



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, it has been truly heart-warming to see our school filled with celebration, joy and togetherness.

This week, we were delighted to watch each key stage perform their Christmas song. The children sang beautifully and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, supporting and celebrating their hard work. Your presence made the performances even more special for the children.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Saunderson, our Chair of Governors, who led a thoughtful and engaging Hanukkah assembly. The children learned about the meaning and traditions of Hanukkah and they greatly enjoyed playing a game of dreidel. They were especially excited to receive their own dreidels to take home and share with their families.



Throughout the term, the children have explored and celebrated a number of faith festivals, helping them to develop understanding, respect and appreciation for the cultures and beliefs within our community. We look forward to continuing this important work and celebrating the rich diversity of our school when we return next term.

Finally, a reminder that school will finish at 1:15pm on Friday 19th December 2025.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs May-Finnegan**

**Headteacher**



In addition, Reverend Collins joined us at Parkside for a festive Christingle service. Each class received a Christingle and learned about its symbolic significance, helping the children to further understand the traditions behind this Christian celebration.



## Upcoming Events

### December

17th: School Christmas Lunch

18th: IRock Christmas concert 10:45am - 11:45am

19th: End of Term - 1:15pm

### January

5th: INSET Day - school closed to children

6<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Term 2026

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



**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 washed.

