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December 2025



**Parkside Middle School
Christmas 2025
Newsletter**



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PRIDE OF PARKSIDE

Congratulations to the pupils who have earned a Pride of Parkside certificate this half term. These pupils are:



Callum D	Jessie G	Zak A	Logan D	Chalise O	Isla B	Aila-Honey H	Nicole F
Jake F	Rupert C	Jax C	Ava Mae E	Jacob C	Evie C	Florence BD	Nieva R
Finnley J	Susanna N	Kyla S	Florence P	Darcey R	Muno R	Zachary L	Edie F
Isher D	Bobby C	Nicole O	Jacob C				

ACHIEVEMENT POINT REVIEW

As we wrap up the Autumn term, we are thrilled to share with you this term's incredible achievement point total 83,413!

This incredible achievement reflects the dedication, effort and teamwork of our entire school community. A massive well done to everyone at Parkside!

A special well done to Shahnoor Q (Year 5), who topped the leaderboard with an astonishing 326 achievement points - an amazing accomplishment!

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

This December, we launched a festive attendance challenge to encourage pupils to stay engaged right up to the holidays! For the 12 school days leading up to Christmas, every pupil who attended school received a raffle ticket each day. Those who achieved perfect attendance for all 12 days earned an extra raffle ticket as a special reward.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

READING

Parkside have had an amazing month with out reading achievements.

The total for December 2025:



The total for this year so far:



A particular congratulations to the following pupils who are our 'Top Readers':

Ewan M—1,262,737 words Daniel CF—851,784 words

Gabriel G—763,656 words Ella P—677,903 words





PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

A selection of pupils in Year 5 & 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge on Thursday 20th November. This is a countrywide competition of 9-11 year olds. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and tried their hardest in the competition, showing the Parkside Value of 'Resilience'.



Well done to all the pupils who took part, in particular, those pupils who managed to achieve bronze, silver and gold awards. These were celebrated as part of our 'Pride of Parkside' assembly.

Bronze - Zach L, Samuel D, Chase F-P

Silver - Joseph R, Freya B

Gold - Thomas H

For those of you at home wishing to challenge yourself, have a go at a typical question below:

"The digits of the year 2022 total 6. How many years will it be until this happens again?"

A) 6 B) 7 C) 8 D) 9 E) 10

CRYPTO LIBRARY CODEBREAKER!

At the beginning of this term, we introduced our Crypto-Library code breaker, where students had to successfully complete an Accelerated Reader quiz for a chance to crack the code.

Congratulations to Abbi E who was thrilled to be the first to solve the puzzle and claim her prizes!



Our second hand book sale took place at the end of last half term, raising over £70! Thank you to everyone who donated and bought books.

If you find any library books from school, please could they be returned in the new year and any donations are most welcome. Happy reading over the holidays!

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT!

One of our pupils, Evie-May P in Year 7, took part in the GKR Nationals Karate Tournament.

Evie, who is currently a Blue belt had to fight against green, blue and red belts. At one point Evie was round kicked to the head which knocked her down, but she continued to fight and scored a full point by scoring a clean punch directly to her opponent's face.

In one of her fights, her opponent was extremely aggressive and received multiple warnings for contact, which then lead to disqualification.

A big congratulations to Evie on your achievement!





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YEAR 5 & 6 TTRS BATTLE OF THE BANDS OCTOBER 2025

Well done to all the pupils that have taken part in the first 'Battle of the Bands' on TT Rock Stars for the academic year. We had an overwhelming response from the pupils, with 248 pupils from KS2 taking part in the battles and 581,539 correct times table questions answered throughout the battle!



The winning bands were Maroon 5 Squared, Black Add Peas, Little Mixed Numbers, 21 Pie Charts and Sausage and Math. Year 5 won the Year 5 vs Year 6 battle by only just over 6,000 points!

See below for the full results and highest earners in each band (Rock Star avatar names!)

The next battles commence in 3 weeks... ENGLAND ROCKS COMING SOON!

