

PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER 11 September 2026

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WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families! It has been wonderful to see you all back in school for the start of a new school year.

We have had a fantastic start to the term. It has been great to see the children settling back into school life so well, becoming familiar with their new routines and already working hard in their classrooms. There is a real sense of enthusiasm, energy and positivity around school, which has been wonderful to see.

Having been part of our school community for many years, I feel incredibly proud and excited to begin this new chapter as Head. It is a real privilege to lead our school, and I am looking forward to building on everything we already do so well, while continuing to grow, develop and move forward together.

I am really keen to involve our parents and families more in school life and to create opportunities for us to come together, share ideas and have conversations. We will be starting with our first parent coffee morning on Friday 25 September, and I am very much looking forward to hearing your thoughts, sharing our plans for the year ahead and continuing to strengthen the important partnership between home and school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a happy, successful and fantastic year ahead!

Miss K Haverty

Head of Academy

QUICK VIEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR



Our school website is currently undergoing maintenance. We will keep you updated once it's back online.

- 26 – 30 October
- 21 December – 1 January 2027
- 15 – 19 February
- 26 March – 9 April
- Monday 3 May Bank Holiday
- 31 May – 11 June
- 26 July – 1 September



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 25 September Coffee morning at Parkside everyone welcome, 9.00am – 10.00 am.



Tuesday 20 October Foundation Stage 2, Year 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Fancy dress Party, 3.10 pm – 4.30 pm. A snack and a drink, lots of fun, £4.00, payable via the Arbor app. Children will dress up at the end of the school day.



Wednesday 21 October Years 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Fancy dress Disco Party, 3.10 pm – 4.30 pm. A snack and a drink, lots of fun, £4.00, payable via the Arbor app. Children will dress up at the end of the school day.



Tuesday 20 October Parents' Evening EYFS 1 & 2, 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 21 October Parents' Evening EYFS 2, 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Thursday 22 October Parents' Evening for LINC, Years 1 – 6, 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm



Thursday 22 October Individual School photographs.



Monday 7 December Magic Matt returns to Parkside to put on his show for EYFS, LINC Year 1 & 2 and then teach our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Circus skills. He was so much fun last year and the children absolutely loved him.



Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 December our Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will have the opportunity to go to the Pantomime at the Civic in Barnsley. Also, on these dates they will be taking part in Barnsley Hospice's Sponsored 'Elf Run'. A charity close to all our hearts.



Thursday 10 December EYFS Nativity 10.30 am

Thursday 10 December KEY STAGE 1 Nativity 2.00 pm



Friday 11 December EYFS, LINC, Year 1 & 2 will be taking part in Barnsley Hospice's Sponsored 'Elf Run'.



Tuesday 15 December Foundation Stage 2, Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Fancy dress Party, 3.10 pm – 4.30 pm. A snack and a drink, lots of fun, £4.00, payable via the Arbor app. Children will dress up at the end of the school day.



Wednesday 16 December Christmas Lunch, there will be no other food option on this day also, Christmas Jumper Day for a suggested £1.00 donation.



Plus, Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Fancy dress Party, 3.10 pm – 4.30 pm. A snack and a drink, lots of fun, £4.00, payable via the Arbor app. Children will dress up at the end of the school day.



Thursday 17 December Key Stage 2 performance 2.00 pm & 5.00pm