



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Parkside Community Primary School and I'm pleased to share some of the highlights.

On 13th January, we welcomed our School Effectiveness Advisor into school. During his visit, he spent time in the Early Years Foundation Stage and was very positive about what he saw. He commented that learning in our Early Years is carefully planned and builds step by step, with staff using high-quality interactions and thoughtful questioning to support children's curiosity, language development and engagement. This means that children are given well-structured learning opportunities, are encouraged to talk and think deeply and are supported to stay focused and enthusiastic about their learning. We are very proud of the strong foundations being built for our youngest learners.



We also celebrated a fantastic success following the recent Herts Disability Sports Foundation cycling workshop for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and worked hard to develop their cycling and road safety skills. We are delighted that the charity has very kindly gifted bikes to children who achieved Level 1 during the workshop. Ms Hussain, who is currently supporting the school during Mrs Herbaut's absence, will be in contact with relevant families to arrange collection of the bikes. We would like to thank the Herts Disability Sports Foundation for their generosity and continued support.

Finally, an important update regarding our school's social media pages. We are excited to announce that Parkside Community Primary School now has new and refreshed Facebook and Instagram pages. These two platforms are linked and will be used by staff to share and celebrate the wonderful work that children do across the school. Details of how to find and follow these pages can be found below and on our school website. Please note that our previous Facebook page is no longer in use. We look forward to welcoming you on our new social media platforms and sharing more of school life with you.



[https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?
id=61586778684141](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586778684141)



<https://www.instagram.com/parksidecommunityprimaryschool/>

On the final page of this newsletter you will find an itinerary and further information about our 70th Anniversary Exhibition, which we hope you are all looking forward to.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher



Upcoming Events

January

23rd - Non-uniform day for journaling workshop

27th - Holocaust Memorial Day

February

6th Parkside's 70th Anniversary Exhibition

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

March

5th - World Book Day



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.



Parkside Community Primary School's 70th Anniversary Exhibition



70th Anniversary Exhibition – Event Itinerary Friday 6th February 2026 - 1:45pm

We are delighted to welcome parents and carers to our 70th Anniversary Exhibition, a special celebration of Parkside's history and the learning our children have enjoyed. Below is an itinerary of how the day will run:

- Parents and carers will be welcomed in the school hall by the Headteacher and the Mayor of Hertsmere.
- An Anniversary Exhibition of class pieces and memorabilia will be displayed for viewing in the School Hall.
- Parents and carers will then visit their child's class where children will share the work they have created to commemorate the anniversary.
- Each class will perform a song.
- Parents and carers may remain in class with their child and are welcome to visit multiple classes if they have more than one child in the school.
- Parents and carers will be asked to return to the school hall and exit the building via the school office.

**Children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3:15pm
Collection will be as usual, from the external door of your child's
classroom in the school playground**

We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you.

