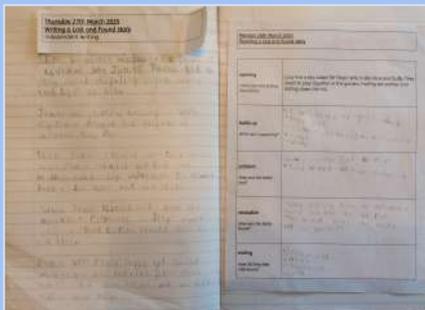
## Going back in time to the Victorian Era at Macclesfield Silk Museum...

Year 1 had a super time at the museum finding out about life as a Victorian child. We made a thaumatrope, looked at life in a cottage and sorted old vs new things.



# In year **Year Two** this half term...

Our focus in English has been 'lost and found' stories. Our interest was first stimulated by reading Shirley Hughes' classic 'Dogger', then we added in other stories like 'Nothing' by Mick Inkpen and 'Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson.



We thought of many places and ways to lose a toy and the children took ideas to write their own story, making sure of course that we found them in the end!

Our five-part story structure has enabled the children to show how their skills are developing with some engaging stories.



This half term we have been studying the artist 'L.S.Lowry' and his industrial landscapes. Year 2 have discovered mixing paint to create secondary colours, trying different paint media such as watercolour, poster paint and acrylic paints. They have drawn their own Lowry sketches and used both watercolor and poster paint to bring their sketches to life.



In our gymnastics lessons, we have been enjoying our unit on curving and stretching. We have been concentrating on jumps, rolls and balances on a range of gymnastics equipment. We have used 'Big Blue', wooden vaulting boxes, springboards and rolling mats. We have been mastering our skills and created our own routines.



We had a wonderful time 'reading our way'. We did some orienteering, finding clues to book titles which was really fun and we took lots of time to read for pleasure in our comfyes! The children loved having the chance to share about their favourite books and characters and reading to each other. They also had two special guest teachers from other classes around the school read aloud some of their favourite books.

Story writing - 'Dogger'

LS Lowry in Art

Gymnastics

World Book Day

# Year Three

## DT: Healthy Tart

In DT, we designed and cooked a healthy, nutritious tart using seasonal ingredients, considering its taste, texture, smell and appearance. We followed a recipe and used a range of techniques, such as, cutting, peeling, grating, mixing, spreading and kneading. It was delicious!



## World Book Day!

On World Book Day, we explored the theme 'Read Your Way' by enjoying lots of wonderful stories in our comfyes. The day was full of surprise readers, a book cover scavenger hunt and lots of reading for pleasure!



## Science Week

We were inspired by this years theme 'Change and Adapt' and learnt how James Wright accidentally made silly putty during his experiment for an alternative to rubber. We wanted to explore how we could **change** and **adapt** the properties of putty that we made.



## Comic Relief!

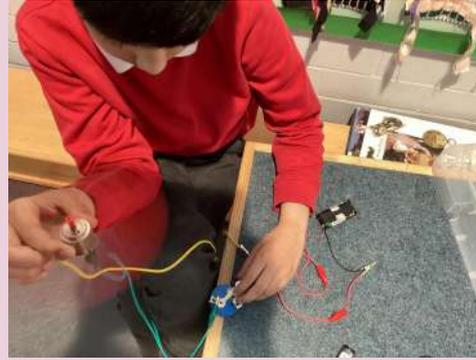
We had great fun rolling back the years (for the staff!) in our 80's themed day. The children looked fabulous as we danced and bopped in our 80's attire to classic 80's tunes.



