



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at Parkside, filled with learning, creativity and community spirit.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, all children have taken part in a range of activities and lessons designed to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. Both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two participated in an engaging Anti-Bullying Workshop led by Smiling Mind. The children responded with great enthusiasm and thoughtfulness, demonstrating our shared commitment to making Parkside a safe and supportive place for everyone.



This week, we also launched our Behaviour Curriculum, through which pupils will take part in two 15-minute lessons each week. These sessions focus on our valued behaviours and how pupils can demonstrate and promote them both in school and beyond. These lessons will be shared each week on our Facebook page.

A special thank you to all the parents who attended our Therapeutic Thinking Parent Workshop on Tuesday. As part of our therapeutic approach, every child has now been assigned to one of our school houses, where they can earn house-points as rewards for demonstrating valued behaviours. Our houses are based on the original houses that were in place when Parkside was first founded as Parkside First School, almost seventy years ago.



Parents will shortly receive a letter confirming their child's house allocation and will be able to monitor their child's house-points via the Arbor app. We hope this enables you to celebrate your child's success with them at home.

This week also saw our Key Stage Two School Councillors join the Mayor on a Peace Walk, a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage with the diverse faiths represented in our local community and to celebrate our shared hope for peace - both in our world and here at home in Parkside.

Meanwhile, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to COAM (Chiltern Open Air Museum), where they were immersed in activities connected to their recent class text, Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. This hands-on experience really brought their learning to life and deepened their understanding of the historical context explored in the novel.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our pupils grow as kind, thoughtful, and curious learners.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

November

25th: Year 6 Class Assembly

27th: Reception Tour 3:30pm

28th: Occasional Day

December

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

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

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

17th: School Christmas Lunch

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

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 washed.

