



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Headteacher

It was wonderful in our celebration assembly this morning to celebrate so many classes with 100% attendance this week and another five classes whose children all arrived on time every day this week. A fabulous way to end our penultimate week. While we are celebrating it was great to hear how well both our boys and girls football teams did in their matches this week against St John Fishers school with a win for both teams.

This week sees another class extend their learning outside of school with Ash 5 visiting the science museum. I look forward to hearing about their great learning upon their return later today.

You may recall I informed you about our positive oracy audit we had a couple of weeks ago. We received the report last Friday afternoon, after the newsletter went to be published. However, there is a section in the introduction which I feel should be shared with you which encapsulates life at Parkway on a daily way, "Parkway has a strong foundation for developing oracy across the school. Classrooms had a calm, focused atmosphere, with pupils demonstrating positive learning behaviours and high levels of engagement."

Although we all know how wonderful our school is, it is heartening to hear it from professionals who come in with a critical eye. At the end of another very positive week I wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing the children for the final week this half term on Monday.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

23rd Oct- Blue Oak Assembly

24th Oct- Last Day of term

3rd Nov- Inset day

4th Nov- First day of term



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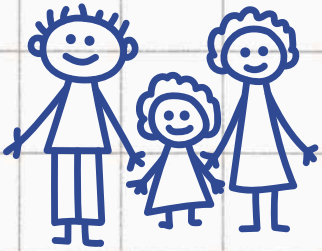
'All about me'



This half-term in Reception, we've been on a wonderful journey of self-discovery through our topic 'All About Me'. The children have been learning that everyone is unique and special in their own way, and we've been celebrating the things that make each of us who we are.

We've talked about our names, our families, where we live, and the people who are important to us. The children have shared their likes and dislikes, talked about their favourite foods, colours, and toys, and described how they are the same as or different from their friends. We've also looked at our bodies, how we've grown, and how to take care of ourselves to stay healthy and happy.

Through stories, songs, artwork, and circle time discussions, the children have gained confidence in expressing themselves and listening to others. It's been a joyful start to the year, filled with curiosity, kindness, and lots of learning!



We have been representing ourselves and families in lots of different ways using different materials.

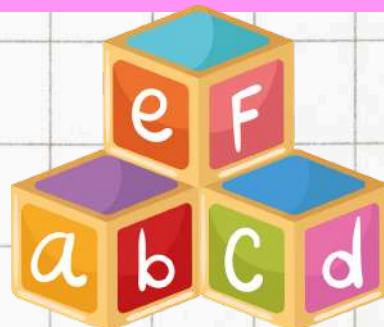


PHONICS

In Reception, we've proudly begun our early reading journey! The children have been taking part in Little Wandle reading sessions three times a week in small groups, where they focus on segmenting and blending sounds to read simple words with growing confidence.

Alongside this, we have daily phonics lessons that introduce new sounds and tricky words, helping the children build essential skills for reading and writing. We also offer a wide range of engaging activities throughout the week that reinforce segmenting and blending—such as sound matching games, oral blending practice, and exploring books together.

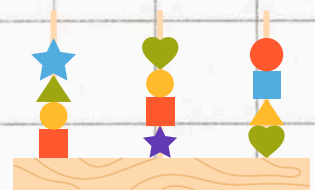
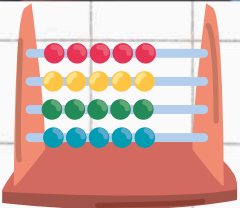
It's been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident and enthusiastic as early readers!



MATHS

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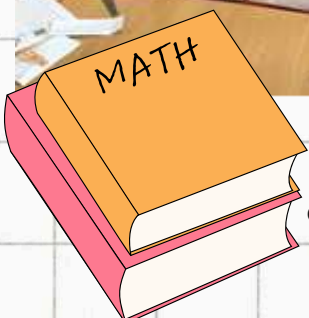
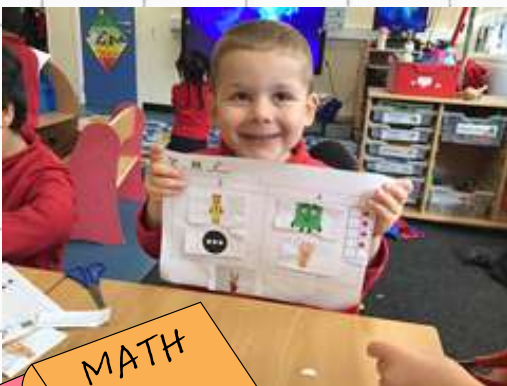
This half-term, we've been developing our early mathematical skills through a range of fun and hands-on activities. The children have been learning to sort, match, and compare objects based on different attributes such as size, shape, and colour. These important foundation skills help children begin to make sense of the world around them.



