



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week in school and I'm pleased to share the biggest highlights of the week.

Family Reading Morning

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us for our Family Reading Morning this week. It was a real pleasure to see so many children engaged and enjoying a book alongside their families. We were also delighted to welcome members of our Governing Body, who joined us for the event and enjoyed seeing our children sharing their love of reading.

Promoting reading for pleasure has a significant impact on children's attitudes towards reading and helps to develop their confidence, enjoyment and motivation. We are committed to fostering a strong reading culture across our school and the support you provide at home is an important part of this.

Every day, your child will bring home a reading book that's matched to their reading level. Please take the time to read with your child at home and record your reading in their Home Reading Record. This information helps your child's class teacher to understand their reading experiences at home and to provide the right support to continue developing their reading journey, both at home and in school.

In addition to their home reading book, every class will visit our school library once a week, giving children the opportunity to explore a wide range of books and choose a library book to bring home. We hope this encourages children to discover new authors, genres and stories and most importantly, develop a lifelong love of reading!

Exciting New Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We are also very excited to share that we have been working with staff at Habs School to develop a range of extra-curricular activities for children in Key Stage 2. This partnership provides some exciting new opportunities for our children to develop interests and skills beyond the classroom.

Mr Sullivan-Pond has sent a letter to families to gather interest from those who would like their child to participate in the range of clubs on offer. These clubs will begin next week, if you have signed your child up for a club, you will receive further correspondence with details next week.

This is the beginning of an exciting programme of development and throughout the year we will be expanding our extra-curricular opportunities to include children across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We look forward to offering children an increasingly broad range of opportunities to discover new interests, develop talents and learn new skills.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher



Nurturing And Inspiring Young Minds Towards A Bright Future

Upcoming Events

September

24th: 9:15am - 12pm - Night Owls

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

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

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

26th 10:30am - 12pm - NHS Flu
Immunisations: Reception - Year 6

December

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

10th: Christmas Jumper Day

10th: Christmas Dinner

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 be washed.



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WRAP AROUND CARE

From 15th January 2026, school WrapAround Care will extend to 5.30pm

Art and crafts,
Board games,
Recreational Activities,
Sports and Cooking!

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7:45 am – 8:30 am
3.15pm – 5.30pm

REGISTER TODAY
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