



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From The Headteacher

This has been such a quick term which has culminated in a fantastic last week which started with our youngest children in the EYFS (nursery and reception classes) sharing the story of Christmas in such a wonderful way. It was also lovely to see our Year 6 children supporting the production by narrating the story. The festivities continued later in the evening with our first winter disco. This was very much enjoyed by the children who attended and raised £374.94 profit which we will be able to spend on the children in 2026. Thank you to all the staff who stayed and made it such a great evening for the children.

Wednesday saw a magnificent interpretation of the Nativity from the view of a donkey pop group. The children remembered all their lines and sang really well. Even though Year 1 and 2 are our smallest classes in the school this did not negatively impact on the super performance they delivered.

The opportunity for our children to share their talents was concluded by the Key Stage Two Carol services, where we were given a celebration of music to complement the Christmas story. There was some marvellous singing both by classes, in rounds and a cappella which for some of the songs was complemented by the use of percussion instruments or signing. Like all of the performances above, these productions included children from both Ash and Oak classes which was a clear celebration of Parkway's inclusiveness. For our children in Elm Trees Classes, they performed for their parents as part of the class parties on Thursday afternoon. The class parties also saw a visit from Father Christmas who brought presents for the children to use during wet break and lunchtimes.

With a new year sees some exciting developments at Parkway in the form of new staff beginning with us on the 5th January. Oak 6 has a new teacher Mr Brady. We have a new teacher starting in a new class, Oak 4, as we expand our inclusiveness to a Miss Muthony joining the office team to provide extra administrative support to the school.

With the end of such a busy week, the staff at Parkway and I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas holiday filled with peace, laughter, and full of happy memories. We all look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 5th January 2026.

Merry Christmas
Mr Celino-Stock

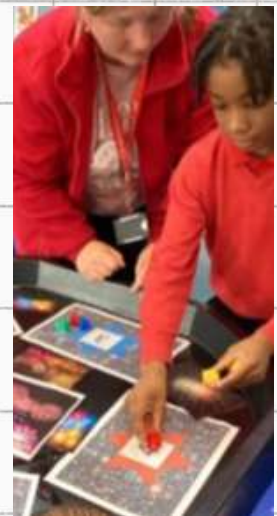
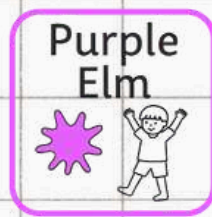


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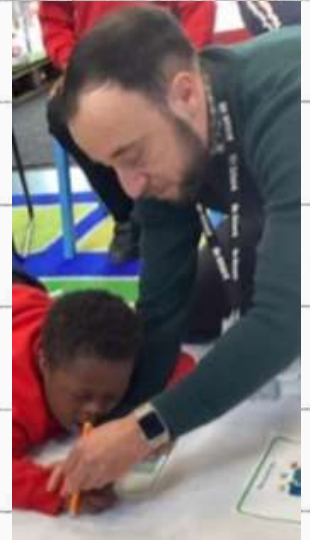
5th Jan - First day of term
13th Jan - SEND Coffee and Chat 2pm

Purple Elm

This term in Purple Elm we have been exploring the theme All About Me, helping children learn more about who they are, what they enjoy, and how they fit into our classroom community. Through stories, songs, sensory play, and familiar routines, children have been growing in confidence—sharing their preferences, recognising their achievements, and celebrating the things that make them unique.

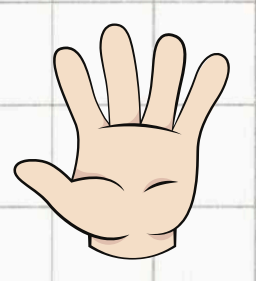


We learned about birthdays and special days, talking about when our birthdays are and the different ways families celebrate. This led us into discovering cultural celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas, and other festivals important to our families. These experiences helped children appreciate that while our traditions may be different, we can enjoy learning about them together.



CHOOSE kindness

In PSHE, our focus was kindness—what it looks like, how it feels, and how we can show it throughout the day. Children practised taking turns, helping friends, and using gentle hands and kind words, with lots of celebrations of these small but meaningful moments.



Alongside this, we continued to build early maths and phonics skills. Children practised counting to 5 using concrete materials like cubes, blocks, and trays, developing their understanding of quantity through hands-on exploration. In phonics, we tuned into initial sounds, especially those linked to our names and favourite objects, supporting early sound awareness in a playful, meaningful way.