Battle 1	Black Add Peas 109,023 Highest Earners: Scarlet Doyon Casey Flowers	Pump up the Volume 100,756 Highest Earners: Joel Sweet Aiden Radke	Maths Potato 93,393 Highest Earners: Rocky Ness Joel Wood
Battle 2	Arctic Money 14,198 Highest Earners: Carl Lopez Tim Palmer	Red Hot Chilli Numbers 24,872 Highest Earners: Freddy Bogert Eric Ward	Maroon 5 squared 36,561 Highest Earners: Everlast Ramsey Rippy Lunch
Battle 3	Panic! At the Division 22,610 Highest Earners: Ray Larin Win Egg	Little Mixed Numbers 28,829 Highest Earners: Zilan Biondo Duke Farmer	
Battle 4	Take That Away 6,092 Highest Earners: Cassy The Rock Jonathan Attaway	21 Pie Charts 8,885 Highest Earners: Mi-Belle Velvets Kylie Pehrsen	
Battle 5	Sausage and Math 73,202 Highest Earners: KC Covert Aston Arm	Rocktagons 56,064 Highest Earners: Beat Sherwood Robert Kramer	
Battle 6	Class Total Correct Year 5 293,887	Class Total Correct Year 6 287,652	

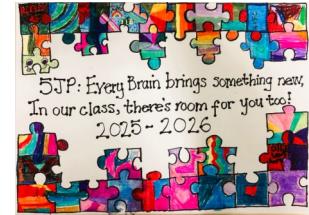
It is really important that the pupils know their times tables and division facts fluently, so please encourage your child to keep practising and playing on TTRS every week!



YEAR 5 NEURODIVERSITY DAY

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Neurodiversity Day, filled with learning, discussion and creativity! Throughout the day, pupils explored what it means to be Neurodiverse and celebrated the many ways our brains can think, learn and experience the world.

The children watched a series of videos and took part in thoughtful class discussions, learning about ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's Syndrome. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity as they discovered how each condition can bring unique strengths and challenges.



One of the highlights of the day was a sensory circuit in the hall, where pupils experienced a range of activities designed to help them understand the importance of movement, focus and sensory regulation.

It was inspiring to see how engaged and supportive everyone was throughout the day. To celebrate their learning, all Year 5 form classes will now collaborate on a special neurodiversity canvas artwork, showcasing their understanding and appreciation of everyone's unique ways of thinking and being.

What a wonderful day of inclusion, empathy and creativity!

THINKTANK TRIP

On Tuesday, 4th November, our Year 8 pupils enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to ThinkTank, Birmingham's Science Museum.



The highlight of the day was an interactive show all about energy, where students explored how energy is generated and used in everyday life through hands-on demonstrations and engaging activities.

They also had the chance to visit the planetarium, where they were immersed in a stunning visual journey through space, learning about stars, planets and the universe.

Throughout the trip, the students represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. Staff were impressed by their curiosity and respectful attitude, making the day both enjoyable and memorable.

A big thank you to the ThinkTank team for hosting such a fantastic experience!

PLAY LEADER TRAINING

Fifteen of our Year 8 pupils were recently given the valuable opportunity to undertake external training to become Play Leaders during break times. The training introduced them to a wide range of sports and playground games, which they later delivered to their peers. As part of the programme, pupils were encouraged to focus on key concepts including Safety, Space, Communication, Equipment and Fun, ensuring that every activity is enjoyable and inclusive for all participants.

Having successfully completed their training, the new Play Leaders will now be placed on a rota to facilitate playtime activities for our younger KS2 pupils. They are eager to begin this exciting new role and are looking forward to creating a fun, active and positive environment on the playground.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday, 11th December, Parkside Middle School was filled with festive spirit as pupils and their families gathered for our annual Christmas Concert. The evening was a wonderful celebration of music and talent, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our students.



