



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy and exciting week at Parkside, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, celebrate and make special memories together.

Speak Out Stay Safe

During my Headteacher's Assembly this week, we learnt about the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe message. This important programme helps children to understand their rights, including their right to feel safe, to be heard and to speak out if something is worrying them.

We reviewed the Childline number and also revisited our Parkside Safe Hand. Our Safe Hand is something that we review with all children each term, ensuring that every child identifies one trusted adult outside of school and four trusted adults in school whom they feel they could talk to if they are worried about something.

As part of their Safe Hand, children also identify an object, such as a favourite cuddly toy, that helps them to feel safe, as well as the numbers for the emergency services and Childline. These are important conversations, and it was lovely to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with the assembly.

Celebration Assembly

This week we also held our first Celebration Assembly of the academic year and it was a delight to welcome parents and carers into school to join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our children.

Children received certificates for demonstrating our valued behaviours and it was a real pleasure to recognise and celebrate the positive choices, attitudes and actions that make our Parkside community such a special place.

We look forward to celebrating many more children throughout the year!



A Visit from the Night Owls

Finally, we had the tremendously exciting event of welcoming the Night Owls to Parkside this week!

The children were absolutely delighted to watch and learn about such a wonderful variety of birds. Monty, Murphy, Mango, Cookie and Willow were quite possibly the most popular visitors we have ever had at Parkside! The excitement was palpable as the children learned fascinating facts about the birds and had the opportunity to see them in flight.

Following the assembly, each child also had the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Dotty the owl. The Night Owls company will be sending a letter to parents and carers explaining how these photographs can be purchased should you wish to do so.

It has been a fantastic week filled with important learning, wonderful celebrations and some very special visitors. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us to make Parkside such a positive and nurturing place for our children.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher



Nurturing And Inspiring Young Minds Towards A Bright Future

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 6 Cherry & Oak class assembly

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

17th: 9:00 - Year 3 Elm 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

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 6 Cherry & Oak

17th November 2026 - Year 3 Elm

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

