



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Parkside Community Primary School, with lots of opportunities for our children, families and staff to come together.

Family Reading Morning

It was wonderful to welcome families into school again this week for our Family Reading Morning. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout school as children and their families shared stories together.

Sharing a story is such a wonderful way to support your child's reading development. Whether you are reading a book together, taking turns to read, talking about the pictures or simply discussing a story you have enjoyed, these shared experiences help to develop vocabulary, comprehension and, most importantly, a love of reading.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. We really value these opportunities to work together in supporting our children as readers.

Celebration Assembly

We were also delighted to welcome families into school to celebrate the achievements of children who received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly. It is always a pleasure to recognise and celebrate the hard work, effort, kindness and achievements of our pupils.

Well done to all of our certificate recipients - we are very proud of you!

Allergy Awareness

This week, we held a special assembly focusing on Allergy Awareness. During the assembly, the children learned about what allergies are, how an allergic reaction can affect the body and what we can do to help someone who is experiencing an allergic reaction.

The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our highest priority. Parkside Community Primary School has invested in KITT Medical, ensuring that we have additional emergency epinephrine pen treatments available for adults and children who may experience an allergic reaction. Children with known allergies also have their own prescribed emergency medication with them at all times in school.



This term, we will also be introducing yellow armbands and yellow trays during food times for children with known allergies. These measures will provide an additional visual reminder to help keep our children safe and support our staff in maintaining our allergy-aware approach across school. We encourage all families to talk to their children about allergies and the importance of never sharing food with another child unless they have been given permission to do so.

Pupil Premium

This week, you will also have received a letter and form regarding Pupil Premium applications.

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who may be vulnerable to possible underachievement. This includes pupils who have been in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) at any time during the last six years, children who are looked after by the Local Authority (CLA), and children who have a parent in the Armed Forces.

As a school, we are committed to promoting the progress and attainment of all our pupils, whatever their background or circumstances. Pupil Premium funding enables us to provide additional support and opportunities that can help children to thrive both academically and personally.

If you think your child may be eligible, please complete and return the form provided. Your application can make a valuable difference to the support and opportunities we are able to provide for our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

September

30th: 2:45pm - 3:10pm Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop

October

1st: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

15th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

26th - 30th - Half Term Break - School Closed

November

5th 8:30am - 12pm - NHS Flu Immunisations:

Reception - Year 6

10th: 9:00- Year 3 Elm Class Assembly

12th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

17th: 9:00 - Year 6 Cherry & Oak Class Assembly

26th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

26th 10:30am - 12pm - NHS Flu Immunisations:

Reception - Year 6

December

1st December: 9:00 - Year 5 Ash Class Assembly

10th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

10th: Christmas Jumper Day

10th: Christmas Dinner

11th 9:00 - 10:00 - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

16th: 9:45am - 10:45am - EYFS/KS1 Nativity

17th: 10:45am - I.Rock Concert

18th: 1:15pm - End of Autumn Term

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 attend swimming lessons every Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30. Pupils may arrive at school with their swimming kit underneath their uniform for ease of changing.

P.E.

Children should change for P.E. in school.

Pupils should bring their P.E. Kit into school in a bag and this will be stored in the cloakroom until the end of half-term. Kits will then be sent home to washed.



Dates For Your Diary

Class Assemblies

(all of which will take place in the Hall from 9:00-9:30)

10th November 2026 - Year 3 Elm

17th November 2026 - Year 6 Cherry & Oak

1st December 2026 - Year 5 Ash

19th January 2027 - Year 4 Aspen

9th February 2027 - Year 2 Alder

16th March 2027 - Year 1 Maple

13th July 2027 - Reception/Nursery Pine/Fir

Festive Celebrations

(School Hall)

11th December 2026 - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

09:00 - 10:00

16th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

09:45-10:45

17th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (PM)

14:00-15:00

