



Parklands Weekly News 11/06/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week across the school with so much to celebrate. Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions today, making the most of the outdoors and developing their confidence, curiosity and teamwork skills.

We were also delighted to welcome an external advisor into school this week. He visited all of our classrooms and was extremely complimentary about what he saw. He noted the high levels of engagement, the positive learning environments, and how hard the children were working across the school, something we are all very proud of.

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us. Every day in school really does matter, and we ask families to think carefully before organising holidays during term time so that children do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

Last Friday's Fitness Day was a real highlight, with children across the school embracing the activities with enthusiasm and energy. It was wonderful to see everyone so active and engaged. A special mention must go to our fantastic Year 5 Sports Helpers, who supported the younger children brilliantly, showing patience, encouragement, and great leadership skills.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Year 6 Residential

Last week, our Year 6 pupils headed off for their highly anticipated Residential trip to Lodge Hill, and they had an absolute blast!

The children threw themselves into an action-packed itinerary, tackling a huge range of exciting activities from the high-speed thrills of go-karting to the fast and furious fun of sno-tubing.

While the British weather lived up to its reputation with some torrential rain, it certainly didn't dampen our pupils' spirits.

They all showed outstanding behavior and immense perseverance. They smiled through the downpours, supported one another through every challenge, and made us incredibly proud.

At the end of the week, a very tired but very happy Year 6 returned safely home to their adults.

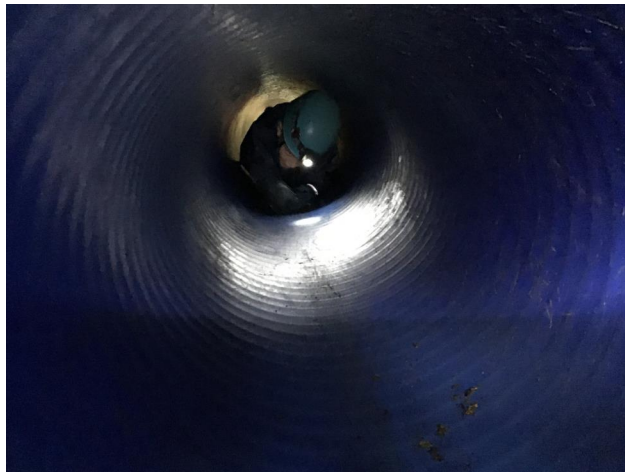
It was an unforgettable week filled with laughter, teamwork, and new achievements.



















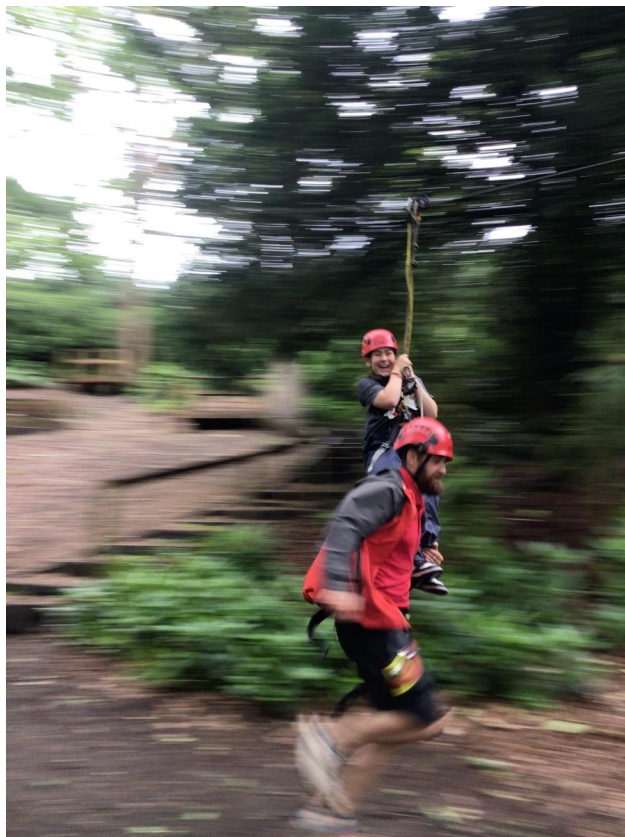


















Fitness Friday - World Cup Themed!

During the morning of last weeks Fitness Friday some of our year 5 children ran football themed activities.

