



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Parkside! Our teachers have been hard at work updating corridor displays, celebrating the wonderful learning and creativity of our pupils. I look forward to sharing photographs of our school displays in the coming weeks.

We have also begun implementing live-feedback across the school. This approach allows teachers to provide immediate, meaningful feedback through discussion during lessons - helping pupils to reflect and deepen their understanding. Research shows that live-feedback is highly effective in promoting progress and motivation.

Pupils are engaging enthusiastically to this approach, recording their responses to live-feedback in green pen. Our motto is: "If you've been seen, switch it to green!" You'll be able to see examples of this approach in children's exercise books during Parents' Consultations after half term - look out for children's progress recorded in green pen!

I am also pleased to share some staffing news. We have appointed an Interim Deputy Headteacher, Mr Pond-Sullivan, who will be joining us on Monday 13th

October 2025. He will be supporting the school in Mrs Herbaut's absence and will remain with us until the end of the Autumn term. Mr Pond-Sullivan is very much looking forward to getting to know the Parkside community and working closely with pupils, parents and staff.



Reception Tours

We are also delighted to announce that we are now conducting Reception tours for children due to start school in January 2026. Additionally, if you are looking for a nursery place for your child, you are warmly welcome to attend these tours. Dates for all tours can be found on the last page of this newsletter and on our school website.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture and inspire young minds towards a bright future. Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher

Upcoming Events

October

13th: Flu Vaccinations

14th: Reception Tour 9:15am

20th: 24th: Year 6 PGL

22nd: Reception Tour 1:30pm

27th: 31st: Half - term

November

3rd: INSET Day - school closed to children

4th: Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 7:00pm

5th: Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

6th Reception Tour 9:15am

6th: Whole School Diwali Workshop

11th Therapeutic Behaviour Policy Parent Workshop

9:00 - 9:30

11th: Reception Tour 1:30pm

14th: Flu Vaccinations

25th: Year 6 Class Assembly

27th: Reception Tour 3:30pm

28th: Occasional Day

December

2nd: SEND Parents Meetings - 3:30am - 4:40

9th: Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am

10th: Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am

19th: End of Term - 1:15pm

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 attend swimming lessons every Tuesday 9:05 - 11:00. 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 wash.

