



May 2026 NEWSLETTER

Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

Diary Dates:

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).
28/06/26 – PDA Festival **SAVE THE DATE CONFIRMED**
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:

I have just returned from a walk around school which is a buzz of learning, laughter and moments of discovery, curiosity and problem solving. When you are surrounded by it each day, it can become the expected, but as I walked around, I had a moment to reflect on the wonderful children we have, the committed staff and the facilities that enable the children to flourish.

Vision statements are ambitious; they are at times highly aspirational and years in advance of the current position. However, as I walked around school I could see in front of me children who feel as though they belong in the school, who are unconditionally loved and experience moments of joy. Our vision is currently being lived out each day. I say this knowing that many of your children come home from school saying they have done ‘nothing’ – but I can assure you there is so much good going on each day at PDA!

We equally strive to continue to provide the children with the best we possibly can. This week, our wonderful Year 6’s take on the challenge of the SATs tests – they have prepared excellently with the support of the whole Year 6 team; staff from across school will this week surround them in love and support. There is so much more to our children than test results, that is not even up for discussion. Yet we also know that firm academic foundations are the platform for future success and we have the highest aspirations for each child heading into the tests. Please do keep them all, including the staff, in your thoughts and prayers this week.

Looking to the last few weeks of this term (where has the time gone!) the school is preparing for the next phase of development of the hybrid area which will start before and *should* finish just after our return from the break. I cannot wait to share with you all the progress and the final outcome. Fingers crossed it will be ready for our Parbold Party on the 28th June. This is a significant event for our school community, and I will write to you with more information very soon. Participation of children past, present and future will be encouraged as we come together as a school community and invite back children (now adults!) from years gone by.

Chris Lawson
Headteacher

Friends of Parbold Douglas (FoPD) Column:

We are working hard with school on the plans for PDA's 50th Party. Save the date! More information to be communicated from school and ourselves.



Parbold Douglas
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

sat

sunday

28

JUNE

**Parbold Douglas is
turning 50!
save the date!**

Open to the whole of Parbold and beyond!

**Afternoon Tea. Tours of School. History of the School.
Summer Fair. Food. Music. Entertainment. FUN!**