# Year Four

Art Day	Science Week/ Workshop	Art in Religions	Barnswood info
<p>This half term we have spent time looking at Lynn Setterington and the art she creates using mixed medias.</p> <p>The children have practised skills such as tie dye, weaving, sewing and printing.</p> <p>We then used these skills on their final art piece and each child created a decorative square ready to combine with their peers to make one final masterpiece.</p>	<p>During Science week we looked at a variety of experiments and we investigated the different types of sugar and how long they took to dissolve.</p> <p>We have also explored electricity circuits and how a bulb lights up. We had lots of fun creating circuits, using wires, crocodile clips, bulbs and buzzers.</p> <p>We were also really lucky as we had The Kings School come in and lead us through some exciting scientific activities including making bouncy balls!</p>	<p>Throughout this half term we have been exploring the use of art in different religions.</p> <p>We had a go at recreating the statue <i>Christ the Redeemer</i> out of playdough, we used patterns and symmetry to create some islamic art and we even explored the powdered paint used when celebrating Holi.</p> <p>It was so lovely to hear the children's passion and knowledge when discussing their own religion.</p>	<p>Thank you to those who attended the Barnswood information evening.</p> <p><b>Form C permission form should now have been returned to the office, if you have not done this, please can you do this <u>ASAP</u>.</b></p> <p>We are really excited about our upcoming trip!</p>

# Year Four



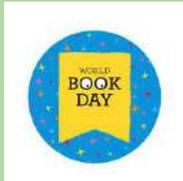
## *In Year Five, this term...*

### World Book Day

On World Book Day, we explored the theme 'Read Your Way'. The day consisted of lots of reading for pleasure time, time to share our books with each other and a fun reading and football quiz.

We also had surprise readers visit our classroom throughout the day to share their favourite books too.

It was lovely to see everyone in their comfy clothes reading in their own way!



### Wonder Dome

On 11th March, we visited the Wonder Dome at The Macclesfield Academy. The planetarium was an exciting experience to look at our universe and solar system in closer proximity. We learnt about galaxies, the planets in our solar system and also had an in depth debate about whether there is or could be life on other planets!



### Jodrell Bank

On 20th March, we visited Jodrell Bank and had a fantastic day! We learnt a lot about the history of Jodrell Bank, the work Jodrell Bank does today and space itself.

We had a lot of time to explore the different pavilion areas and we also had a session in the new planetarium. The day was jam-packed from start to finish and there were smiles on everyone's faces all day.



### Orienteering

Our PE unit this half term has been orienteering. The children have learnt how to fold and thumb a map to ensure they travel in the correct direction, how to read a map of our school grounds and also how to complete different orienteering styles such as star orienteering. We have had lots of fun and success reading maps and locating different items and information. We have even taken our Science learning about Space outside and completed an orienteering course whilst studying the theory about whether the Earth is flat or spherical.

# Year 6



We had a fun-packed and busy time at our 'Crucial Crew' event at Macclesfield Rugby Club. We took part in a series of interactive safety workshops covering topics such as Personal Safety, Internet Safety and Social Media, Rail Safety, Drug and Alcohol Awareness and Environmental Awareness. The Crucial Crew event helped to prepare us for staying safe in the community.

# Year 6



Some of the services that were at the Crucial Crew event.



# Science Week



We kicked off this half term with a Mad Science assembly. We looked at how science links to sports by testing reaction times, the effect of different types of clothing on running races and also created our own Olympic flame! We are excited for the Mad Science after school clubs to start after the Easter break.



The theme this year for British National Science Week was 'Change and Adapt'. This incorporates so many different elements of science and it was great to see so many children excited about their learning. Some year groups went to Macclesfield Academy to find out all about space and experience a Space Dome. Some of us took part in live lessons on space, farming or animal adaptations. Below are just some of the exciting things we have been learning about.

# Science Week - Competition Winners



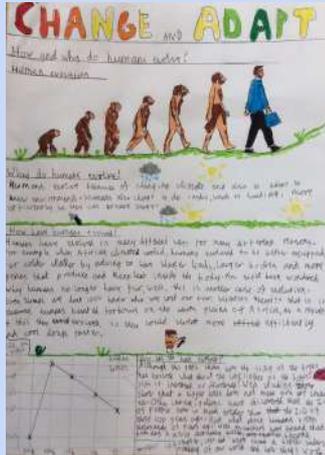
These winners were selected by our Heads of Houses and have been submitted to the national competition.



Emily (4KD)



Sebastian (1GH)



Rose (6AJ)



Alice (1AW)



Matilda (2MD)

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

The theme of this year's World Book Day was 'Read Your Way' so the children and staff of Parkroyal came prepared to read for pleasure in their 'comfies'!



