



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at Parkside, with a real focus on celebrating the joy of reading as we marked World Book Day together.

On Thursday, it was fantastic to see so many children embracing the theme of relaxing with a good book by coming to school in their pyjamas. There were some brilliant pyjama variations across the school, including a couple of particularly enthusiastic reading Tyrannosaurus Rex! It was a lovely way to celebrate reading and created an exciting atmosphere throughout the day.

As part of our celebrations, we also held our very first Family Reading Morning. It was truly special to welcome so many parents and carers into classrooms to spend time sharing a story with their child. Opportunities like this help to promote a love of reading and it was wonderful to see families enjoying books together and modelling the importance of reading for pleasure.

I'm delighted to share that Family Reading Morning will now become a regular event at Parkside. Our next session will take place on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 8:30am, and we look forward to welcoming families back into school once again.

Another highlight of World Book Day was our "Setting in a Shoe Box" competition, where children were invited to create a scene from one of their favourite stories inside a shoebox. We received many fantastic and imaginative entries, and it has been lovely to see the creativity and effort that children have put into their work. Next week, we will share and celebrate the entries in assembly and announce a winner from each year group. I hope you enjoy some of the photos from the day on the next page.



Looking ahead to next week, Year 4 will be presenting their class assembly on Tuesday 10th March. We look forward to seeing their learning and achievements shared with the school community.

I will also be holding a SATs Information Meeting for parents and carers of Year 6 children on Wednesday 11th March at 8:45am. This meeting will provide helpful information about the upcoming SATs and how families can support their children during this time.

In addition, there will be a Mobile Phone Policy meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 12th March at 8:45am. During this meeting, I will be sharing information about the new policy and answering any questions. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher

World Book Day 2026



Upcoming Events

February

16th - 20th Half Term Break (School Closed)

March

10th - Year 4 class assembly (9:00am)

11th SATs Parents and Carers Information Meeting (8:45am)

12th Mobile Phone Policy -Parents Meeting (8:45am)

17th - Parent Consultations

18th - Parent Consultations

19th - 10:45 - I.Rock Spring Concert

24th - Year 6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum

25th - Family Reading Morning (8:30am - 9:00)

27th - Last day of Spring Term (1:15pm finish)

April

13th - INSET Day (School closed to children)



Year 2 Swimming

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

P.E.

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.

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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

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Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. We are a supportive group of parents and professionals who all want the best for our children. We offer a supportive environment where people can share a wealth of tried and tested ideas to support you and your family.

The next meeting in Potters Bar will be

Thursday 12th March 2026

Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3B

9.15 – 10.45am

Please join us for coffee and a chat!

Future dates:

Thursday 16th April 2026

Thursday 14th May 2026

Thursday 11th June 2026

Thursday 9th July 2026

No need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day.
Refreshments will be provided.





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In partnership with the DSPL6 we offer several support services for parents of children with SEND. We run a Parent Support Network in Potters Bar once a month, a fortnightly on-line Parent Support Network and an online SEND surgery every half term.

The **Parent Support Network Potters Bar** is a drop in session running at Elm Court. We are a supportive group of parents and professionals who all want the best for our children. We offer a supportive environment where people can share a wealth of tried and tested ideas to support you and your family. You are welcome to attend each month or as your diary allows. Each session runs from 9.15am until 10.45.

The dates for the Summer term are

Thursday 16th April 2026

Thursday 14th May 2026

Thursday 11th June 2026

Thursday 9th July 2026

Every half term we run an online appointment **SEND surgery** which is open to families with children that attend a Hertsmere school. These run throughout the day, which is split into free bookable 30-minute slots where you can discuss your child's SEND needs. An Eventbrite link will be shared via our mailing list and our website a week before each surgery. The dates of the SEND surgeries for this academic year are:

Thursday 5th March 2026

Tuesday 28th April 2026

Thursday 18th June 2026

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