



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began this week on a positive and energetic note with the launch of our Move and Minds workshop for Key Stages One and Two. These sessions will now take place every Monday afternoon and are led by staff from the Truefitt Collective Dance Theatre. The workshops aim to promote pupils' mental and physical wellbeing through the enjoyment of dance and movement and it has been wonderful to see the children engaging so enthusiastically. We are delighted to be able to offer this enriching experience as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing of all our pupils.

You may be aware that Tuesday 27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day. To commemorate this important occasion, we held a whole-school assembly guided by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. During the assembly, we explored the stories of survivors and reflected on the theme for 2026, Bridging Generations. We discussed how this year's theme is a powerful call to action, reminding us that the responsibility of remembrance does not end with survivors, but lives on through children and all of us.

As part of our reflection, we watched a video highlighting the power of using our voices to remember, to stand up against hate and to challenge discrimination. The children thoughtfully considered the many ways we can unite in the fight against hate and throughout the week they chose their own representations in class to show love and remembrance for those who suffered in the Holocaust. We hope you will join us in continuing this important message -



standing up to hate, having the courage to speak out, and protecting others - while promoting our core values of kindness, inclusion and resilience.



Finally, a reminder that our 70th Anniversary Exhibition is fast approaching. The children are busy creating artistic pieces and learning a commemorative song in preparation for this special event. We are excited to share that Councillor Alpha Collins, Mayor of Hertsmere, will be joining us, along with a local resident who attended Parkside on its opening day 70 years ago! It promises to be a truly memorable celebration of our school's history and community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan

Headteacher

Upcoming Events

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.

