

# PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER 10 October 2025

**Please note:** the dates and events listed below are correct at the time of printing. You will be notified of any changes.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce that our Book Fair will be running from Tuesday 14 in the afternoon to Monday morning 20 October 2025, in the school Hall.

The Fair will be open at the following times:

**Morning: 8.15 - 8.30 am**

**Afternoon: 3.10 – 3.30 pm**

Come along and explore a wonderful selection of books – there's something for every reader. Your support helps us raise funds for more wonderful books in school.

It's a first for the Book Fair to be held in October at Parkside. Please let us know if you have enjoyed it.



### BIKES, SCOOTERS AND PATHWAYS

A big thank you to everyone for taking more care with your child's scooters and bikes.

We will however be continually reminding all pupils, parents and carers that:

**! Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds.**

This includes the **playground**, walkways and any area on school grounds.

For everyone's safety, **please walk with bikes and scooters once you enter the school grounds**, and use designated storage areas where provided.

Can we also add:

If you choose to walk down the school driveway, please be mindful of vehicles and delivery traffic. We highly recommend you use the steps.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school safe for everyone.



### SAVE THE DATE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

The individual school photographs will take place on Tuesday 18 November 2025.

As in previous years, parents are welcome to bring pre-school children to join family group photographs. The photographer will arrive at approximately 8.15am to take these family groups first.

Please inform school if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

In line with our Uniform Policy, long hair should be tied back and full school uniform should be worn.

**CAN WE REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE ARE A SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ZONE.**



## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We are thrilled to offer a fantastic range of afterschool clubs each half term here at Parkside. These clubs provide a fun and enriching way for our pupils to explore their interests, build new skills, and make friends.

From Monday 3 November 2025 our clubs will be:

- **Monday – Dance**
- **Tuesday – Art & Craft**
- **Wednesday – Choir or Construction**
- **Thursday – Athletics**

The cost of each club is £1.50 per week, with a commitment to attend every session. We have 7 weeks next half term so the total will be £10.50.

If your child is in receipt of Income related Free School Meals (**not** Universal Free School Meals) there will be no charge for the Clubs. However, you are still required to book a place. Places are limited and on a first come first basis.

Information will be sent via email in the coming weeks. Payment for the clubs can be made on the schoolgateway app. If you don't already have the app, search [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). If you encounter any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



## BREAK TIME SNACKS

Just to remind everyone again about our breaktime snacks. Snacks should not include chocolate, sweets or crisps. If your child has grapes, please cut them in half. They are a choking hazard for some children when whole.

Please check all labels on breakfast bars and any other snack you send with your child, remember we are a NUT free school. We have several staff and children with severe allergies.



## CHOCOLATE SPREAD

Can we remind everyone to check chocolate spread products do not contain any nuts? It appears to be a favourite packed lunch option.



## P.E. KIT

A reminder to all parent/carers that P.E. is a compulsory part of the school curriculum, and children are expected to bring their full kit, ready to participate. We recommend your child brings their full P.E. kit on a Monday morning and leave it in school until Friday. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, dark blue shorts and pumps/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms can be worn during the colder months.

Long hair should be tied back at all times and no jewellery should be worn. It is expected that your child is able to remove their earrings. If not please remove them before the start of the school day. If your child has any items missing or earrings in that they are unable to remove a note will be sent home as a reminder for the next P.E. day.