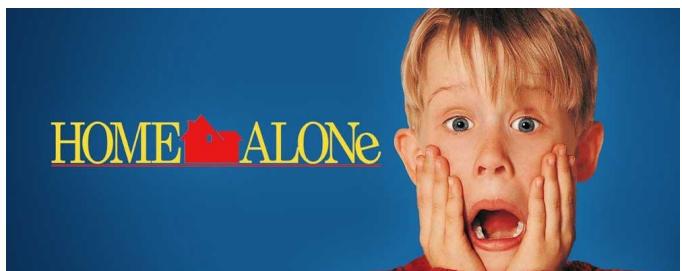
The Year 5 singers performed a delightful selection of Christmas songs, which were warmly received by the audience. Their enthusiasm and energy set the tone for a joyful evening. Adding to the magic, our skilled instrumentalists performed beautifully arranged pieces, demonstrating both technical ability and musical expression. The programme also featured confident solo performances from pupils across several year groups.

The concert was a true testament to the creativity and commitment of our young musicians. It was heart-warming to see so many pupils sharing their talents and spreading festive cheer. A huge well done to everyone involved – you made the evening truly special!

YEAR 7 & 8 CINEMA TRIP

Our Year 7 & 8 pupils enjoyed a special reward trip to the cinema to watch *Home Alone*!

All pupils represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic time.



Well done, Year 7 & 8!

YEAR 5 PANTO

On Wednesday 17th December, our Year 5 pupils were treated to a fantastic theatrical adventure at Bromsgrove Baptist Church, where they watched Saltmine Theatre Company's lively performance of *Red Riding Hood*.

The children and staff were captivated from start to finish and were amazed that the entire production was brought to life by just three talented actors! The atmosphere

was electric as our pupils fully embraced the pantomime spirit — cheering the heroes, booing the villains and enthusiastically joining in at all the right moments.

Their excellent audience participation helped make the experience even more memorable and ensured everyone enjoyed a truly magical afternoon of live theatre.





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MUSIC TRANSITION MORNING

On Friday, 21st November, we were delighted to welcome students from Meadows, Orchards and Dodford First Schools for a transition music morning.



The hall was filled with wonderful music-making as each visiting school showcased their excellent singing with a song of their choice. Parkside pupils also impressed the audience with performances on a range of instruments, including clarinet, drums and guitar. Parkside pupils led a performance of the recent *Pride of Parkside* song, 'Sky Full of Stars', featuring impressive vocals from Millie C.



The morning concluded on a high note, with all schools joining together for a lively and fun-filled performance of '*The 12 Days of Christmas*', complete with actions.

Mrs Williams and the Year 5 team were extremely impressed by the enthusiasm, participation and excellent behaviour shown by all students involved.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

TUBS - PUBS RECYCLING SCHEME

Green King pubs are teaming up for a fantastic cause! It is called Tubs – Pub.

From January 1st 2026 to February 1st February, Green King pubs will be collecting empty plastic tubs. These tubs will be recycled, and the proceeds will go directly to **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Inspired by this initiative, in January, we are asking for pupils to bring in any empty chocolate tubs into school. We'll store them in Mrs Ford's room and then donate them all together to a local pub—making our contribution even bigger!

Let's turn those festive leftovers into something meaningful. Every tub counts!



FOOD BANK DONATION!

A huge thank you to all of Team Parkside for your generous donations today.

Our pupils, parents, carers and teachers have enjoyed demonstrating our Parkside Values of 'Kindness' and 'Teamwork'. We have donated these items to Catshill Baptist Church's food bank.

Happy Christmas!





SPORT FIXTURES

Year Football Match Vs Aston Fields Middle School

On the 22nd of October 2025, our Year 7 and 8 team faced a really tough match against Aston Fields Middle School, who took every opportunity to attack and test our defence. The defenders worked tirelessly to limit their success, showing great determination and teamwork throughout. Despite creating several goal-scoring chances of our own, we were unfortunately unable to capitalise on them. Aston Fields took an early 1-0 lead with a well-struck shot, followed by an unlucky own goal that made it 2-0. Parkside showed fantastic resilience and didn't let their heads drop, fighting back with two superb goals from player X. The final score ended 6-2 to Aston Fields. The girls are already looking forward to their next fixture — the second round of the County Cup!



