



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Spring term. I hope that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week.

I would like to begin the new year by sharing two exciting announcements with our school community. Firstly, through the teaching of our valued behaviours at Parkside, we have developed three core values that will guide our school community moving forward. These values are **Kindness**, **Resilience** and **Inclusion**. They have been thoughtfully developed from the valued behaviours embedded within our behaviour curriculum and represent the culture we are committed to nurturing and seeing lived out every day at Parkside.

Last term, children began learning about kindness through their behaviour curriculum and this work will continue as we place an initial focus on our core values. On Monday next week, I will be delivering an assembly to introduce these values to the children and explain how they will form the foundation of how we shape our school culture, develop our moral compass and prepare our pupils to go out into the world, guided by our mission to "Nurture and inspire young minds towards bright futures."

My second exciting announcement relates to a very special milestone for our school. With Parkside Community Primary School's 70th anniversary approaching, I am delighted to share that we will be holding an anniversary exhibition on **Friday 6th February 2026**. Parents and carers are warmly invited



to join us in celebration and view a creative piece from every pupil, produced to commemorate this significant occasion. We will also be showcasing memorabilia and extracts from Parkside's history.

Further details can be found on the flyer attached to this newsletter. We know that many of our families were once pupils at Parkside themselves and we would love to include your happy memories or anecdotes from your time at the school as part of our celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and purposeful Spring term ahead.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs May-Finnegan**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

### January

14<sup>th</sup>: Phonics Screening parent workshop for Year 1 and Reception - 8:45am - 9:45am

16<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 and 4 Cycling training with Herts Disability Sports Foundation

### February

6th Parkside's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition

**16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Half Term Break (School Closed)**

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 be washed.





# **Parkside Community Primary School's 70th Anniversary Exhibition**



Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate 70 years of Parkside Community Primary School!

**Date: Friday 6th February 2026**

**Time: 13:45**

We would also love to hear from members of the wider Parkside community who previously attended the school. If you have a memory or anecdote you would like to share as part of the exhibition.

Please email it to: [admin@parkside.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parkside.herts.sch.uk)