



Parkside House School

Newsletter Summer 2026

July 2026



Head Teacher End Of Year Statement



What a wonderful term we've had at Parkside House!

From a joyful summer ball and lively summer fair to an unforgettable trip to Flamingo Land, our pupils have made brilliant memories and shown real courage and progress — many have sat important exams and every one of them should be proud of what they have achieved this year.

We believe each pupil is closer to reaching their potential thanks to the dedication of staff, families and the pupils themselves. We are grateful to the trusted members of staff who are leaving us; their commitment has made a lasting difference and they will be missed.

At the same time, we warmly welcome the new colleagues joining us in September and look forward to the fresh energy and expertise they will bring.

Thank you

Belinda Young
Head Teacher





Environmental Pride Week

The week began with pupils working together to weed and tidy the outdoor area, taking pride in creating a clean and welcoming environment. They then visited local shops to purchase the resources needed for the project, including compost, sand and other materials, giving them valuable opportunities to practise budgeting, decision-making and community engagement skills.



Some pupils took part in a visit to Tynemouth Beach, where they explored the natural environment and learned about ways to support local wildlife. During the visit, pupils collected a variety of sea glass and shells from the beach. They discussed how natural and recycled materials can be reused creatively and responsibly. Back at school, pupils will use their findings to create bee cups, providing a safe place for bees and other pollinators to stop and drink water. This activity helped pupils understand the important role pollinators play in our ecosystem and how small actions can make a positive difference to wildlife.

Throughout the visit, pupils worked well together, showing enthusiasm, curiosity, and respect for the environment. They demonstrated a growing awareness of how they can help care for nature and take pride in supporting their local community and wildlife.





Our first Summer Fair was a huge Success!

Parkside House School was delighted to host its very first Summer Fair – a calm, inclusive and highly successful event that brought together pupils, families and staff in a positive and supportive community atmosphere.

The fair offered a wide range of carefully planned activities designed to be engaging and accessible for all pupils. These included indoor coordination games, Beat the Keeper, Splat the Rat, Limbo and Hook a Duck, alongside creative and sensory-friendly opportunities such as face painting and the popular Sponge the Teacher activity. A variety of stalls, including a tuck shop, hot dog station and cake sale, provided opportunities for pupils to make choices and enjoy shared experiences in a structured and supportive environment.

We are incredibly proud to share that the Summer Fair raised an amazing **£350 for the School Council**. These funds will help support pupil-led projects, giving young people further opportunities to develop their voice and influence within school life.

Overall, the Summer Fair was a carefully planned and inclusive event that supported wellbeing, strengthened relationships and created positive shared memories across the school community. A huge thank you goes to all staff, pupils, families and supporters whose contributions helped make the event such a success. We are already looking forward to building on this positive experience in the future.





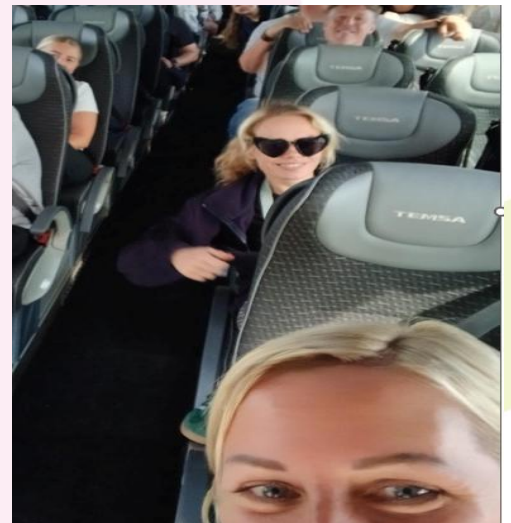
Flamingo Land Trips

As an end-of-term celebration, pupils from Parkside House School enjoyed an exciting trip to Flamingo Land. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to celebrate their achievements throughout the year while creating positive memories with their peers and staff.

Throughout the day, pupils demonstrated resilience, courage, and confidence by challenging themselves to try new rides and experiences. Many pupils faced personal fears, stepping outside of their comfort zones with encouragement and support from staff and friends. It was wonderful to see pupils celebrating one another's successes and taking pride in what they had achieved.

The trip also supported the development of communication, teamwork, independence, and social skills in a fun and meaningful environment. Most importantly, every pupil had a fantastic time, enjoying the attractions, sharing lots of laughter, and ending the school year on a positive note.

We are incredibly proud of how well all of the pupils represented Parkside House School. Their positive attitudes, kindness, and willingness to embrace new experiences made the day a huge success and a memorable way to celebrate the end of term.





Sports Appreciation Week was a blast!

As part of sports appreciation week, students took part in an exciting Sports afternoon filled with fun, teamwork and friendly competition. Activities included tug of war, the egg and spoon race and the sack race, with students demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, effort and enthusiasm throughout. The afternoon finished with a highly anticipated staff versus students football match, with the students securing a memorable 3–2 victory in an entertaining and closely contested game.





Our First Summer Ball

Parkside House School celebrated the end of another successful school year with a fantastic Summer Ball held at Goals. The evening gave pupils the opportunity to come together, celebrate their achievements, and enjoy a memorable end-of-term event in a fun, relaxed, and inclusive environment.

Pupils were treated to a delicious buffet with a wide variety of food, enjoyed having their photographs taken by our professional photographer, and danced the night away on the dance floor with friends and staff.

Throughout the evening, pupils also had access to the football pitch, where they could take part in games and activities, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was wonderful to see pupils building friendships, growing in confidence, and celebrating one another in such a positive atmosphere. The evening was filled with laughter, smiles, and unforgettable moments, with pupils demonstrating kindness, respect, and enthusiasm throughout.

The Summer Ball was a brilliant way to recognise all of the hard work and achievements our pupils have shown over the past year. We are incredibly proud of every pupil for making the event such a success and creating memories that will last for years to come.





After School Clubs next term are...



Gym Club @ The Parks on Mondays

**Video Games Club @
Ashington on Mondays**



Poetry Club @ Ashington on Tuesdays

Cookery Club @ Ashington on Wednesdays



Warhammer Club @ Backworth on Wednesdays

D & D @ Backworth on Thursdays





Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Holiday	School Will Close	Pupils Return <u>To</u> School
Autumn Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026		
Autumn Term	Friday 17 th July 2026	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026
Christmas Holiday 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Wednesday 6 th January 2027
Spring Term Starts Wednesday 6th January 2027		
Spring Half Term 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Easter Holidays 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
Summer Term starts Monday 12th April 2027		
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Summer Half Term 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer Term End 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027	Wednesday 1 st September 2027

Teacher Training Days – All Staff available for consultation

Tuesday 1st September 2026
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Monday 2nd November 2026
 Monday 4th January 2027
 Tuesday 5th January 2027



We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to those leaving us, and wish them all the very best for their future.



... and a BIG warm welcome to our new students joining us in September, we look forward to seeing you all again soon!



**That's a wrap!
See you all on
Thursday 3rd
September,
enjoy your holidays!**

