At the end of the summer term, all the junior children successfully performed the classic musical 'The Wizard of Oz' to three sell-out audiences.

Having spent over a month in rehearsal, audiences watched in awe as Dorothy (and her beloved dog Toto) were whisked off to the magical Munchkinland and forced to follow the Yellow Brick Road to meet The Wizard and find her way home.

On the way, audiences saw Dorothy befriend a scarecrow seeking a brain, a tin man longing for a heart and a lion wanting courage. They laughed at the talking trees and were scared by the cackling Wicked Witch of the West.

Speaking on the final night, headteacher Mr. Perrin praised the dedication and commitment of all involved and presented the show’s director, Mr. Gray, with film cells from the original movie, in gratitude of his hard work.
Year 5 pupils have spent a week of fun, education, challenges and new experiences at Cefn Lea in Wales.

Twenty six children took part in the 5 day residential, staying in chalets at Cefn Lea holiday park in Powys.

The week started with a stop off in Welshpool to visit a canal museum, and a trip to the Mid-Wales Falconry to get up close with birds of prey.

This was followed on Tuesday by a ride on a railway up to the Centre for Alternative Technology, a boat trip underground in King Arthur’s Labyrinth and an Archery lesson.

On Wednesday, (brave) children had the chance to handle a snake at Borth Animalarium and go rock pooling in a wet Aberystwyth.

Thursday was spent at the Red Ridge centre, where children had an exciting day caving, climbing, kayaking and going down zip wires.

A stop was made at Newtown Leisure Centre for an hour’s swimming on the drive back to Cefn Lea, after which on the Friday everyone returned home to tell their parents what a wonderful time they had had.
Having been officially named ‘The Friendship Gardens’ by members of the Committee, each class was assigned a plot of soil to tend and look after. The school held a ‘planting day’ in June when everybody had the chance to churn the soil, dig holes, plant and get a bit muddy! It is hoped that fresh vegetables can be picked in time for harvest.

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Eden Camp in North Yorkshire. This former prisoner of war camp is now a museum dedicated to World War Two, with all of the huts once used to house the inmates, now turned into a collection of themed exhibits focusing on the ‘Home Front’.

The children were able to explore the museum and learn about ‘The People’s War’ - from listening to the declaration of war by Chamberlain on a wireless set, to watching children be evacuated to the countryside and smelling buildings smouldering during the Blitz. In the afternoon, the children visited the music hall, where they were invited to join in and sing “We’ll meet again”.

We’ll meet again
Our Friends From Spotland School

Parkfield has continued to develop links with its multiracial partner school - Spotland Primary in Rochdale.

Reception children took part in two class swap days, where children from each school spent a day working in each others classrooms. Spotland children were treated to a display of May Pole dancing at Parkfield, while Parkfield children enjoyed a morning of music, dance, working together - and lunch at Spotland.

Year 1 children took part in a joint trip to Liverpool where they all had a ride on the Mersey Ferry.

Finally, Year 2 children from Parkfield visited Spotland School for an art and craft day. They had fun doing a range of creative activities under the theme of “Noah’s Ark” - from making animal hats, playing musical instruments and painting animals. The day finished with a animal procession through the hall to the Ark.

Harvest Service

Parkfield welcomes members of the community to attend this year’s Harvest Service, to celebrate the food grown on the land.

Parkfield Church
12th October
9:30am

New Intake Forms Now Available

• Does your child turn five between September 2008 and August 2009?
• If the answer is ‘yes’ then they you will need to apply for a place in a reception class before 30th December 2007.
• Forms can be obtained from Miss Draper in the school office. Parkfield will be having an open day for prospective parents on 24th October at 10 am and 2pm.