



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Headteacher

Even though we have reached the end of this half term it has not been an uneventful week. Monday saw the school hosting a maths hub event where maths subject leaders from the South East of London came to the school to undergo some specialist maths training from our maths subject leader, Miss Parsons. Part of the training involved the visitors watching Miss Parsons deliver an exemplary lesson to our children in Ash 6.

On Tuesday we had a couple of school photographers in which provided the opportunity for all children and staff to have their pictures taken. For the staff this will provide a high quality photo for the new website and staff board in reception.

Our harvest festival was undertaken during assembly time. Thank you to all the children and staff who brought in a gift of food, even during this time of financial hardship for many families. We will be donating all the produce to a local food bank which I know will support people in the community.

Oak six delivered their class assembly on Thursday and told us all about their learning on space. I was impressed that almost all the class shared their learning which they have undertaken without their appointed class teacher. While they have had a teacher, it was not Mrs Iguta who has not been with us this term due to illness. Ms Iguta wrote to me this week to tender her resignation, we thank her for all her work in Oak Trees over the last three years and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. On a positive note, as part of our recruitment drive for the new Oak classes I appointed Mr J Brady who will start with us after the Christmas holiday in Oak 6.

This morning in the celebration assembly, along with our usual excellent achievements, I gave out 59 Head Teacher awards for children who achieved reaching the top of the diamond at least 20 times this term within a five-week period.

A special well done to all those children. I told the children if we achieve at least 50 children achieving the Head Teachers award they would gain an extra day's holiday (which is already in the calendar as an INSET day). This means the children will be off next week for half term and Monday 3rd November for the INSET day. I know by Tuesday 4th November I will be very much looking forward to all the children returning for our second half term up to Christmas. I hope you have a lovely time with your children next week.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 24th Oct- Last Day of term
- 3rd Nov- Inset day
- 4th Nov- First day of term
- 7th Nov- Ash 3 Tump 53 Trip
- 19th Nov- Parent/Carer Workshop - ASD (afternoon)
- 21st Nov- Movie Night
- 28th Nov- School Nurse Drop-in (afternoon)

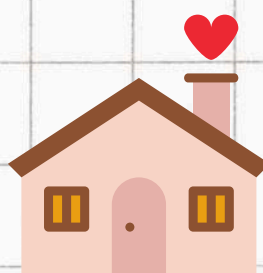
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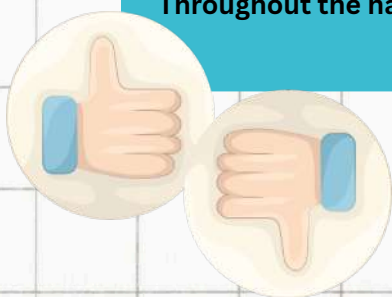
We can hardly believe how quickly this half-term has flown by! The children have settled beautifully into Nursery and have shown such enthusiasm for our first topic – All About Me! It's been a joy getting to know their unique personalities, interests, and strengths.



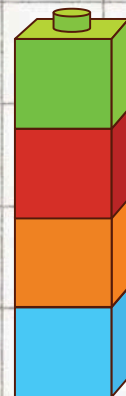
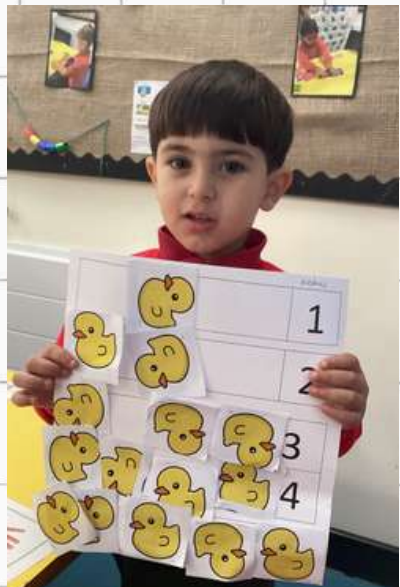
Our All About Me topic has focused on exploring identity, feelings, and family, helping the children develop a stronger sense of self and an understanding of others. We began with My Body & Senses, where we sang songs about body parts and explored our five senses through exciting sensory play – including tasting a variety of fruits! Thank you for sending in your family photos for our My Family & Home activities – these sparked wonderful conversations and inspired the children to create their own self-portraits! We also shared and compared the different types of housing we live in, which led to some fantastic discussions about our homes and communities.



The children also loved talking about their likes and dislikes, including their favourite foods, colours, and toys, and discovering how they are the same as or different from their friends. We also spent time exploring Friendships and Sharing, and it's been wonderful to see the children making great progress in turn-taking and showing kindness towards others. Throughout the half-term, we've celebrated that everyone is unique and special in their own way – recognising what makes each of us who we are.



In Maths, we introduced numerals 1 to 5, practising recognition through counting objects, using fingers, and spotting patterns in our environment.



MATH



This week in Nursery, we learned about Diwali, the Festival of Light, and the ways it is celebrated. The children listened to traditional music, explored colourful lights, created their own beautiful rangoli patterns, and made simple Diya crafts. We also talked about the importance of sharing, kindness, and celebrating with family and friends, just as people do during Diwali.



Diwali!

We hope you all have a restful and fun-filled half-term break. We're excited for next term, when our topic will be Celebrations!

Congratulations!



The Poole Disability Open Competition began in 2000, celebrating 25 years of fun and friendship this year. Nine gymnasts who participated in the first competition were working at the event. Over the past 25 years, the competition has expanded to include entries from Norway, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, with Lugano joining this year.

