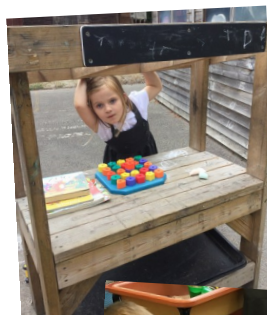


Friday 11th September 2026

Welcome Back Everyone

Welcome back to our new school year at Parsons Heath. We hope everyone has enjoyed their first full week with us. Our new Reception class have been settling in wonderfully. Here are a few pictures of what they have been up to. .



Maths & Science with Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting day of learning yesterday, combining practical maths and science activities. In maths, the children used counters and place value charts to deepen their understanding of numbers up to one million. By building and representing large numbers in different ways, they developed their confidence with place value and strengthened their number skills.



In science, the classroom became a mini laboratory as the children investigated mixtures and separation. Working hands-on, they combined water, sand, iron, salt and pebbles to create different mixtures before exploring ways to separate the materials again. Through observation,

discussion and experimentation, they learned how materials can be mixed together and the different methods scientists use to separate them. The children thoroughly enjoyed the practical investigation and demonstrated excellent teamwork and curiosity throughout the lesson.



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Water Safety Assembly

This week, the whole school took part in a Water Safety Assembly, helping children learn how to stay safe in and around water. The assembly explored a range of important water safety messages, including recognising potential dangers, making safe choices near rivers, lakes and the sea, and knowing what to do in



an emergency. The children listened carefully and engaged thoughtfully in discussions, demonstrating a strong understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe. These valuable lessons will help ensure that our pupils can enjoy water activities safely and responsibly both now and in the future.



Calling all Prospective Parents for Early Years Foundation Stage intake September 2027!

At Parsons Heath C of E Primary School we are offering prospective parents the chance to meet the Headteacher and some of the Reception Class staff. You will then be able to take a tour of the school facilities and a chance to learn about the school's values, ethos and curriculum.

Choose a suitable date from the list below and please call or email the school office to book your place. As you will see we are offering either a daytime visit, early evening or the Saturday Open Morning on 14th November 2026.

Please email: office@parsonsheath.essex.sch.uk or call 01206 860612.



In the School Day	In the Evening
Wednesday 14th October 2026 Monday 16th November 2026 Monday 11th January 2027 11:00am to around 11.30am Please arrive at 11:00am for the start of the tour. Places are limited to allow the Headteacher to give each family enough time per visit, so please call the school and book in advance.	Monday 12th October 2026 6:00pm to around 6:30pm. Please arrive at 6:00pm for the start of the tour. Places are limited to allow the Headteacher to give each family enough time per visit, so please call the school and book in advance. Please note: Although children will not be in school at this time, many parents and carers find these open sessions a relaxed and convenient way to look around the school, get a feel for the environment, and learn more about life at Parsons Heath. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.



Saturday Open Morning - 14th November 2026 between 10.00am to 11.30am

Please drop in any time between 10.00am and 11.30am.

Our school doors will be open, giving you the opportunity to explore the school at your own pace if you're unable to visit during the working week.

During your visit, you'll have the chance to meet the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Reception Teacher, ask any questions you may have, and see the classrooms and learning environment where your child will begin their school journey.

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We would be grateful if you would call the school and let us know if you are coming, but you are also welcome to turn up on the day.



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School Attendance for WC 30th August

Attendance Matters



Whole school attendance figures for WC 30th August were 94.6%. The class with the highest attendance this week were Year 4 who achieved **100% attendance** for the week, great work everyone! Which class will it be in the newsletter next year and can anyone else make that **100%**?

This Week's Leaderboard

1. Lyla-Marie - Y6
2. Akash - Y4
3. Ezra E - Y5





Look out for full celebration details on SchoolPing!

This Week's Achievements & Items to Show.

During the Summer break, Rosalie from Year 4 and Finley from Year 6 went to Yorkshire on holiday and went to Stump Cross Caverns where they cracked open their own geodes. They are really beautiful to look at closely.

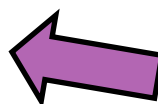


After School Clubs

Please look out for a message on SchoolPing later today telling you which clubs your child has a place in. Clubs start next week, with the exception of SCS paid football which starts today after school.



Next week's school dinner menu for information, all meals should have been pre - booked for next week. The booking system has now closed for this week



School Menu - Autumn 2026 - Week 2 - WC 14th September 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Funday!
Pasta Monday Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake Or (V) Tomato Pasta Bake with Salad (V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both Arctic Roll or Fruit	Chicken Tuesday Crispy Coated Chicken Chunks Or (V) Quorn Dippers with Potato Wedges and sweetcorn (V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both Shortbread biscuit or Fruit	Roast Day Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding Or (V) Quorn Roast & Yorkshire Pudding With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Optional Gravy No Jackets Fruit Jelly or Fruit	Baguette Day Ham Baguette Or (V) Cheese Baguette With Salad (V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both Marble Cake & Custard or Fruit	Friday Funday! Beef Burger in a Bun Or (V) Plant Burger in a Bun with Chips & Beans And Tomato Sauce Sachets No Jackets Flapjack or Fruit
Gluten, dairy and lactose free alternatives are available daily.				