PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Parkside, with lots of wonderful opportunities for learning, celebrating achievements and making memories.

We began the week with an assembly led by Herts Young Homeless, who delivered an important awareness session exploring the causes of youth homelessness. This was followed by workshops for our Year 6 pupils, focusing on conflict resolution and anger management. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for children to develop their understanding of managing emotions, resolving disagreements and recognising some of the challenges faced by young people in our community. We are grateful to Herts Young Homeless for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us.

On Tuesday, we also had the pleasure of welcoming parents and carers into school to enjoy Year 6's class assembly. We were incredibly proud to celebrate the children's learning and achievements throughout the year. It was particularly wonderful to hear their extended writing, in which they had written from the perspectives of characters in the stories they had been reading about World War Two. The children demonstrated such thoughtful understanding, creativity and empathy through their writing. The songs at the end were a real highlight and thoroughly enjoyable to watch. We were so proud of every child and the confidence and enthusiasm with which they participated. Well done, Year 6!











This week, Year 6 also enjoyed their educational visit to The Duxford Imperial War Museum, which supported their learning about the Battle of Britain this term. The children had a fantastic opportunity to explore historical artefacts, deepen their understanding of this important period in history and take part in the activities provided as part of the visit. It was wonderful to see them engaging so enthusiastically with their learning and bringing their classroom studies to life.

As always, thank you to our staff for providing such enriching experiences for the children and to our parents and carers for your continued support. It has certainly been a week full of memorable moments and opportunities for our children to learn, grow and shine.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan
Headteacher

Thank you so much to the PFA and of course to Conner for donating this year's tree. Head over to the Bell in Bedmond for great value, high quality trees! Delivery available too!



Upcoming Events

November

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

15th: 9:45am - 10:45am - EYFS/KS1 Nativity

16th: 2:00pm - 3:00pm - EYFS/KS1 Nativity

17th 9:00am - 10:00pm - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

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.

Year 4 Swimming

From Spring 2027, Year 4 will be swimming instead of Year 2.

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 washed.



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Dates For Your Diary

Class Assemblies

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

Year 3 Elm - Postponed

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)

15th December 2026 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

09:45-10:45

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

14:00-15:00

17th December 2026 - KS2 Christmas Around the World Concert

09:00 - 10:00