Kavya (Contestant no. 46) and Manvi (Contestant no. 47) from Falcon Spartak GC entered the 2025 Poole Open Competition, Artistic Female Floor, Vault, and Beam (Group 7) U9 Level C. Both were able to win two gold medals and one silver medal each, and we are incredibly proud of them. Congratulations, girls! You made us proud.

Clubs entered for the 2025 competition included: Blakebrook GC, Falcon Spartak GC, City of Plymouth, Gymfinity, Waveney GC, Noifitsqmo, LSGA, Lugano (Switzerland), Nile Wilson Gymnastics Coventry, PSNGC, Skjeberg turn (Norway), Stabekk turnforening (Norway), SV Regis Breitingen (Germany), and Leatherhead & Dorking GC.

Movie N I G H T

**Movie Night coming up on Friday 21st
November!
Watch out for more news after the half
term break!**



Other News

& EVENTS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE
PEGI 12

Always Online
 In-Game Costs
 Virtual Violence
 Crossplay and Party Chat
 Frequent Updates
 Pop Culture References
 Social Interaction
 Enjoy Fortnite Together
 Set Spending Limits
 A World of Scams

Advice for Parents & Educators

Fortnite's latest season is packed with eye-catching features – but that can mean longer screen time, pressure to spend, and the lure of party chat with strangers. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shines a spotlight on what parents and educators need to know to help young players stay safe.

From comical dance emotes to realistic weapons and big-name collaborations, Fortnite is a cultural heavyweight. But even with its PEGI 12 rating, many younger children are joining the action. Our new guide explores the risks – and offers useful, clear advice for trusted adult

Family Sign Session 2025
 Greenwich Sensory Service, Bexley Hearing Support Advice Team and Lewisham Sensory Teams are inviting you to come and join our "Family Sign - Introduction to BSL" sessions, which will take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

This event is **FREE** for Parent(s), Carers and Relatives of Deaf and Multi-sensory children.

22nd Oct and 26th Nov 2025

FREE 1pm to 2:30pm

"Come and have fun learning BSL"

This programme will give you the opportunity to extend your knowledge and skills in using in BSL and developing positive communication skills.

Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Rd, Bexleyheath DA7 4EZ
 Tea Chudley, Deaf Instructors - caroline.chudley@cpa.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 first-ever Dads' Play & Chat session!

Wednesday 29th October
 10:30am - 11:30am
 West Street Family Hub
 105 West Street, DA8 1AW

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

Children are welcome to the session

For More Information
 0203 045 5480

UNITY LOUNGE COMMITTEE PRESENTS
FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY
FREE ENTRY
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH
 3PM-7PM

GLITTER TATTOOS
 FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
 KID'S KARAOKE

UNITY LOUNGE & BAR
 SPORTING CLUB
 THAMESMEAD, SE28 8NJ

GAMES & PRIZES
 RAFFLE
 LUCKY DIP

FREE REFRESHMENTS

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK
 @UNITYLOUNGEANDBAR

BRING CASH, SOME GAMES & ACTIVITIES
 WILL HAVE A SMALL FEE

Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group

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Tuesday 11th November 2025

The Danson Youth Centre
 Brampton Road
 Bexleyheath
 DA7 4EZ

9:30am-12:30pm

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about anything SEND. Members and non-members are welcome.

9:30am - Discussion with the Bexley Voice Team. We will have a discussion about general safety in the home, including using specialist equipment to ensure the safety of your children and young people with additional needs.

10:30am - Bexley Seaford, London Fire Brigade. Bexley Seaford from the London Fire Brigade will join us to talk about fire safety in the home.

1-1 Appointments available with:
 • Kate Courtney, Designated Clinical Officer SEND (for any health related queries such as SALT, OT or diagnosis)
 • Sarah Tamminga, Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist from Oxford
 • Dorey Graham, Benefits Adviser from SWP
 • Felicity Packard from Carers' Support Bexley
 • Klar Rivered from Image Young Carers

Case Officer Team 1-1 bookings:
 • Various appointments will be available with Case Officers and a Case Officer Manager from the Bexley Statutory Assessment Services.

www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

Advance booking only necessary for 1-1 sessions

To request a 1-1 slot go to:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/53844827>
 or scan the QR code for more information.

Post-16 Options

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Preparing for Adulthood

Wed 26th November 25
 10am-11:30am
 Online via MS TEAMS

Our free Preparing for Adulthood workshop series provides Bexley Voice members with the opportunity to get information for their young people in Years 8/9 to age 25, who are preparing for adulthood, which includes information about: education, health and social care, employment, finance and benefits.

Advance booking is required at:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/577386748>

or scan the QR code:

We will be joined by Liam Bradbury-Sparvell, SEN Case Officer.

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Understanding Deputyship

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Tuesday 24th February 26
 10am-11:30am
 Online via MS TEAMS

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Advance booking is required at:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/57738669>

or scan the QR code:

This workshop is aimed at parents and carers of young people who lack mental capacity, aged 13-25 and who are unable to manage their financial affairs or make key decisions about their health and welfare.

The workshop will cover:

- What is a Deputy?
- Why Deputyship is important
- Types of Deputyship and their purpose
- Responsibilities
- How to become a Deputy

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Post-16 Benefits

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Preparing for Adulthood

Tuesday 27th January 26
 10am-11:30am
 Online via MS TEAMS

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Advance booking is required at:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/57738672>

or scan the QR code:

This workshop is aimed at parents and carers of young people aged 14+ and will provide information on the benefits they may be entitled to from age 16. This will include the process of changing from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payments when your child is 16.

We will be joined by Felicity Packard, Information and Support Manager at Carers' Support, Bexley.

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