



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

From the Headteacher

Issue 50

5th December 2025

This week has been more of a normal week but has included a number of children going out on class trips to support the children's learning.

You may have noticed Mrs Huggins on the gate with me this morning, she was providing an opportunity to book your tickets to attend the school disco on the 15th December. If you went into the building, you would have seen, in the front office, the extensive prizes available in our Christmas raffle which the office is selling tickets for. As Mr Trevena is often keen to remind parents when it comes to the raffle, 'you need to be in it to win it.'

Make sure you have your coats and umbrellas ready for a wet week after the weekend. Enjoy Saturday and Sunday and I look forward to seeing all our children on Monday.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 8th Dec - Ash 1 Libary Trip
- 9th Dec - Ash R Post office Trip
- 10th Dec - Ash N, Oak 1, Aqua Elm, Purple Elm & Orange Elm Post Office Trip
- 10th Dec - Nursery ONLY Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th Dec- Christmas Disco
- 18th Dec - Christmas Raffle Draw

ORANGE ELM

Throughout Autumn 1 and Autumn 2, our learning has centred around the theme of celebrations.



In art, we explored the blow-painting technique to create visual effects inspired by fireworks in recognition of Guy Fawkes Night and Diwali. This activity supported the development of fine motor control and creative thinking. The completed artwork also acted as a stimulus in literacy, where pupils used their paintings to generate descriptive vocabulary, drawing on their five senses to describe fireworks.

In DT, pupils worked with clay to design and make their own diya lamps. This learning linked to the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs, as pupils developed an understanding that people celebrate in diverse ways and learned to appreciate cultural and religious traditions.



To promote resilience and independent living skills, pupils baked their own biscuit bears, linked to the story by Mini Grey. This practical task enabled children to follow instructions, measure ingredients and use kitchen tools safely and appropriately. They also practised important self-care routines such as handwashing, cleaning workspaces and tidying up. Working collaboratively further supported the development of communication and social skills.





Christmas RAFFLE



🎄 Christmas Raffle Tickets Now on Sale! 🎄

A reminder to all parents that Christmas raffle tickets are available to purchase from the school reception. They're just £1 per strip! We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, and winners will be drawn and announced at school on Thursday 18th December. 🎁 ✨
Thank you for supporting our school and good luck! 🍀

🎁 Donations Welcome

We are still accepting donations if you would like to gift anything towards the raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



❄️ Winter Disco Reminder! ❄️

Have you purchased your child's ticket yet? The School Winter Disco is almost here!

📅 Monday 15th December

🕒 3:30pm – 5:00pm

💎 £5 per child – includes a drink, snack & glow stick!

Join us for music, fun and festive vibes – we can't wait to see you there! 🎵 📱 ✨

CHRISTMAS

LUNCH & JUMPER DAY

11TH DECEMBER

All forms for your child's Christmas dinner request, should have been completed on Parentmail



Christmas Dinner

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& EVENTS



SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH GUIDELINES:



1. No nut products
2. No chocolate bars
3. No sweets
4. No fizzy drinks
5. Grapes are to be cut in half



Reminder: School Packed Lunch Policy:

Please remember that all packed lunches should include healthy items such as fruit, vegetables, and a main snack or sandwich. Nuts and nut-based products are not allowed due to allergies. Sugary drinks, sweets, and fizzy drinks should be avoided. Thank you for helping us keep lunchtime safe and healthy for everyone!



Post Office Visits – Reminder

Ash N, Ash R, Oak 1, Aqua Elm, Orange Elm, and Purple classes will be visiting the post office next week. Please ensure you have given £1 for your child's stamp to either the class teacher or the school office before the visit.

Kindly note that the correct amount is required, as we will not have change available.

Thank you!



You can help prevent suicide



Recognise the warning signs and find out how you could support someone in distress.

Tuesday
10 February
2026

9.30am – 11am
Supporting young people
1pm – 4.30pm
Supporting adults



Sessions open to Council, local NHS staff, other public services and the voluntary sector

To book your place email Pip Wills:
philippa.wills@bexley.gov.uk

Dad Zone 'Play & Chat'

Are you a dad looking for quality time with your little ones? Want to connect with other dads in the community?

Come to West Street Family Hub for our Dad's ONLY Play & Chat session!

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 30th
December 2025
10:30am - 11:30am

West Street Family Hub
105 West Street, DA8 1AW

Our group is a space for father's to connect, share experiences, swap advice and support one another.

Children are welcome to the session

For More Information
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