Our Year 7 and 8 B team played brilliantly against Aston Fields Middle School in what was a great display of football. I was extremely impressed with their teamwork and determination, especially as it was the first time some of the pupils had played together. Chalise shone up front, scoring an impressive hat-trick, while Elodie and Daisie each added a goal to the tally. Paige H made some fantastic saves in goal, including several confident clearances off her line. A special mention goes to Sapphire, who was deservedly chosen as the opposition's Player of the Match. Well done, everyone!

Year 7 & 8 Football Match Vs Waseley Hill High School

On Monday, 3rd November, the Year 8 and 7 boys' football teams travelled over to Waseley Hills High School for two friendly fixtures.



There were some excellent performances in the Year 8 game which ended up in a 3-3 draw. There were goals from Cameron D, Oliver OB and Charlie H. The boys performed really well after a disappointing defeat in the first round of the cup.

The Year 7s unfortunately lost their game against an experienced Waseley Year 7 team. The boys performed well in their first fixture and there will be more fixtures to come throughout the school year.

Year 6 Kidderminster Harriers NLT Tournament

On Thursday, 6th November, Parkside Year 6 girls' football team entered the 6-a-side Kidderminster Harriers NLT tournament.

We had a slow and steady start going from 1-0 behind to win 2-2 against Tudor Grange. We then ramped up the tempo and won 3-0 against Lickey Hills. Then we met our match against a tough St John's side –local rivals who beat us 1-0. We then got excited by the prospect of being able to win the group by goal difference and got another one to our score by beating Catshill 1-0. We were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to Holy Trinity. The girls played some excellent football, and demonstrated lots of team work and beautiful passing.

A special mention to Grace A, who made incredible saves throughout and was awarded player of the tournament. Parkside finished 3rd out of 7 in their group.





U13 County Cup

On Monday, 17th November, our U13 girls' football team faced a very tough challenge this week as they took on Ridgeway, in what proved to be a real game of two halves. From the first whistle, the girls worked incredibly hard, showing determination, resilience and a fantastic team spirit. Despite winning many individual battles across the pitch, they couldn't quite find the breakthrough, and Ridgeway managed to edge ahead 1-0 by half-time. It could easily have been more, but Grace A produced a brilliant, full-stretch save to keep a powerful free kick out of the net and keep us well within reach.



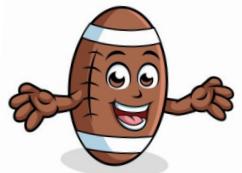
The second half saw the girls continue to push forward with real intent. Chloe M was exceptional at the back, showing great composure and reading of the game as she broke up wave after wave of Ridgeway attacks. On the wing, Darcey D caused real problems for the opposition with her fantastic forward runs and dangerous crosses into the box. Unfortunately, despite her hard work and delivery, no one was quite able to connect and apply the finishing touch. We created several promising chances as the match went on, but the ball just wouldn't find its way over the line.

Credit must go to Ridgeway, who played organised, disciplined football and made it difficult for us to break through. Even so, our girls never gave up and continued to show great attitude throughout the match. Boe W impressed with strong counter-attacks from left-back, threading some lovely through balls into our forwards and continually driving play up the pitch. A huge well done to Boe W for earning the opposition's Player of the Match—a well-deserved recognition of her effort and quality on the day. The result may not have gone our way, but the performance and teamwork on display were truly something to be proud of.

KS3 Rugby Match Vs Aston Fields and St John's

On Monday, 17th November, the KS3 boys' rugby team hosted Aston Fields and St John's in a rugby tournament.

This tournament has been running for a few years and it is great to see the three schools working together to provide opportunities through rugby. Parkside, although missing a few key players, performed really well; for some boys it was their first experience of a competitive match.