- Dribble and shoot challenge
- Shuttle runs
- Target shootout
- Keepy-uppy and dribble relay
- Knockout game
- Obstacle course

Then in the afternoon children took part in 'Mini Matches' against one another. Points were awarded for teamwork, effort, encouragement and sportsmanship rather than goals scored.









Class Photo - Proof Cards

Your child will be bringing home their Yellow Photography Proof Cards.

To order please visit:

<https://smileyellow.com/>

Yellow Photography - School Photography Company

Please remember to order your child's photograph before Tuesday 16th June

Your child's individual Proof Card ID with their individual Password will ensure you receive the correct photograph.

These will then be delivered to the school, if you wish for them to be delivered elsewhere, please call them on 02380 404 070

Thank you



New School Lunch Provider

From September 2026, school meals at Parklands will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is **25p less than the current charge**. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/ . To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk.



Sports Day 2026

We are pleased to announce our whole school Sports Day will be taking place on **Thursday 25th June 2026**.

Parents will be allowed on site from 9am to see the events taking place on both sides of the track.

The day will begin at 9.15am with:

SSC, Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 competing in their races.

Reception children will begin their events at 10.15am and Years 5 & 6 at 10.30am.

Please can your child come to school on Sports Day already dressed in their school PE kit (white top). They will be issued a colour sticker according to their house colour.

All children will need to ensure they have a hat and plenty of sun-cream already applied and a water bottle.

On completion of all running events, we will take the remaining children back to their classrooms to collect lunches before bringing them outside for a whole school picnic with family and friends.

If you are bringing picnic lunch and your child usually has a hot school meal you **will need to cancel the hot meal on ParentPay by 8th June**, or they can collect their hot school meal in a takeaway container to bring outside to join the picnic.

As part of this year's event, we are excited to introduce a whole school '**Get Up and Dance**' moment at the end of the picnic. Children, staff and families are warmly invited to join in for a fun, feel-good dance together before we return to class.

At 1pm all the children will return to their classes to be registered, and parents will be asked to leave. Please collect your child at the end of the school day at their normal collection time.

If we have to change these arrangements, we will inform you as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Sports Day Team!



Year 5 and 6 Transition to Secondary school

A vertical poster for a 'PARENTING WORKSHOP'. The title 'PARENTING WORKSHOP' is in large, bold, blue and green letters. Below it, 'For Year 6 Parents' is written in a smaller font. The main text reads: 'Helping you support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.' There are four bullet points with icons: 1. 'UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION' (cross icon) - 'What to expect when moving to secondary school.' 2. 'SUPPORT THEIR WELLBEING' (heart icon) - 'Practical ways to support confidence, resilience and emotional health.' 3. 'BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS' (speech bubble icon) - 'Tips for positive communication and staying connected as your child grows.' 4. 'YOU'RE NOT ALONE' (people icon) - 'Share experiences, ask questions and connect with other parents.' On the right, there's a photo of a parent and child walking towards a school building. A signpost has arrows pointing to 'NEW SCHOOL' and 'NEW CHAPTER'. A speech bubble says: 'Together, we can help our children grow with confidence and thrive.' At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains a calendar icon, 'TUESDAY 30TH JUNE', 'AT 9AM', and 'IN SCHOOL'. Below the banner is the slogan: 'Supporting you. Supporting your child. Together.' with a heart icon.

Parents of Years 5 and 6,

The Dedicated Schools Team would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a **Supporting My Child with Their Transition to Secondary School** workshop.

The workshops will cover subjects such as how the teenage brain develops and how this can influence behaviour and learning, healthy relationships, keeping young people safe, and understanding social media and online safety.

You will also receive an overview of the support and services available to pupils from the Dedicated Schools Team within secondary schools, as well as from other agencies.

These sessions are brief and will last a maximum of one hour.

When: Tuesday 30th June at 9am

Where: Parklands Primary School.

Reception - Stay and Play

Please see the following dates for Apple and Ash class 'stay and play' sessions:

- Celebration Picnic - **Thursday 9th July 2:15-3pm**

These sessions are a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you and to find out how you can best support them at home.



Year 4 Ukulele Showcase

Year 4 Ukulele Showcase this June.

The children have been working incredibly hard developing their ukulele skills and are looking forward to performing for parents and carers of Maple and Mulberry .

- Maple Class: Monday 15th June
- Mulberry Class: Tuesday 16th June

both at 2:45pm in the school hall.

We hope you can join us to celebrate their progress and enjoy their performances.



