



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Greetings and salutations once again from all of us here at Parkside!

It has been another jam-packed week, full of exciting learning experiences and opportunities and as always, I feel privileged to be part of this amazing school community.

Whether teaching my own class or moving around the school, the sounds of happy children, engaged in their learning always brings a smile to my face and is truly uplifting.

Another favourite part of my week is morning gate duty, as it allows me to meet and greet so many of you, and the interactions we have and the smiling faces of you and of course the children mean that even the cold and rain can't dampen my spirits.

On Monday, during Headteacher's Assembly we thought about our Valued Behaviours and how each and every one of us has a part to play in making Parkside a warm, friendly and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and safe.

We looked at the book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud which addresses the concept that we all carry an invisible bucket which holds good thoughts and feelings and how when we are kind, loving, or helpful, we fill someone else's bucket—and our own.

However, when we make poor choices or are unkind, we can "dip" into someone's bucket and remove these good feelings. A valuable and though-provoking lesson for us all and something which is at the very heart of our school ethos.

This week also included the first Pupil Progress Meetings of the Academic Year, when the teaching staff have the opportunity to discuss their learners and how best support them over course of the year. It is always good to see how far so many of them have come and the personal progress and development made as their school journey continues.

For parents, carers and guardians, it will be your chance to find out just how the children have settled at our **Consultation Evenings** which will take place on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**, the details of which will be sent via Arbor today, so you can book your timeslot.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting with a number of you this week to discuss plans for the relaunch of the **Parents & Friends of Parkside (PFA)**. A huge thank you to those to whom I have already spoken and your past and continuing hard work and dedication is something for which we are truly grateful.

If you think that you would be interested in joining the PFA, we are currently looking for new members and no matter how much or how little time you can offer, there is room for everyone and it all helps.

This is an incredible opportunity to play an active role in school life: running events, raising awareness and helping to raise funding for so many important aspects and areas of our school community. For more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a great weekend!

Take care

Mr Sullivan-Pond
Assistant Headteacher



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This Week's Celebration Assembly Certificate Recipients

Upcoming Events

October

15th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

26th - 30th - Half Term Break - School Closed

November

5th 8:30am - 12pm - NHS Flu Immunisations:
Reception - Year 6

10th: 9:00- Year 3 Elm Class Assembly

12th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

17th: 9:00 - Year 6 Cherry & Oak Class Assembly

26th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

26th 10:30am - 12pm - NHS Flu Immunisations:
Reception - Year 6

December

1st December: 9:00 - Year 5 Ash Class Assembly

10th: 8:30am - 8:45am - Family Reading Morning

10th: Christmas Jumper Day

10th: Christmas Dinner

11th 9:00 - 10:00 - KS2 Christmas Around the World
Concert

16th: 9:45am - 10:45am - EYFS/KS1 Nativity

17th: 10:45am - I.Rock Concert

18th: 1:15pm - End of Autumn Term

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 attend swimming lessons every Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30. Pupils may arrive at school with their swimming kit underneath their uniform for ease of changing.

P.E.

Children should change for P.E. in school.

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.

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WRAP AROUND CARE

From 15th January 2026, school WrapAround Care will extend to 5.30pm

Art and crafts,
Board games,
Recreational Activities,
Sports and Cooking!

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7:45 am – 8:30 am
3.15pm – 5.30pm

REGISTER TODAY
admin@parkside.herts.sch.uk



Dates For Your Diary

Class Assemblies

(all of which will take place in the Hall from 9:00-9:30)

10th November 2026 - Year 3 Elm

17th November 2026 - Year 6 Cherry & Oak

1st December 2026 - Year 5 Ash

19th January 2027 - Year 4 Aspen

9th February 2027 - Year 2 Alder

16th March 2027 - Year 1 Maple

13th July 2027 - Reception/Nursery Pine/Fir

Festive Celebrations

(School Hall)

11th December 2026 - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

09:00 - 10:00

16th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

09:45-10:45

17th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (PM)

14:00-15:00

