

Parkside Primary School



18th December 2025



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. Our children are Proud to Shine! Also a big thank you to our staff for their hard work! Thank you so much for all of the lovely cards and gifts that have been given to staff. We are all very grateful.

Goodbyes: We are saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this term:

Ms Swaleha, a member of our support staff, is leaving us - We wish you all the best and thank you for the hard work you have put in to helping the children.

Ms Sakine, a member of our Midday Assistant team, is leaving us. Thank you for all the care you have shown to the children during lunchtimes.

Thank you: This is also the time of year that we show our appreciation to our Governors, The Parkside Parents/Carers Fundraising Association (PFA), our kitchen staff and the many volunteers we have in school.



Our Carol Concert (Year 1 to 6): We were delighted to be able to hold our annual Carol Concert this year. The children sang their hearts out. We had lots of positive comments from parents/carers which was lovely.

Our Reception Nativity: Our Reception children all put on wonderful performances this week in their musical nativity 'Wriggly Nativity'. They had learnt so many words, looked adorable in their costumes and their singing was beautiful!

Our Nursery Performances: Our Nursery children held 2 performances for their parents and carers. They sang a wide range of Christmas songs each with actions. They were fabulous and very confident for such young children.

I Rock Concerts: Well done to all the children who showcased their musical talents in the rock concerts this term. We have budding rock musicians! Proud to Shine!

Parent/Carer Assemblies: Thank you to all the parents/carers and family members who have attended the assemblies so far this academic year. The children have been fantastic.

Please see the future Parent/Carer assemblies below:

Year 5 Bradley – Mrs Mathew	Thursday 15 th January 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 5 Jones – Ms Pearce	Thursday 22 nd January 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 5 Hatch – Mr Shuttleworth	Thursday 29 th January 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 3 Youngs – Ms Sainsbury	Thursday 5 th February 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 3 Thomas – Mr Baxter & Mr Derrington	Thursday 12 th February 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 3 Himid – Ms Frederick	Thursday 26 th February 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 1 Whale - Ms Higgins	Thursday 12 th March 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 1 Painter – Miss Canham	Thursday 19 th March 2026 – 10:45 am
Year 1 Llenas – Miss Grange & Miss Ooi	Thursday 26 th March 2026 – 10:45 am
Reception Tullet – Mrs Ooi & Mrs Hardy	Thursday 23 rd April 2026 – 10:45 am
Reception Kusama – Miss Montgomery	Thursday 30 th April 2026 – 10:45 am
Reception Gilliam – Miss Ahmad	Thursday 7 th May 2026 – 10:45 am



Parkside Parents/Carers Fundraising Association (PFA):

Christmas Jumper and Hot Chocolate Sale and Christmas Raffle: Thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Jumper and Hot Chocolate sale on Monday after school. It was lovely to see the children and parent/carers getting into the Christmas spirit. All the donations raised will go to towards events/activities taking place in school. Thank you again to our PFA volunteers. The raffle draw was yesterday and the prizes taken around to classrooms, thank you for all the prize donations this year.

Please see more information below about the PFA:

The Parkside Fundraising Association (PFA)- A volunteer group of parents, carers and friends of the school who are raising money to provide exciting opportunities and experiences for the children at Parkside. We are always looking for extra support so if you think you could offer some of your time, have an idea for an event or would like to know more please come along to one of our meetings or email parksidepfa@gmail.com

The next PFA Coffee Morning/meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the school hall at 9am. We hope to see parents/carers there.

School Council: The School Council and Mrs Ooi worked very hard during the half term to organise Fun Filled Friday. This was a very successful event and the children had lots of fun! The amount raised was a impressive £1250! The School Council will use the money to make further improvements to our school based on suggestions from the children in their classes.

Children in Need: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Children in Need charity by wearing pyjamas to school. We raised £501.46 for the charity- Thank you so much!

Non-School Uniform Day: Thank you to everyone who donated for our Non-School Uniform day this half term. We raised £442 for the school - Thank you so much! The money raised will go towards games for the classroom during wet playtimes.

Book Fair: We have had another very successful book fair with Jubilee Books this year. I would like to thank all parents/carers and children who visited our book fair and purchased a book or two. All purchases made helped towards a total of over £600 payable in books. We will use this money to continue to update and diversify our book corners and library bus. Thank you to Miss Batley for organising this.

Our Website, X, Facebook and Instagram: Please check our website <https://www.parksideprimaryschool.org/> and X (Twitter) (@parkside21e4), where you will see lots of pictures of our recent Christmas events and activities. A big thank you goes to Mrs Brett who maintains our X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram and website and captures all of the wonderful moments we have at Parkside on camera.

Sports News: Congratulations to everyone who represented Parkside in competitions and festivals so far this year. We look forward to many more opportunities to participate in the New Year, as well as new clubs and activities in PE lessons. All the pupils looked amazing as they participated in our Santa Dash wearing Christmas jumpers! Also congratulations to our Sportshall Athletics team (Year 5/6) who came third in their borough competition. You have shown that you are Proud to Shine!



Toy Day: Children may bring in toys on Friday 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 damaged! Children need to wear uniforms on this day.

Cost of Living Advice: Please see below the Citizens Advice link which can support families with the cost-of-living advice and form filling to apply for the local welfare assistance.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/support-and-community-services-your-area/citizens-advice-waltham-forest>

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! To all our parents/carers who do not celebrate Christmas, we wish you all a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Cousins
Headteacher

Tomorrow is Toy Day (Friday 19th December 2025):

Children should wear school uniform

Please remember that the children finish early tomorrow afternoon.

Year 3,4,5, and 6 – 2.20 pm

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – 2.30 pm

After School Club (Childcare) – finishes at 5.00 pm

Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026