In the first game, we played against Aston Fields and lost 0-3 in a closely contested game. There were some good performances with Sam W picking up the man of the match award for a composed performance at fly half.

In our second game, we played against St John's and, although we lost 2-4, the boys produced a much improved performance. Zak A scored two excellent tries, picking up the man of the match award and there were some exceptional tackling against a physical St John's team.



SPORT FIXTURES

U11 County Cup Vs Franche Primary School

We knew it would be a tough test, especially after they won the last encounter 12–0. But from the very first whistle, the girls came out fighting, pressing for every ball and setting the tempo.

Suzie N opened the scoring with a brilliant solo run, dribbling through defenders and finishing with confidence. She struck again shortly after when Leni M threaded a perfect assist through the defence, making it 2–0. Suzie N then completed her hat-trick, pouncing on a rebound to put us 3–0 up.

Franchise came close to pulling one back on two occasions, both from corners, but Grace A produced outstanding goalkeeping to deny them. She even won a one-on-one by sliding in bravely, showing total confidence and composure. What a fantastic battle of a first half.

The girls knew they needed to maintain the tempo to secure the win, and they did exactly that. Some brilliant forward play and neat triangles between Harriet B, Brooke R and Suzie N opened up space, allowing Brooke R to get on the scoresheet. Later, a smart turn from Brooke R saw her net again, making it 5–0.

Franchise continued to battle and created several chances of their own, but Grace A remained solid, keeping everything out. Their pressure meant more defensive work for Khaleesi B, Bella, Leni and Rose, C who all showed excellent tackling, positioning and clearances to protect the clean sheet.

A special mention goes to Grace A, who was deservedly chosen as the opposition's Player of the Match.



Parkside Year 8 A Netball Team vs. St John's Middle School – First Competitive Netball Match

In a thrilling debut for Parkside, the Year 8 A team secured an impressive 17-0 victory over St John's Middle School in their first competitive netball match. The match showcased some fantastic individual performances and solid teamwork across the court.

Isla B was the standout performer, putting on an exceptional display in the shooting circle. With a remarkable 12 goals to her name, she demonstrated clinical precision, sinking shots from every angle within the circle and playing a pivotal role in Parkside's dominant performance. Her ability to read the game and make quick decisions under pressure was a key factor in the team's success.

While Isla was the top scorer, there were also important goal contributions from Player Anya S and Ella P who each found the net and helped keep the scoreboard ticking. The team's attack flowed smoothly, with well-timed passes and clever movement off the ball.

At the other end of the court, Parkside's defence was nothing short of outstanding. Georgia, Chloe and Phoebe worked tirelessly, denying St John's any opportunities to score. Their efficient interceptions and pressure on the ball meant that St John's struggled to create chances throughout the match.

A special mention goes to Izzy P, who was deservedly named opposition Player of the Match. Her all-around performance, including vital interceptions, pinpoint passes, and excellent movement across the court, was integral to the team's dominant performance and helped secure the well-earned win.

Overall, it was a fantastic start to the competitive season for Parkside, with a brilliant team effort across all areas of the court. The win sets a strong foundation for the upcoming fixtures, and the team will look to build on this performance in their future matches.



Parkside Year 8 B Vs St John's Middle School

The Parkside Year 8 B team kicked off their first competitive netball match in style, securing a confident 5–0 victory over St John's Middle School. It was a superb team performance, with every player showcasing great determination, skill, and teamwork throughout the game.



One of the girls opened the scoring, setting the tone early on and finishing the match with an impressive total of two goals. Her composure in the shooting circle helped Parkside establish control from the start.

Both Daisie and Tilly brought tremendous energy to the centre position, constantly moving, creating space, and delivering accurate passes to teammates across the court. Poppy showcased excellent defensive skills, winning the ball back for us on several occasions; her work rate and decision-making ensured the team maintained fluidity and momentum.

Additional goals came from two of our students whose contributions helped widen the lead and reward the team's attacking efforts.

