



Parsons Heath C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2026

Parsons Heath is 60 Years Old Next Week!

This year marks a very special milestone for our school as Parsons Heath Church of England Primary School celebrates its 60th anniversary. Since opening in 1966, generations of children, families and staff have been part of our school community, helping to make Parsons Heath the special place it is today. To celebrate this important occasion, we will be holding a three-day celebration in school from Wednesday 23rd September to Friday 25th September 2026. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the past, think about the future and enjoy celebrating together.

Wednesday 23rd September – 1960s Learning About Life in the Past

Children will take part in a fun and engaging day exploring life in the 1960s. There will also be a special themed lunch this day of Sausage and Mash. This meal should have been pre-booked.

Thursday 24th September –

Looking to the Future:

What Will Life Be Like in 2086?

We will also be having a special celebratory photograph taken of the whole school from above.

Friday 25th September – Celebration Party

To conclude our anniversary celebrations, we will be holding a special party day. Children are invited to come to school wearing **party clothes** and will enjoy a party with a disco during the afternoon.

We are very proud of the history of Parsons Heath C of E Primary School and look forward to sharing this special anniversary with our children. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope the children enjoy being part of these memorable celebrations.



School Attendance for WC 7th September

Whole school attendance figures for WC 7th September were 95%. The class with the highest attendance this week were Year 1 who achieved a fantastic **98.6% attendance** Attendance Matters for the week, great work everyone!

Which class will it be in the newsletter next year and can anyone make that **100%**?



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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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- As the weather starts to get colder (and wetter) please don't forget to send a coat in with your child, along with a water bottle and everything they might need for the day.
- Please check the school dinner menus for next week on the next page of the newsletter. There have been some changes made due to the School's 60th Birthday celebrations



This Week's Leaderboard

- Adyan – Y4
- Emily - Y4
- Johan – Y6



This Week's Achievements & Items to Show.

This week we had a whole group of children who completed the Library challenge over the summer break: Chloe Yr2, Rosalie Yr4, Finley Yr 6, Leah Yr4, Ezra Yr 5 and Nadia Yr 1. Well done everyone.



Lexi, from Year 5 and Lois from Year 2, told us all about Invasion Colchester. They visited at the weekend where they got all sorts of autographs and a famous artist drew them a picture.



Ezra, from Year 5 attended a SCS football camp where he was awarded 2 medals.



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School Menu - Summer 2026 - Week 3 - WC - 21st September 2026

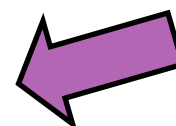
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Funday!
Pasta Monday Spaghetti Bolognaise Or (V) Veggie Bolognaise with Salad & Garlic Bread/Plain Bread	Chicken Tuesday Crispy Coated Chicken Chunks Or (V) Quorn Dippers with Potato Wedges and sweetcorn	Special 60th Birthday lunch This lunch should have been pre-ordered 	Roast Day Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Or (V) Quorn Roast & Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Optional Gravy	Friday Funday! Fish Fingers with Chips & Beans
(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	No Jackets	No Jackets	No Jackets
Ice-cream pots or Fruit	Peaches & Cream	Sausage/Quorn Sausage Mashed Potato Peas & Sweetcorn Optional Gravy Chocolate Sponge with Special Pink Custard	Chocolate Brownie or Fruit	Biscuit or Fruit

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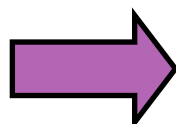
Next week's school dinner menu for information.

Due to the 60th Birthday Celebrations there are some menu changes. We will check with all children in class their dinner choices for the day.



School Dinner menu for
WC 28th September
2026.

You have until
Monday 21st September
to book your child's
school meals for this
week.



School Menu - Autumn 2026 - Week 1 - WC 28th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Funday!
Pizza Day Freshly Prepared Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Plain Pasta & Salad	Pasta Day Macaroni Cheese Pasta Or Tomato Pasta Bake with garlic bread or plain bread	Roast Day Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Or (V) Quorn Roast & Yorkshire Pudding With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Optional Gravy	Curry Thursday Chicken Korma Or (V) Veggie Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	Friday Funday! Sausage Roll Or (V) Cheese & Tomato Whirl with Chips, Beans & Ketchup
(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	No Jackets	(V) Oven baked jacket potato topped with cheese or beans or both	No Jackets
Oat Biscuit or Fruit	Yoghurt or Fruit	Fruit Jelly with cream	Ice cream pots or Fruit	Chocolate Traybake Cake or Fruit

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