

Merry Christmas

from the Parker family · Christmas 2026

Dear friends and family,

It's hard to believe another December is here. This was the year our kitchen finally got finished (eleven months late, but who's counting), and the year we learned that a puppy can eat an entire couch cushion in under an hour.

Sam started second grade in September and reads everything he can reach, including cereal boxes out loud at breakfast. Lily turned four, gave up naps, and has opinions about every sock she owns. Both kids spent most of July in the lake at Grandma's, and we have the sunburn photos to prove it.

Jen changed teams at work this spring and now leads a group of six; she also ran her first 10K in October. Dan coached Sam's soccer team to a record of three wins and five very sportsmanlike losses.

We also said goodbye to our old cat, Pepper, in March. She was 17, and the house is quieter without her.

Our wish for you is a calm, warm Christmas and a new year with more good news than bad. Write back and tell us about yours. We'd love to hear it.

With love,

Dan, Jen, Sam and Lily



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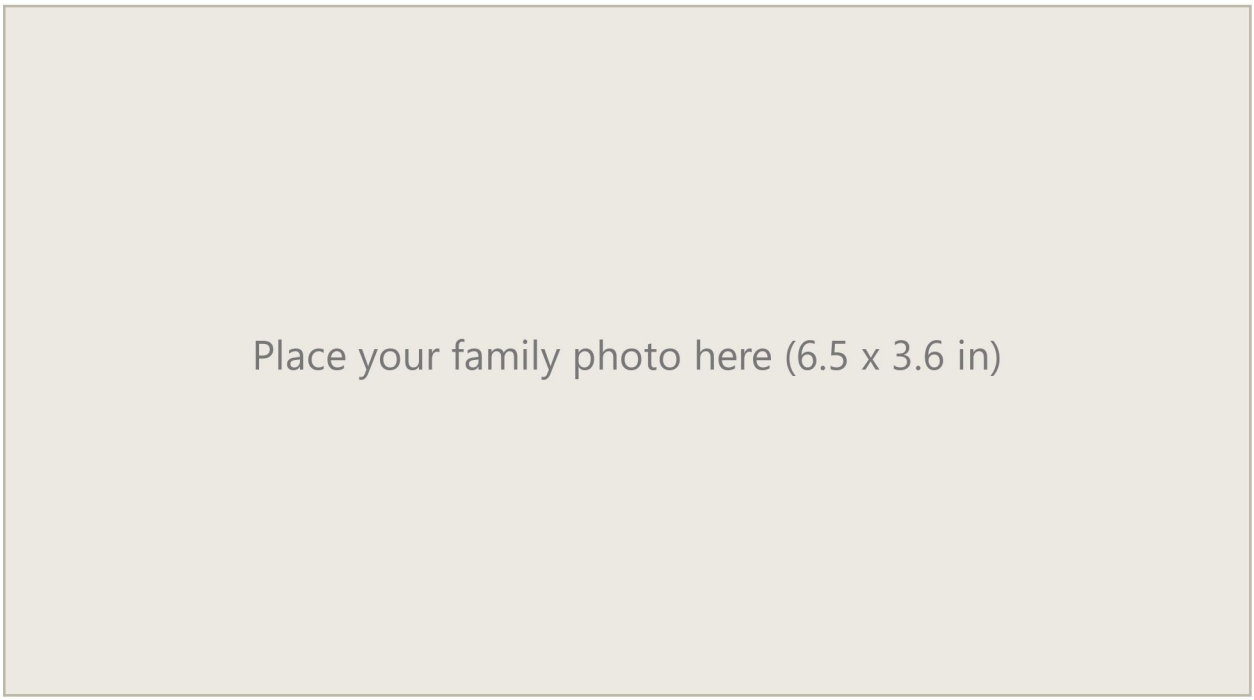
With love,

Our year in a nutshell

The Parker family · Christmas 2026



Highlights

Dan	Coached Sam's soccer team (3 wins, 5 losses, zero tears from the coach). Built a backyard fire pit.
Jen	New team lead at work. Finished her first 10K in 58 minutes.
Sam, 7	Second grade. Lost four teeth. Reads cereal boxes out loud.
Lily, 4	Gave up naps. Learned to swim with a noodle. Loves every dog.
Biscuit	The puppy. Ate one couch cushion and one left shoe.

A short note: thank you for every meal, call and kind word this year. We hope 2027 brings you good health and at least one long, lazy weekend.

Love, the Parkers

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Our 2026, month by month

The Parker family

January

Snowed in for three days. Built a snow fort with a working door.

February

Lily's first ballet class. She bowed to the teacher, then left.

March

Said goodbye to Pepper, our cat of 17 years.

April

Kitchen finished. We cooked a real dinner on the first night.

May

Sam's soccer season: 3 wins, 5 losses, endless orange slices.

June

Road trip to the coast. 9 hours each way, 2 car-sick kids.

July

Two weeks at Grandma's lake. Everyone tried paddleboarding.

August

Biscuit the puppy came home and ate a couch cushion.

September

Sam started second grade; Lily started pre-K.

October

Jen ran her first 10K. Dan cheered with a cowbell.

November

Thanksgiving for 14 at our new table. It fit, barely.

December

Cookies, carols and this letter. Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas and happy new year from all of us



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