

Parkside Primary

Thursday 26th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of our children who have worked so hard in their learning this term and have made great progress. We have had a number of trips, learning workshops and wonderful class assemblies taking place this term. You are all 'Proud to Shine!'

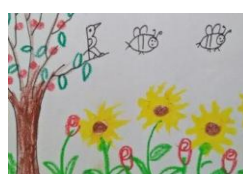
Easter:

All the children will receive a small Easter bunny as a special treat tomorrow. We would like to thank the PFA for their contribution towards the purchase of these treats.

Easter Competition:

We are inviting children to make anything inspired by Easter or spring. **You could create: a greetings card, a hat or bonnet, a picture, take photographs, a poem, a word search, a story, a decorated egg. The list is endless!**

We are encouraging the children to use as many recycled materials as they can. We will be judging entries on the Friday of the first week back and there will be several prizes available.



Red Nose Day:

Thank you for all of your donations. The children looked fantastic today in their red/own clothes. The school raised over £336, well done Parkside!



Parents/carers' Evening:

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer evening last week. It is really important to know how your child is progressing at school.

Sporting News:

Another fabulous term of sports and activities began with our annual whole school Pancake Race. As part of our Daily Mile and ensuring that children are active for 60 minutes a day, we helped to celebrate The Winter Olympics by tracking our activity to reach Cortina- Milan. Thank you to all the parents and carers who logged their activities too!

We also had pupils from across the school participate in a range of Waltham Forest activities, including football festivals and tournaments, seated volleyball and a rugby festival.

It was fantastic to see eighty pupils participate in cross country (a Waltham Forest record) and our girls team achieved bronze medals!

In addition, we have had even more clubs running before and after school and our Year 5 & 6 Sports Crew and Ambassadors have held clubs at lunchtimes for Years 2-4 too.

A massive well done to everyone!

PFA (Parkside Fundraising Association):

A huge thank you to the Parkside Fundraising Association and all the parents who helped out at the Eid and cultural event yesterday. It was a huge success, and they made £644.75! Thank you to everyone who bought food.



Thank you to the members who have ensured our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop remains well-stocked.

Premises Development:

We will undertake many maintenance and cleaning projects over the Easter break to improve the school environment and ensure it remains safe and clean for our staff and students.

iRock

We had a fantastic musical end to this term with our iRock and Rocksteady performances! The children performed as bands as well as two solo acts. From energetic drumming to guitar solos, these performances not only entertained but also celebrated the children's hard work and dedication.

Opal Play:

If you are having a spring clean ready for the summer, would you kindly think of us? We are looking for the following items for Opal play to be used during playtimes and lunchtimes: Wooden Spoons, plastic digging tools for gardening, buckets, ropes, unwanted clean paint brushes, netting, cable drums, suitcases, buggies or pushchairs, old hoovers - cleaned out, scooters, bikes or ride-ons, watering cans steering wheels, Lego, Playmobil, Duplo, action figures, dinosaurs, plastic animals, dolls, toy cars or trucks, and any old snow sleds. We currently do not need any pots, pans or soft toys. The children are looking forward to the sunny weather ready for sand and water play.



Please see the future Parent/Carer assemblies below:

Reception Tullet - Mrs Hardy & Mrs Ooi	Thursday 23 rd April – 10:45 am
Reception Kusama - Miss Montgomery	Thursday 30 th April – 10:45 am
Reception Gilliam – Miss Ahmad	Thursday 7 th May – 10:45 am
Year 6 will have an end of year performance in July 2026.	

Clubs:

There have been a variety of extra-curricular clubs on offer this term. Below gives a sample of some of the clubs we have offered this term:

- Tag Rugby
- Maths Club
- Gardening Club
- Morning Yoga, Dance and Table Tennis
- Drawing and Art Clubs
- Lego Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- And many more!

A big thank you to our staff members who help run these clubs after school. Letters will be sent out soon for the Summer term clubs.

Parent Gym:

Mrs Wearing launched our Parent Gym programme two weeks ago, and a small group of parents have already been joining us on Monday afternoons.



Parent Gym is a free, friendly 6-week course designed to boost parenting skills, confidence and wellbeing. Each session focuses on topics such as behaviour, communication and routines, offering practical tips and a supportive space to share ideas and experiences. It's a great opportunity for parents who would like reassurance, fresh ideas or simply time to talk things through - all with the aim of creating calmer homes and happier children.

The sessions are held on Monday afternoons, 1-3 pm, in school via the Peel Close entrance. Why not join us for the final four sessions after the Easter break? We would love to see you there!

Toy Day: Friday 27th March

Children may bring in toys on Thursday, but please remember not to send in iPads/phones, chargers and smart watches for safety and to avoid the risk of them becoming lost or mixed up!



Children need to wear uniform on this day.

Please remember that the children finish early tomorrow:

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – 2.30 pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 2.25 pm

After School Club (Childcare) – finishes at 5.00 pm

Children return to school on Monday, 13th April 2026

Happy Easter to all of our families celebrating.

Wishing all of our families a lovely break.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Cousins

Head teacher