It has been a joyful term full of discovery, connection, and celebration. We wish you a wonderful Christmas break.
Mr Attard & the Purple Elm Team

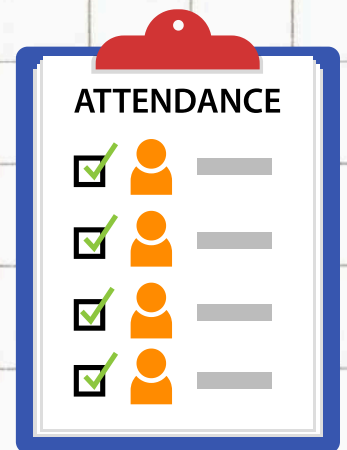
Attendance

Congratulations!

This week, Attendance Award Certificates were presented to the following children in recognition of their ongoing improvement in attendance. Well done to everyone for their commitment and effort—keep up the great work! ✨



Lianne Corry (Oak 1)
Cody Barnes (Ash 1)
Apinaash Sajeepan (Ash 1)
Tommy Arnold (Ash 2)
Ella Brewer (Ash 3)
Idres Ahmadzai (Ash 4)
Jess Ferron (Ash 4)
Phoebe Montanarini (Ash 5)



Building our community: New opportunities and updates for the New Year

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our workshops, drop-ins, and coffee mornings. We hope you found these sessions both helpful and welcoming.

Looking Ahead we are pleased to announce that building on the ongoing partnership with the Learning & Enterprise College Bexley we will have the opportunity to host several of their courses here at the school. We will share more details in the New Year to find out which subjects interest you most.

New: SEND Coffee & Chat Sessions. We are also launching our SEND Coffee and Chat Sessions — a space for parents to connect, share lived experiences, and support one another. Mrs. Shepherd will be at these sessions to offer guidance and discuss any general questions you may have.

- First Session: Tuesday, 13th January
- Time: from 2:00 PM onward

There will be refreshments available, and at the first session we can explore what you would like from the group moving forward. Please do tell other parents/carers you think might be interested about the group.

Also, we need a name - We want this group to have a name that reflects our community. Please share your suggestions with Mrs. Shepherd — there is a small prize waiting for the person who comes up with the winning choice!

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful, restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.





The school winter disco was a huge success with the pupils who attended and was a great way to end the term... despite Mr Alabi and Mr Trevena's singing!



Understanding Childcare Schemes Handbook

Local London has put a handbook together called Understanding Childcare Schemes Handbook for us to share with parents in the borough. This handbook was created because it can be challenging for parents to navigate the different childcare support options available. Many families miss out on help they are entitled to, because the process feels complicated or unclear. The goal is to make things easier by giving parents the confidence to access the support they're entitled to.

Developed in partnership with Nugget Savings, this resource includes practical tips, funding information, and advice tailored for frontline advisers, support staff, and residents.

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Dyslexia

This workshop will aim to provide information and support to parents and carers who feel their child may be dyslexic or who have received a dyslexia diagnosis.

The workshop will be delivered by Educational Psychologists from Bexley Local Authority.

The workshop will include:

- What happens in Bexley regarding diagnosis and how dyslexia can be supported in school
- Aids that can help and how you can support your child
- Local help and support
- Questions and answers

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Parent Carer Workshop

Wednesday 28th January 26

10am-12noon

Danson Youth Centre
The Garden Room
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ

Our free parent carer workshop series provides Bexley Voice members with the opportunity to get information relating to your child or young person's additional need and/or disability. We cover various topics according to parental demand.

Advance booking required at:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/57900992>
or scan the QR code:

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Interception

Linked to their sensory processing differences, many neurodivergent children and young people experience challenges with Interception.

Interception is our internal sensory system or "6th sense". It helps us to feel the signals and sensations that happen inside our bodies. This includes recognizing and interpreting internal body signals such as hunger, thirst, pain or the need to use the toilet.

Interception also helps us connect physical sensations to emotions, like a racing heart linked to anxiety or tense muscles linked to fear, and so is also important for emotional regulation.

Join our workshops to learn more about this important topic and discover practical ways to support your child or young person.

This workshop will be led by Tamsin Cox, Principal Educational Psychologist from Bexley.

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Parent Carer Workshop

Tuesday 24th February 26

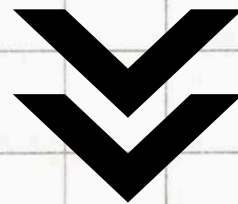
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Spring Term Menu



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A huge thank you to Emma from St Mary's Cray Salvation Army, who kindly donated toys to the school for the children. We would also like to thank Sam from Bellgrove Nutrition for collecting the items and delivering them to the school. The children were delighted and very grateful for their generosity.



**We would like to wish all our children and
their families a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.
We hope you enjoy a restful and joyful holiday break, and we
look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on
Monday 5th January 2026.**

