



## April 2026 NEWSLETTER

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### Diary Dates:

13/04/26 – First day of term  
20/04/26 – Whole Class Photos  
21/04/26 – Forest School starts for Reception  
04/05/26 – Bank Holiday Monday  
06/05/26 – Y5/6 Netball Competition  
08/05/26 – FoPD Donut Day!  
11/05/26 – Y6 SATS begin (until Thursday)  
20/05/26 – Y1 Trip to Blue Planet  
22/05/26 – FOPD Frozen Friday and Non-Uniform  
22/05/26 – Last day of half term

03/06/26 – Wednesday - Return to school  
15/06/26 – Rec and KS1 Sports Day  
16/06/26 – KS2 Sports Day  
17/06/26 – Reception new starters information evening  
26/06/26 – Y6 Leavers Service at Blackburn (Children only).  
27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>/06/26 – PDA Festival **SAVE THE DATE**  
29/06/26 – Reserve Date – Rec and KS1 Sports Day  
30/06/26 – Reserve Date – KS2 Sports Day  
01/07/26 – FoPD Hawaiian Disco  
02/07/26 – Y3 & 6 Trip to Liverpool  
06/07/26 – Reception trip to Imagine That  
08/07/26 – Year 6 Production @ 5:30pm  
16/07/26 – Y6 Leavers Service  
17/07/26 – Finish for Summer

Dates and event details can also be found on the calendar on the school website.

### Message from Mr Lawson:

The return of the newsletter! Welcome back to parents and our wider community. In a recent parent survey, there was a strong consensus for the importance of the newsletter and as such – here it is!

As we return from Easter, I wanted to take a moment to pause and reflect on the academic year to date. We are, believe it or not, only 13 school weeks away from our summer break! We have achieved a lot during this time and still have plenty to come in the notoriously action-packed Summer Term. On all the newsletters to date, I have tried to find a passage that signifies either something we have been learning about in Worship or a core piece of scripture to the school community. This week it is one of our six watchwords that the children know off by heart, **Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23** – go on – test them! Say the first word and see what happens!

As a school staff, we truly do serve this community with all our heart. God calls us to live wholeheartedly because we're working for Him, not just for ourselves or others. Doing our best in every situation honours Him and reflects His goodness and love. Jesus gave His all for us, as made evident at Easter, and when we do things with all our heart, we're showing that same love and dedication back to God. In practice, this means we give our all to serving our children and families. We don't always get this right, but we are always open to learn, improve whilst celebrating the great things we do. In the coming weeks, we will share the response to our parent survey – a massive thank you to all those who took the time to respond – it means a lot.

One area we do hope you will see a significant improvement in over the coming weeks is communication with you – not just for the quick updates, but also sharing more about our curriculum and what happens in school day-to-day. I am delighted to share that our new website is now up and running. We have been working very hard behind the scenes on this, and I do hope it lands well. You can get to it by simply going to [www.parbold.org](http://www.parbold.org). Feedback is welcome as we put the final finishing touches to the site!

*Chris Lawson*  
Headteacher

### Friends of Parbold Douglas (FoPD) Column:

We had our FoPD Crazy Hair Day and Easter Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt last half term – both wonderfully successful and a joyous time had by all. Don't forget to return your filled smarties tubes! We have a number of events lined up for the summer term, keep an eye out on the board at the front, social media and messages from school. This half term we have the much-loved Donut Day and Frozen Friday!

We continue to work with school on improving resources and provisions. The recent message about the hybrid space is very exciting and we cannot wait to see this come to fruition in the months ahead.

Please remember, pre-loved uniform is available to purchase all year round. Just email [admin@fopd.co.uk](mailto:admin@fopd.co.uk) with requests. We are always on the lookout for helpers and donations so please do get in touch.

### Heads Team Column:

Hello! Welcome to our April newsletter column!

Last term we had lots of Easter celebrations! We had a wonderful Easter Bingo which was a huge success! We also had an Easter Egg Hunt organised by FoPD. All children across school enjoyed this annual event and some children were lucky enough to find the special golden egg! If you found this then you received an extra bonus treat! The FoPD have also given all children a Smarties tube so that once they have eagerly emptied the contents, they can fill it with coins to raise money for the school playground!

Other things that are on the horizon for us are the important (yet highly painful) SATS tests in May. The year six children have been working especially hard to prepare for these. Something for us to get excited for once the SATS have been completed is our new hybrid playground, a mixture of play, nature and learning which will be a fantastic addition to our school!

Year six also have an exciting opportunity to learn 'Quidditch' this half term! This sport, based on the popular Harry Potter series incorporates skills from netball, dodgeball, handball and tag rugby.

Year 6 are also very excited about our end of year production. No-one knows what it is yet but we will soon find out!

Clubs at our school are one of the great things that we think makes Parbold Douglas special. This month we have had some new and returning clubs.

These include:

- Movement through Music
- Cricket
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Judo
- WLSP Sports

Also, there is now, at Duggies a dodgeball club!

We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we hope you have an enjoyable summer term!

*James, Gabrialla, Jenson, Sylvie and Maddy*

**Heads Team**

### Notices / Reminders:

**World Book Day 2026:** Thank you to all of the children (and parents!) for dressing up as book characters to help us celebrate World Book Day! Everyone enjoyed seeing each other as we did a parade on the astro-turf pitch. It was a joy to invite Nursery to join us and celebrate our love of books as a whole school family.

**Parking:** The school received 4 **complaints** in March regarding some of our parents' inability to park legally and communication from the parish council raising concerns. We are working on an initiative to thank careful and considerate drivers and remind those breaking the law of how they are endangering children's lives each day.

We are acutely aware of the issues the development is causing regarding parking, but want to remind parents that we have eased this issue with the agreement regarding the temporary car park.

**Internet Safety:** We continue to grow concerned about the children's use of applications and games which are not age appropriate. We will continue to share information to protect our children online and look to work with parents as well as educating the children through our PSHE and Internet Safety lessons.

**Attendance and punctuality:** Thank you to you all for your commitment to achieving high levels of attendance throughout the Spring Term. We ask that this remains a priority as we move into the final term. Attendance will be distributed via Arbor soon, updating parents on their child's attendance statistics.

**Life in school:** Please remember that you can follow life in school via our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

**Church Newsletters:** As a reminder, we publish a Church newsletter to the school website every month. <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/christ-church-parbold/>

*Let your light shine!*

**Matthew 5: 16**