PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Parkside, with lots of opportunities for our children to demonstrate our school values, contribute to the wider school community and celebrate the achievements of others.

School Council – Making Children's Voices Heard

Our School Council has been particularly busy this week! Alongside selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion, representatives have also met with Mr Sullivan-Pond to launch an exciting new project in partnership with the Parkside Friends Association (PFA).

School Council representatives have been developing a competition which they will soon introduce to their classes. Children will be invited to design a logo for the Parkside Friends Association, giving everyone an opportunity to contribute creatively to this exciting project.

Children will have two weeks to submit their designs. Once the closing date has passed, School Council representatives will select a winning design from each class. These shortlisted designs will then be presented to the PFA, who will make the final decision and choose the overall winner. We look forward to seeing the children's creativity and sharing the outcome with you!

We are also in the process of developing a dedicated page on our school website for the School Council. This will provide a space to share more information about the projects they are involved in and importantly, demonstrate how our children's voices are being heard and considered in decision-making across the school. We are incredibly proud of the role our School Council plays in ensuring that children feel they have a meaningful voice in shaping their school community.

Remembrance – Honouring and Remembering

On Wednesday 11th November, we held a special whole-school assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Children from Reception to Year 6 came together with staff to watch the CBeebies animation Poppies. This beautiful short animation helps children understand the meaning behind wearing a poppy and why continuing this tradition is such an important way of showing respect and remembering those who have served and sacrificed so much.





Following the animation, we observed a two minute silence. I was incredibly proud of the calm composure and respect demonstrated by all of our children during this time. It was a very special moment to see our whole school community come together in such a thoughtful and meaningful way. We brought the silence to a close by listening to a recording of The Last Post.

Celebrating Our Achievements

This week we also enjoyed celebrating the many achievements of children across the school during our celebration assembly this week.

I was particularly proud of all those who received certificates for demonstrating our valued behaviours. It was especially lovely to see how frequently teachers had recognised and commended children for acting as positive role models to their peers.

This is a wonderful reflection of the progress our children are making in understanding not only what our valued behaviours look like, but also the positive impact they have on others. When children consistently demonstrate kindness, respect, responsibility and consideration, they help to create the calm, nurturing and supportive environment that we want every child to experience at Parkside.

A huge well done to all of our certificate recipients, and to every child who has been making positive choices and setting a great example for others this week. You should all be very proud!

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us make Parkside such a positive and welcoming place to learn and grow. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan
Headteacher



Celebration Assembly Certificate Recipients

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.

Year 4 Swimming

From Spring 2027, Year 4 will be swimming instead of Year 2.

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.

Upcoming Events

November

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
15th: 9:45am - 10:45am - EYFS/KS1 Nativity
16th: 2:00pm - 3:00pm - EYFS/KS1 Nativity
17th 9:00am - 10:00pm - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert
17th: 10:45am - I.Rock Concert
18th: 1:15pm - End of Autumn Term



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Dates For Your Diary

Class Assemblies

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

Year 3 Elm - Postponed

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)

15th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

09:45-10:45

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

14:00-15:00

17th December 2026 - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

09:00 - 10:00