For several players, this was their first taste of competitive netball, and their hard work in training truly shone through. The team showed excellent communication and growing confidence as the match progressed.

A standout performance came from Thomas C who was exceptional in defence. He halted every scoring opportunity St John's created, consistently turning over possession and protecting the goal third with outstanding awareness and timing. His impact on the game was undeniable, and he was deservedly voted Opposition Player of the Match. Thomas C, you were an asset to the team and the school.

Overall, it was a fantastic debut match for the Year 8 B team—full of promise, teamwork, and great spirit. This strong start bodes well for the matches ahead.

Year 8 Boys' Football Match Vs St John's

On Monday, 24th November, the Year 8 boys' football team faced St John's in a fiercely contested local derby. Parkside struck first just before the half-time whistle, with Noah L scoring a superb header to give the team a slender 1–0 lead going into the break.



The second half saw St John's respond quickly, equalising early and setting up a tense and competitive finish. Both sides created chances, but it was St John's who managed to score a dramatic last-minute winner, securing victory in a thrilling encounter.

Despite the result, there were plenty of positives for Parkside. The boys showed great determination and teamwork throughout, with standout performances from Josh D and goal scorer Noah L, who shared the Player of the Match award.

Well done to all involved for an excellent effort and an exciting game!



Parkside vs St John's Middle School – Netball Fixture

Parkside faced St John's Middle School in a competitive netball match that showcased determination, resilience, and plenty of skill. After a slow start, Parkside found themselves trailing 9–3 at half-time.

However, the team came back onto the court with renewed energy and focus. Through a series of outstanding interceptions and excellent teamwork, Parkside fought their way back to level the score at 9–9, completely closing the gap and shifting the momentum of the game. Despite Parkside's impressive comeback, St John's held their nerve in the final minutes and secured a 12–9 victory.



A special mention goes to Isabell H, who was awarded Opposition Player of the Match for her outstanding performance.

Parkside vs St John's Middle School – A Promising Performance from Our Netball Squad



Parkside took to the court this week for a closely contested netball match against St John's, with both teams demonstrating impressive teamwork, determination, and growing confidence throughout the game.

Parkside showed excellent progress in their attacking play. Mya and Izzy combined brilliantly in the shooting circle, working together to secure two well-earned goals for the team. Their movement, communication and composure under pressure were real highlights of the match.

Defensively, Parkside continued to challenge St John's at every opportunity. Many pupils were playing in their first competitive netball fixture, yet they demonstrated maturity, resilience, and a willingness to learn—qualities that will undoubtedly help them grow as players throughout the season.

Although Parkside narrowly lost 3–2, the match was a fantastic experience and a valuable opportunity for the team to put their training into practice. Every player contributed, showing great spirit and sportsmanship from start to finish.

A special well-done goes to Callum D, who showed impressive versatility by stepping confidently from Goal Keeper into Centre. His adaptability, energy, and strong defensive play earned him the Opposition Player of the Match award—an excellent achievement.



ATTENDANCE - EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

At Parkside, we are committed to ensuring that every student receives the best possible education – and that starts with good attendance and punctuality.



Absence Due to Illness

We continue to see an increase in coughs, colds and viruses such as COVID. Just a reminder that students no longer need to test for COVID or isolate; therefore, if students are feeling well enough to attend and their symptoms can be managed with over-the-counter medications, then we expect to see them in school. We follow a 48hr return policy for sickness and diarrhoea unless this is a one-off episode and then children may return after 24 hours.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, please arrange appointments outside of school hours. If that isn't possible, we kindly ask that appointments are scheduled to avoid registration times. Please be aware that we cannot authorise full-day absences for routine appointments without extenuating circumstances or evidence.

Absences Due to Period Pain

We understand that some students may experience discomfort during their period, but we encourage families to support their children in managing these symptoms in school using pain relief or other suitable measures.

Students should come to school prepared with a 'leak kit' (e.g. sanitary products, wipes, clean underwear), and we also have free sanitary products available in school, in the first aid room.

