



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with a full programme of activities providing our children with valuable opportunities to learn, develop new skills and reflect on our school values.

Year 3 – Rocks and Fossils Workshop

This week, Year 3 enjoyed an engaging Rocks and Fossils workshop this week, which provided valuable curriculum support and brought their learning to life. Opportunities such as these help to deepen the children's understanding of the topics they are studying and encourage curiosity about the world around them.



Celebrating Inclusion with Ella Beaumont

We were delighted to welcome Ella Beaumont and her team to school this week. Ella is a wheelchair basketball coach, a Great Britain athlete and a wheelchair workout trainer. During her assembly, Ella spoke to the children about some of the challenges she faces as a wheelchair user and how adaptations have supported her in achieving her goals.

Ella's inspiring assembly encouraged our children to think carefully about the importance of one of our core values, inclusion, and how we can all play a part in ensuring that everyone feels valued, respected and able to participate.

Following the assembly, our Year 6 Oak and Cherry classes had the exciting opportunity to take part in a wheelchair basketball workshop. This was a thoroughly enjoyable morning, giving the children a practical insight into wheelchair basketball and the importance of accessibility, determination and teamwork.

We are incredibly grateful to Ella and her team for sharing their experiences, inspiring our children and helping us to further develop our understanding of inclusion.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations

This week, teachers also met with parents and carers for our Autumn Term consultations. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to discuss and review the children's learning, progress and development so far this academic year. We hope that parents and carers found these sessions helpful and informative.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Parents and carers of children in Years 3 and 4 will have their consultations with class teachers after half term.

School Council Elections

This week has also seen the School Council elections taking place and following some excellent campaign speeches, we were extremely pleased to announce our new Class Representatives today at Assembly. Their first official duty will be the orchestration of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026. Poppies and other items will be on sale from the 2nd November.



As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together helps us to ensure that every child feels supported, included and able to achieve their very best.

Next week the school will be closed for the half term break. We wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing children return on Monday 2nd November 2026

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher



Upcoming Events

October

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

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 be washed.



Nurturing And Inspiring Young Minds Towards A Bright Future

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)

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

