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Parkside Academy

Key dates

Monday 1st—Sport Hall Athletics for Year 5/6
Tuesday 2nd—Library visit for Nursery
Wednesday 3rd—Year 6 Dodgeball competition
Monday 8th—Height and Weight for Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 9th—Reception and Year 1 Christmas trip to Greenlands farm
Tuesday 9th—Elf Dash for Year 2—6
Wednesday 10th—Year 4/5 visit from author Matt Goodfellow
Thursday 11th—Year 2—6 visit to Blackpool for the Christmas Pantomime
Friday 12th—Year 2 visit Dalton Church
Friday 12th—Christmas jumper and dinner day
Monday 15th—Baby Room, Pre-School and Nursery visit Mini and Me Role play village
Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th—Nativity at Furness Academy
Wednesday 17th—Father Christmas visit to school
Wednesday 17th—Christmas Fayre
Thursday 18th—Work of the Half Term
Friday 19th—Finish for Christmas

Work of the half term

Thursday 18th December

Reception to Year 2—9 a.m. start

Year 3—Year 6—2:40 start



| Class | Attendance |
|--------------|------------|
| Nursery | 94% |
| Reception | 97% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 95% |
| Year 3 | 97% |
| Year 4 | 96% |
| Year 5 | 97% |
| Year 6 | 96% |
| Whole school | 96% |

Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).

The Christmas season is already upon us, and it's hard to believe how busy this half term has been so far. Our final three weeks are set to be just as action-packed as we celebrate the festive period and the end of the calendar year.

Nativity

Our classes—especially Year 2 and Year 5—are working really hard behind the scenes to get everything ready for this year's nativity, *The Nativity*. The performances will take place at Furness Academy on **Monday 15th at 2:00 p.m.** (doors open at 1:45 and close at 2:00) and **Tuesday 16th at 9:45 a.m.** (doors open at 9:30 and close at 9:45). Please use the hall entrance door. If you arrive a little late, please go through the main entrance at Furness Academy instead.

Christmas trips

The children are really looking forward to their Christmas trips next week. Our Baby Room, Pre-School and Nursery will be heading to Mini and Me Role Play village, Reception and Year 1 will be enjoying festive activities at Greenlands Farm, and Years 2–6 will be off to Blackpool Pleasure Beach for the pantomime. It's set to be a wonderful time for everyone.

Elf dash

This year, children from Years 2 - 6 will be taking part in a sponsored Elf dash to raise money for St Mary's Hospice. The event will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 2 p.m. at Furness Academy. We are asking each child to raise a little bit of sponsor money for this great cause, with the aim to be £6 per child.

Christmas jumper and dinner day

On **Friday 12th December**, we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are welcome to attend school wearing a festive Christmas jumper. If they do not have one, a Christmas-themed T-shirt or similar item is perfectly acceptable. We kindly request that each child brings a donation for the Christmas Fayre tombola. Contributions such as bottles, chocolates, sweets, or similar items would be greatly appreciated.



Easyfundraising

Thanks to the money raised through parents using this app—alongside additional funding—we have been able to purchase new sports kits, which will arrive in the new year. Thank you for your support. If you haven't already signed up, please do so using the QR code. It costs you nothing, but it makes a big difference.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/>

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Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 17th December. It is not too late to book a stall at the Fayre. Please contact the school office. A table is £10.

Attendance

We know there have been several bugs going around recently, and we appreciate your care in keeping genuinely unwell children at home. However, regular attendance remains vital for your child's learning and progress. We will continue to monitor attendance closely and are here to support families wherever needed.

Family support worker

Just a reminder that we have a Family Support Worker in school who is here to help and support families with any challenges or questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel they could assist you.

Value of the half term

Our half-termly value is **kindness**, and this year our School Council is exploring ways we can show kindness during the Christmas season. After deciding on the Elf Dash last year, they are now considering new ideas to spread joy and support others in our school and wider community.

Governors

A reminder that our Governing Body oversees the strategic direction of the school, ensuring high standards and supporting the leadership team in providing the best education for our children. Please see below a reminder of who they are and their roles.



Breakfast club

From January 2026, the cost of Breakfast Club will increase to £2 per session. These prices remain heavily subsidised, but due to increased demand we have needed to employ additional staff to ensure safe and high-quality provision.

End of term

A reminder that we finish for this term on Friday 19th December at 1:15 p.m. School will reopen in the new year on Wednesday 7th January.