Building on this, we have introduced the numbers to 5. The children have been exploring what these numbers look like, how they can be represented in different ways (such as with objects, fingers, and numerals), and how they relate to one another. We've also been practising careful counting and beginning to recognise patterns and quantities without needing to count every time (subitising).

It's been fantastic to see the children developing confidence with number through play, exploration, and meaningful mathematical talk!

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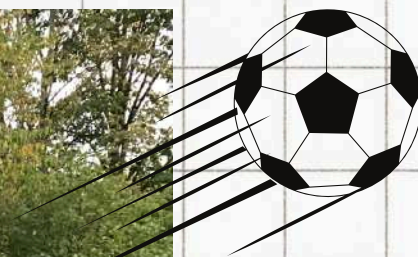


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FOOTBALL FRIENDLY MATCH REPORT

GOAL!



Parkway Primary recently hosted a thrilling set of friendly football matches against St John Fisher School. The Parkway boys' team delivered a dominant performance, securing a 10-0 victory with excellent teamwork and sharp finishing. The girls' team followed suit with an equally impressive display, winning 7-0 through strong defence and clinical attacking play. A fantastic day of sport for Parkway, showcasing skill, determination and great sportsmanship from all involved

Great Athlete Visits Our School



We were thrilled to welcome top GB athlete Saffron Severn, as part of the Great Athletes program! All pupils took part in an exciting sponsored fitness circuit and enjoyed an inspiring assembly and Q&A session with the athlete – learning valuable lessons about resilience, teamwork, and healthy living. This fantastic event also helped us raise over £700 funds for new sports equipment to boost physical activity across the school.



HELPING KEEP OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY

This Winter



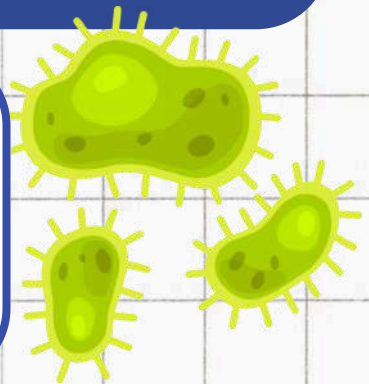
As we head into the colder months, it's common to see an increase in seasonal illnesses like colds and other viruses. While some absences from school due to illness are unavoidable, many can be prevented with a few simple steps to help stop the spread of infections. Things like vaccination, regular handwashing, good ventilation, and regular cleaning can all make a big difference. Schools are doing their part to help keep children and staff healthy, but we also rely on your support to help keep everyone safe and in school as much as possible.

The NHS offers helpful advice for parents on when a child is too ill to come to school [NHS UK](#)

Most mild illnesses – such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough – don't usually require time off school, unless your child has a high temperature or is feeling too unwell to take part in normal activities.

As always, you know your child best, but schools are here to support you in making these decisions. Here are a few ways we're working together:

- Sharing clear NHS guidance ahead of the winter illness season
- Reassuring families about the steps our school is taking to reduce the spread of bugs such as regular daily cleaning in classrooms and high traffic areas and planned deep cleans across the year
- Encouraging medical appointments outside of school hours when possible. If your child has an appointment during the day, and they're well enough, they can still come in before and return to school afterward – and there's no need to change out of school uniform



Working together, we can help keep everyone healthy, learning, and enjoying school this winter.

Secondary



APPLICATIONS

We would like to remind primary schools that the closing date for secondary applications is

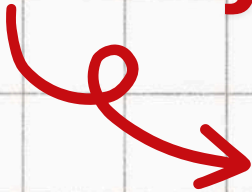
31/10/2025 (during half term)

[Home | eAdmissions](#) is the link for parents to apply.

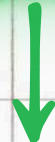
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At Parkway



Half Term Activities



Help us collect donations for local food banks



Donations to be bought in by Monday 20th October