Staff 'popped' in to other classes to share favourite stories and poems too!

Getting cosy!



On Friday 28th March, we hosted our 3rd Annual Pupil Leadership Conference.

Our Pupil Leadership group comprises 78 children from Years 1 to 6 who have been nominated or elected to represent their class, house or the school in one of eight roles: Head of House, Trust Ambassador, Safeguarding Ambassador, Maths Ambassador, Digital Leader, Rights Respecting Ranger, School Games Maker and Sports Lead.

Nine of those children volunteered to speak at the conference, ably supported by our Assistant Headteacher, Mr Utteridge, and our keynote guest speaker, Mr Galvin, Head of The Macclesfield Academy.



# Pupil Leadership Conference 2025

Over the last four years, 258 children have participated in our Pupil Leadership programme, which has previously included roles such as Eco Councillor, School Councillor and Playground Buddy. Three of our current roles, Trust Ambassador, Maths Ambassador and Rights Respecting Ranger are new this year.

The purpose of the programme is to give children the opportunity to take on roles of responsibility early in their school career, developing their confidence to support both their academic development in school, but also raise their aspirations as a leader throughout their school career and beyond.





## Netball

Our netball team played their final league fixtures this half term.

### League

#### **Whirley 6 - Parkroyal 3**

Despite Parkroyal scoring the first goal, the first half of this match was controlled by Whirley who showed some excellent passing down the court to a sharp shooting GA who popped 4 goals in with ease. The second half, Parkroyal really got back into the game with some great defending. Both teams fought hard and both scored 2 goals each. Well done to Evie-Lily on her netball debut and to Sam for Whirley's Player of the Match choice.

#### **Ash Grove 3 - Parkroyal 5**

A great end to end match in the sunshine at Macclesfield Academy. The first half saw just one goal a piece as both teams' defenders did an excellent job of keeping the ball out of reach of the oppositions' shooters. A second half change in the shooting circle saw Sam and Arthur forge a great attacking partnership, scoring 4 goals against Ash Grove's 2. Undoubtedly the highlight of the match for both teams was the ball popping towards the end of the 3rd quarter, much to Harley's surprise! Ash Grove's Player of the Match choice was once again Sam - well done!

Parkroyal v Prestbury - unfortunately match was cancelled



## Football

Our football team played their final league fixtures.

### League

#### **St Albans A 3 vs 1 Parkroyal A**

Tricky pitch conditions and talented St. Albans team proved too strong for our Parkroyal A team. Despite Parkroyal taking the lead with an early goal, the home team dominated the rest of the first half. A tactical shuffle at half-time led to Parkroyal having more possession and gaining more territory in the second half, but, ultimately, the better team on the day ran out victorious.

#### **St Albans B 4 vs 1 Parkroyal B**

Mirroring the performance of the A team before them, Parkroyal B rounded off their league fixture with a similar game; all players showed great heart and effort - but were beaten by an organised, skillful St. Albans team. Particular mention must go to goalkeeper Harry, without whom the home side could have scored several more goals.

#### **Upton Priory A 0 vs 2 Parkroyal A**

Our final league game of the season ended in a victory! The team was strong, competitive and resilient throughout the game and we played some lovely football. A goal either side of half time- scored by Arthur and Layton- was enough to secure the victory.

#### **Upton Priory B 0 vs 0 Parkroyal B**

Our final league game ended in a goalless draw. It was an excellent 0-0 game with both teams really pushing to get the vital goal. Both teams came close but a draw was the right result in the end.

## Netball tournament

On Saturday 15th March, 8 of our netball club represented Parkroyal at the Macclesfield Primary Schools Netball Tournament at Kings School. It was a frosty but lovely sunny morning which greeted us. We were in Group A with 5 other schools; winners and runners up of the group progressed to semi finals then onto finals. Our first match was a win against St Albans who we had lost to in our league match. Bollington Cross produced an impressive win against us in our second match. The next two matches resulted in draws which seemed fair as the play was very even. Our last match should have been a win or draw but the ball just couldn't find our net and Bollinbrook popped a goal in just before the final whistle. A great morning of netball for all of the team with a special shout out to Yehya and Rithika who had never played in a match before but stepped into the team brilliantly. Kings were overall winners of the tournament.



