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Key dates

Wednesday 5th November—Year 3 Stone Age Trip
Friday 7th—Individual class photos
Monday 10th—Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th—Flu Jab—Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 11th—Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th—Once up a Rhyme parent session for Pre School and Nursery
Monday 17th—Hearing screen for Reception
Monday 17th—School Readiness workshop for Nursery
Tuesday 18th—Nature Makers for Pre-School and Nursery
Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th —Year 2 reading event

December

Tuesday 9th—Reception and Year 1 Greenlands farm visit
Wednesday 10th—Matt Goodfellow author visit
Thursday 11th—Pantomime for Years 2—6
Monday 15th (PM) and Tuesday 16th (AM)—Nativity
Wednesday 17th—Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 17th—Father Christmas visit
Thursday 18th—Work of the half term assembly
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	98%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96%
Whole school	96%

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

Welcome back for what is always one of the most entertaining and action packed half terms. The darker nights are definitely upon us as we welcome the transition to winter. Coats are now a must in school, especially with the ever changeable weather.

Parents evening:

We begin the half term with our parents evenings on Tuesday and Thursday this week. The playground gates will be open from 2:25 p.m. Please use the office door from the playground to access school.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you for the food donations for Harvest. These have now been taken to the food bank to help families within our community.

Children in Need

A reminder that it was decided by our school council that we would celebrate this event every other year, so not this year. This year we will be raising money for Red Nose Day in March.

Reading

It has been great to see more children reading at home and it is something that has been matched in school with a huge focus on reading and the enjoyment of books.

Remembrance

We will be continuing last years tradition of taking classes 3 to 6 to the Cenotaph on November 11th to show our respect for this important date. Classes will also be creating a piece of art work to leave from all at Parkside. Some of our Year 4 and 5 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Remembrance Cup football competition focusing on the Christmas truce. We will also be selling poppies within school.

Christmas

We really enjoyed last years Christmas at Parkside and we look forward to this exciting time of year. Our classes will be getting ready for our Nativity which will again take place at Furness Academy and we will have a special visitor within school too. We also have our trips for all classes which are now on ParentPay (Nursery and Pre School to follow).

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 17th December. If you would like a stall at the Fayre, please contact the school office. A table is £10.

Playground developments

It was lovely to see the development of our Pre School and Nursery wooded area last half term. This half term will see the development of the main playground as we make our playground more exciting and engaging for our children.

Eco warriors

A great start has been made by our eco warriors. During recycling week last half term, the group ordered new recycling bins for each class and are now meeting with our site team to look at how we can be more energy efficient as a school. Well done team.

School photos

The individual school photos will take place this Friday. This will be in school time. If your child has a sibling at a different school they are more than welcome to come to school from 8am to have their photo taken. If their sibling is in school then you do not need to bring them at 8am we will sort their photos.

Welcoming in our school community

An area that we have worked on as a school since I have arrived has been welcoming in our school community and making sure our parents feel part of their children's educational journey. This half term will see us progressing this further with classes welcoming parents in to take part in their learning. Each class will have this opportunity over the year. This half term it will be years 2, 4 and 6. Pre-School and Nursery will also be focusing on National Nursery Rhyme week. The class teacher will let you know the details and focus. We would love it if you could join us for these.

Class Dojo

Just a reminder that whilst the Class Dojo app is our main source of communication and is a great way to inform parents and always ensure you can communicate with the class teacher, there is no expectation from staff to respond out of school hours. Please do be patient if you have messaged out of these hours.

Reception and EYFS places

Reception applications for September 2026 are now open! We also have a limited number of places available in our nursery and pre-school. Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested in joining our wonderful school community.

