



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

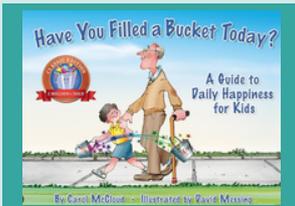
Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half term at Parkside, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a particularly meaningful focus for our school community this week — Children’s Mental Health Week.

This year’s theme, “This is My Place,” has encouraged us all to think about how we foster a strong sense of belonging, safety and security within our school, our families and our wider community. Helping children to feel valued, connected and understood is central to their wellbeing and to their ability to flourish both academically and personally.

Throughout the week, children have taken part in a variety of thoughtful activities. We joined a virtual assembly led by the charity Place2Be, which helped children explore what it means to feel that they truly belong. Classes also revisited the much-loved book “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” by Carol McCloud. This story sparked important conversations about kindness and the impact our words and actions can have on others.



The children created their own “buckets” and reflected on how acts of kindness help to fill not only someone else’s bucket, but our own as well. It has been wonderful to see them engaging so maturely with discussions around kindness as a valued behaviour, and understanding how it directly affects the wellbeing of others. These are lessons that reach far beyond the classroom and help shape the caring culture we are so proud of at Parkside.

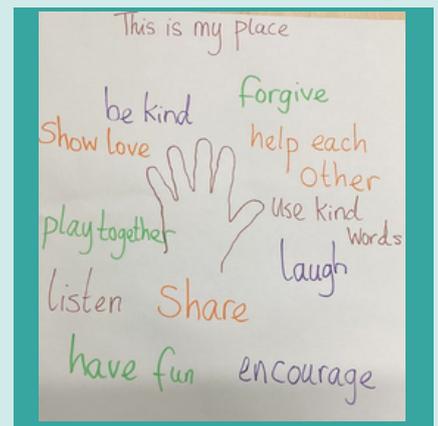
We are also delighted to share that our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) are looking to recruit new members. The PFA plays an invaluable role in supporting the school and enriching the experiences of our children. They are eager to welcome new faces and to begin planning a range of exciting events to support Parkside in the months ahead. Please do take a moment to read the message from the PFA and use the QR code on the next page to join their contact group if you are interested in getting involved. Your support truly makes a difference.

Finally, as we break for half term, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support. I wish you all a happy, restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next chapter of learning.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher



Join the PFA – Get Involved!

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is a friendly, parent-led group that brings our school community together through events like summer and Christmas fairs, discos, film nights and pop-up stalls. To keep these activities going, we need more parents and carers to step into leading roles. We are currently preparing for our upcoming AGM (will share the date very soon). No previous experience is needed - current members will fully support you. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please join the WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code.

PFA Group 2025

WhatsApp group



Nurturing And Inspiring Young Minds Towards A Bright Future

Upcoming Events

February

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

March

5th - World Book Day

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

24th - Year 6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum



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

REGISTER TODAY
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