

Friday 25th September 2026

This Week Parsons Heath is 60 Years Old!

We have had a fantastic week celebrating our school's 60th Birthday, with children and staff enjoying a range of special activities to mark this wonderful milestone.

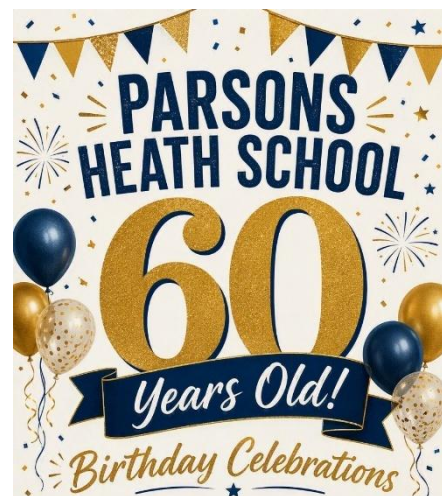
On Wednesday, the children stepped back in time to learn all about the 1960s. Throughout the day, they explored the music, art, fashion, television and films that shaped the decade, discovering how life has changed over the past sixty years. The classrooms were filled with creativity and excitement as pupils took part in a variety of themed activities. We also enjoyed a delicious celebratory lunch, which added to the festive atmosphere across the school.

On Thursday, the whole school came together for a very special aerial photograph. Children and staff worked together to create the outline of a giant number 60 on the playground, producing a memorable image that will help commemorate this important anniversary for years to come. We will share this image soon.

The celebrations continued on Friday with a whole-school disco, giving everyone the opportunity to come together, have fun and celebrate our school community.

It has been a truly fantastic week, filled with learning, laughter and special memories.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate 60 years of Parsons Heath and all that makes our school such a wonderful place to learn, grow and belong.



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Construction Club

This week, the children had a fantastic time at Construction Club, one of the many exciting after-school clubs run by our teaching staff. The club provides pupils with the opportunity to develop their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging environment.



This Week's Leaderboard

1. Emily C – Y4
2. Akash - Y4
3. Osinachi – Y4



This Week's Achievements & Items to Show.

Jandell, from Year 5, received an award from the Jack Petchy Foundation for being an outstanding achiever. Leah, from Year 4, told us all about when she went to watch Matilda in Norwich recently.



Harper, from Year 2, drew a lovely picture Parsons Heath, and how everybody helps everybody else. Emily, from Year 4



wrote a piece all about David Attenborough for Parsons Heath Pioneers for Change and Samantha, from Year 5, also drew a poster for Pioneers for Change



about saving the sea and how the animals don't like all the litter in the ocean.



- Don't forget individual School Photos take place on Wednesday 7th October. Please make sure your child is dressed in school uniform on this day.



School Dinner menu for WC 5th October 2026.
You have until Monday 28th September to book your child's school meals for this week.



School Menu - Autumn 2026 - Week 2 - WC 5th October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Funday!
Pasta Monday Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake Or (V) Tomato Pasta Bake with Salad	Chicken Tuesday Crispy Coated Chicken Chunks Or (V) Quorn Dippers with Potato Wedges and sweetcorn	Roast Day Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding Or (V) Quorn Roast & Yorkshire Pudding With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Optional Gravy	Baguette Day Ham Baguette Or (V) Cheese Baguette With Salad	Friday Funday! Beef Burger in a Bun Or (V) Plant Burger in a Bun with Chips & Beans And Tomato Sauce Sachets
(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
Arctic Roll or Fruit	Shortbread biscuit or Fruit	Fruit Jelly or Fruit	Marble Cake & Custard or Fruit	Flapjack or Fruit

Gluten, dairy and lactose free alternatives are available daily.

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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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Next week's school dinner menu for information.





Parsons Heath C of E Primary School Newsletter



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 14th September

Whole school attendance
figures for WC 14th

September were 93.5%. The class with the highest attendance this week were Year 3 who achieved a fantastic **97.3% attendance** for the week, great work everyone! Which class will it be in the newsletter next year and can anyone make that **100%**?

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Harvest Festival

This year, our harvest collection will be in aid of Colchester Food Bank who have been supporting our local community.



Each class will be putting together a donation box which will be presented during our harvest celebration on 30th September 2026. We hope that many of you will be able to provide an item or items for the boxes. We would welcome donations of the following items:

Tinned fish, Cereal, Squash Juice, Tinned Puddings, Jam, Coffee, Long life milk, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Meats, Tinned Fruits, Soup, Tea bags, Sugar, Sauces, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned vegetables, Shampoo, Soap, Shower gel, Nappies, Baby Wipes, Washing up liquid, Tooth brushes, Toothpaste, Sanitary products, Toilet Rolls and Deodorant.

We would be grateful if you could send in donated items from Wednesday 23rd September and at the latest by Tuesday 29th September 2026.

Thank you in advance for your support of our harvest collection.

Autumn Bug Hunt

Free Fun for the family...
Come and explore our churchyard
and see what bugs you can find!

Saturday 26th September 10.00-Noon
at St Andrew's Church
Forest Road, Greenstead.

Children must be accompanied by adults

Refreshments, crafts and basic bug hunting equipment available.