If your child is experiencing more complex issues or seeking medical advice that may affect their attendance, please provide medical or supporting evidence to help us better support their needs.

Punctuality

We've seen an increase in lateness to school. While we understand that Bromsgrove traffic can sometimes cause delays, we ask that parents call ahead to inform the school if your child is running late and encourage children to allow extra time in the mornings to ensure a prompt start to the school day.

After half term we will be implementing detentions for persistent lateness; those children that are late two or more times in a week will be issued an after-school detention.

Internal Truancy at Registration

We are also seeing a rise in cases where students are on site but not attending registration. This causes delays and complications for our attendance team who are trying to ensure every child is safe and accounted for.

Please speak to your child about the importance of going straight to registration on arrival. Registration is a vital safeguarding process, and not being registered can result in texts home and confusion about a student's whereabouts.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office and speak with Miss Harper, who is always happy to offer guidance and support.



PARKING

Our main car park gates close between 8:40am and 9:15am and 3:00pm and 3:30pm each day.

Please can we also remind parents and carers to be mindful that the car park is for staff, visitor use and drop off only.

ROAD SAFETY

Please may we remind pupils of road safety and sensible conduct on the way to and from school, remembering to use the zebra/pelican crossings when arriving/leaving school. Local residents have raised concerns wanting our pupils to stay safe.

BICYCLES

If your child wishes to cycle to school, please ensure they follow the highway code. When arriving at school pupils can lock the bicycle away safely in the bike shed. When leaving school, please can all pupils push their bike until off the school site before cycling away safely to protect Parkside and Meadows pupils and parents. Scooters are not permitted as mode of transport to and from school.



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

MEDICATION

Asthma Action Plan – If your child suffers with Asthma please can you return the Asthma Action Plan we sent out at the start of term. Thank you to everyone who has already done this. Please ensure your child's inhaler is in school and in date.

Medication – if your child requires prescribed medication in school we need a consent form signed and medication sent into school in full packaging.



LUNCHTIME

Lunchtime meals are now £2.73, pupils can also buy a drink to go with their meal at an additional cost. If pupils are bringing their own sandwiches, please remember to bring in a drink. If you are entitled to FSM, please apply even if your child does not want the meals, as additional funding is made available for the school for other purposes, which will benefit your child.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Can we remind parents/carers that school finishes at 3:15pm. For safeguarding reasons, if you are unable to collect your children at the end of the school day, please make alternative arrangements for them to be picked up at this time or use The Nest Care Club. Our staff are not in a position to be able to supervise your children after school, and it is not appropriate for them to be sat waiting in reception.

POLITE REMINDER

Please remember smoking or vaping is not permitted on school premises.

Craft Club Needs Your Help!

As we head into the Spring Term, Craft Club is looking for donations of wool to support our creative projects. If you have any spare wool at home—we'd love to give it a new purpose!

Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you for helping us keep the creativity flowing!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January	School closed - TE day
Tuesday 6th January	School reopens
Wednesday 7th January	5RS Swimming
Monday 27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23rd February	School reopens

EQUIPMENT LIST

During the half-term please ensure your child has all of the essential equipment listed below,

Blue handwriting pen	Whiteboard pen (Dry wipe)
Pencil	Pencil crayons
Ruler (cm/mm)	Glue stick
Rubber	Pencil case (small)
Pencil sharpener	Highlighter
Green pen	Wired headphones for Computing
Scientific calculator (KS3 only) – these can be purchased from the school via ParentPay.	

Healthy & Happy Winter Guide for Parents/Carers and Teenagers

Our colleagues in Public Health have produced two healthy happy winter guides, one for parents and carers and one for teenagers. This year a guide for teenagers has also been produced as requested by some schools. The guides are designed for the winter Holidays but also the rest of the winter season, so they remain relevant into the colder months.

[Winter Holiday Resource for Teenagers - Parent Carer Guide v04.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[Winter Holiday Resource for Teenagers - Young Persons Guide v04.pdf - Google Drive](#)