



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Friday 19th December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first term, I am delighted to share some wonderful highlights from a festive and busy week at Parkside.

This week has been full of joyful end-of-term activities, including our much-anticipated Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. It was truly lovely to see all the children and teachers sitting together, sharing in the festive spirit and celebrating the conclusion of a successful term.

On Thursday, we also had the pleasure of watching the I.Rock Christmas Concert. The children proudly displayed their musical talents and it was wonderful to be able to share this special occasion with parents. We are already looking forward to the next concert in the Spring. A special thank you goes to Matt Wood, our I.Rock teacher, for supporting and nurturing the children's musical development throughout the term.



As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are thrilled to have the talented students from Elstree Screen Arts Academy contributing to our school community by painting a mural in the foyer. This week they began work on our beautiful Willow Tree mural, which features platinum leaves to commemorate our 70th Anniversary. While the mural is not quite finished yet, I am very excited to share the progress and results so far. We are incredibly grateful to the students and teachers from Elstree for their dedication and creativity and we look forward to continuing this fantastic partnership.



I am also very pleased to welcome Miss Allan, our new Pastoral and Parental Engagement Officer, to the Parkside team. Miss Allan is looking forward to getting to know children and families and providing support across our school community.

Reflecting on this first term as Headteacher of Parkside Community Primary School, it has been a privilege to get to know all of our wonderful children, supportive parents and dedicated staff and Governors. I am very much looking forward to the new year and continuing our shared journey of nurturing and inspiring young minds towards bright futures.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. May you enjoy a peaceful and joyful break with your families. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs May-Finnegan**

**Headteacher**



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## Upcoming Events

### December

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

## Swimming Adjustment



### 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 be washed.

