



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first new look Newsletter. We hope the clear format will help you remain up to date with what's happening in school and provide you with important information.

The term is now in full swing and it has been a pleasure to see the children confident in their routines and engaged in learning across the school.

A particular highlight has been the engagement pupils demonstrated during our first Headteacher's Assembly. I talked to children about the importance of inclusion, using a tree (our Parkside logo) as a metaphor. We discussed the concept that every child at Parkside is a unique leaf, part of the same tree, each one different and deserving of what it needs to grow.

"We are all unique but included and growing together."

Inclusion will be fundamental in our school development priorities which are:

- To continue to ensure the phonics check and end of KS2 outcomes are in-line with or above national average.
- To ensure the Parkside Curriculum builds knowledge and skills into long-term memory.
- Implement a therapeutic approach to behaviour management including a behaviour curriculum.



- Implement OPAL (outdoor play and learning) during lunchtimes and achieve an OPAL award.
- Implement teaching of the protected characteristics and continue to develop an inclusive school that promotes EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion).
- Define and implement concise school values throughout the curriculum and beyond the academic to promote a shared whole school ethos.
- To raise the standard of the percentage of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development to be in line with national average.

We will continue to share updates about school life in our newsletter each Friday. Please navigate to the second page of this newsletter for calendar dates and upcoming events.

We wish you a pleasant weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May - Finnegan

Upcoming Events

September

15th: Individual and Sibling Photographs
15th: Year 1 Meet the Teacher - 9:00am - 9:30am
15th: Year 6 Meet the Teacher - 2:45pm - 3:15pm
16th: Year 2 Meet the Teacher - 9:00am - 9:30am
16th: Year 3 Meet the Teacher - 2:45pm - 3:15pm
17th: Year 5 Meet the Teacher - 2:45pm - 3:15pm
17th: Parents Phonics Workshop (Nursery and Reception) - 9:00 - 9:30
18th: Year 4 Meet the Teacher 9:00am - 9:30am

October

13th: Flu Vaccinations
20th: 24th: Year 6 PGL
27th: 31st: Half - term

November

3rd: INSET Day - school closed to children
4th: Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 7:00pm
5th: Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
14th: Flu Vaccinations
28th: Occasional Day

December

2nd: SEND Parents Meetings - 3:30am - 4:40
9th: Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am
10th: Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am
19th: End of Term - 1:15pm

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 attend swimming lessons every Wednesday 9:30 - 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 wash.