- V St Albans won 2-1
- V Bollington Cross lost 1-6
- V Whirley drew 3-3
- V Upton Priory drew 1-1
- V Bollinbrook lost 0-1

## PE policy

Parkroyal's PE policy has been reviewed and updated. You can find a copy of the updated 24/25 PE policy [here](#).

## Girls' Football

On Thursday 3rd April, 10 girls from Year 5 and 6 represented Parkroyal in a girls' football tournament at Hollinhey.

The sun was shining and after 6 games of football the girls certainly left very red faced.

We had a tough start to the tournament; losing our first 3 games 1-0, 2-0 and 2-0. The score lines didn't reflect the effort and determination of the girls or the fact that they dominated much of the possession in each game. That dominance shone through in game four, where we collected our first 3 points with a 1-0 victory over Hollinhey- Melissa scoring with a superb finish. We remained undefeated in the next two games, as they both finished goalless. Therefore, 3 loses, 2 draws and 1 win was the outcome of the tournament. This outcome meant that we placed 5th overall.

A huge well done to Melissa, Isla, Rose, Carys and Star (Year 6) and Nancy, Scarlett, Gabriella, Jannat and Araya (Year 5)



## Easter Tennis Camps

Macclesfield Tennis Club

Monday 7th April  
Tuesday 8th April  
Wednesday 9th April

Week 2

Wednesday 16th April  
Thursday 17th April

Full Day - 10-3.30pm (£22)  
Half Day - 10-12.30pm (£15)  
3 Full Days - £60  
3 Half Days - £40

Contact Jonny to book :  
jonny.healey@tennistykes.co.uk



Just Drop-In have organised a Superhero Family Ride on Saturday 17 May 2025 as part of Macclesfield Bikeathon. It will be setting off from Macclesfield Town Hall. Dress up (if you like) as your favourite superhero as you cycle (or fly) the 12-mile ride and raise money for Just Drop-In! Other Just Drop In superheroes will be out on the day - how many will you spot?! <https://www.justdropin.co.uk/about-us/macclesfield-bikeathon/>

## Team Parkroyal supporting TeamHaslerMND

In May, some Parkroyal staff will be running the Great Manchester 10k in support of #TeamHaslerMND which is raising money to support one of our ex-colleagues who is also a parent of our school community. Rob Hasler was diagnosed with MND in October. If you would like to donate please click on this [link](#)



## School Term Dates 2024-25

Start of school year	School reopens on Wednesday 4th September 2024 8.35am
	School will be <b>closed</b> to pupils on the following dates:
October Half Term	Friday 25th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas holiday	School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 20th December 2024
	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025
February Half Term	Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025
INSET day 5	Friday 28th February 2025
Easter holiday	School will close at 1.15pm on Friday 4th April 2025
	Monday 7th April 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day	Monday 5th May 2025
May Half Term	Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025
End of school year	School closes on Tuesday 22nd July 1:15pm 2025
Summer holiday	Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Friday 29th August 2025
<p><b>Provisional staff training days (SCHOOL CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS)</b>            Monday 2nd September 2024, Tuesday 3rd September 2024, Friday 25th October 2024 (Trust INSET)            Friday 22nd November 2024, Friday 28th February 2025, Tuesday 22nd April 2025</p>	
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**Please note that 10 or more unauthorised sessions of absence (i.e. 5 days) may result in the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice**

**NEW FROM 19/8/24**

**Please refer to the new parent/carers guidance regarding changes to Fixed Penalty Notices**

## School Term Dates 2025-26

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	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026
February Half Term	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026
Easter holiday	School will close at <b>1.15pm</b> on Friday 27th March 2026
	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026
May Day	SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 4th May 2026
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## Fixed Penalty Notices – New Guidance for Parents and Carers

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

### Penalty Notices will be issued for:

**Term time leave:** Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds i.e. 3 days followed by a further 2 days later in the academic year.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. Unauthorised absences include being late after registers have closed on 10 or more occasions.

### Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued.

The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.