The Big Future Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England has requested your participation in completing the Big Future survey.

"As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come."

Your students can take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

[The Big Future | Children's Commissioner for England](#)



Recycle it Right Competition

Parklands School Council, invite you to take part in the West Sussex Recycle it Right Competition.

Please follow the instructions below.

We would love to win lots of prizes for our school.

Thank you.

**WEST SUSSEX
RECYCLE IT RIGHT COMPETITION 2026**

8 Sept – 3 July

Calling all eco-heroes – it's time to play, learn and win!
Join the West Sussex Recycle it Right Competition, where children, families, and schools team up to recycle better, protect the planet, and win brilliant prizes!
Take the quiz. Earn points. Help your school win!

HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN JOIN IN

- 1** Step 1: Parents or guardians register each of their children in their free [West Sussex Wastebusters family account](#).
- 2** Step 2: Kids play the [Wastebuster Star Quiz](#) where they will watch fun videos and test their recycling knowledge.
- 3** Step 3: Every child who completes the quiz earns 1 [Planet Care Point](#) for their school.

Schools climb the [Recycle it Right Leaderboards](#) as pupils earn more points – Pupil power! The school with the most points by [midday on 3 July 2026](#) wins!

Recycle your used batteries

We have a battery recycling box in the school office reception area.

Please use this to recycle any; AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button batteries by handing them into the office.

We are able to exchange the batteries for books for our school!

Recycle your broken toys

Recycle to read is back at Tesco.

If you have any broken plastic toys please drop them off in the recycling bins in a Tesco store.

Please scan the QR code on the front of the bin to register your recycling visit and help us to earn plant care points. The points help us to earn free books for school.

Thank You.

Parklands School Council



External After School Clubs



KTroo is now on **MONDAYS** 3:15-4:15pm

Available to children in the following year groups: 3,4,5 and 6 to book use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dL77DWx3KY>

Contact Julia: 07786 671266 email - juliaktroo@outlook.com



Southern Karate Organisation EMAIL: info@southernkarate.org to book your place

Tuesdays at 7:45am

Reception to Year 6 - £6 per session - PAY AS YOU GO



Dance & Beyond - Musical Theatre

Tuesdays, 3:15–4:00pm. Reception - Year 3.

Dance & Beyond - Ballet

Thursday after school 3:10-4:00pm. Available for children in years 1,2 and 3.

[Register with Dance and Beyond | membermeister](#) and complete our online enrollment form and Direct Debit set-up.

If you have any questions, please contact us at hello@danceandbeyond.com



Stagecoach run an after school club on **Wednesdays** 4:15pm to 5:45pm

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/chichester>

07786 336983

Chichester@stagecoach.co.uk



FOUNDATION

Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation

Thursday Football club - on the school field

School Year 1 - 6

End Date: 26/03/2026

Please find the booking link below:

<https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&venueId=411&typeId=&postCode=&startDate=DD%2FMM%2FYYYY>



Hellcat Cheerleading - Fridays after school until 4:15pm.

Please follow the link for bookings:

[Hellcats Cheerleaders Parklands Afterschool Club Details | Customer Portal | Customer Portal](#)

Other Notices

St Wilfrid's Car Park

Please remember that this is the Church property and they can close the car park at any time due to private functions.

Can we remind all members of the school community parking there to be **respectful** towards everyone and to vacate the spaces as soon as possible at each end of the school day.

Please can we ask that adults **do not enter** the school building at the beginning or the end of the school day.

If you need your child needs to use a toilet or retrieve something from inside school please ask at the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

We aim to be a **Allergy Aware School**.

Please remember that the children should not have any food items that contain nuts in their packed lunches.

Thank you for your support with this.

Reminder

Please can we ask you **not to park on the grass** areas in Durnford Close. Local residents have phoned school to complain about vehicles parking inconsiderately.

Parking in the Surrounding Streets

We have been approached by residents in Cedar Drive to ask if parents can avoid leaving their engines idling when they are collecting or dropping their children at school.

Please do not park in the West Sussex Parking bays, these are for our organised transport only.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 95.32%

Apple: 94.07%

Ash: 91.67%

Beech: 90.37%

Birch: 96.33%

Cedar: 97.24%

Chestnut: 97.14%

Hawthorn: 98.67%

Hazel: 98.28%

Next Week



Week Commencing 15th June

Monday

Last day for ordering class photos

Maple Class Ukulele Performance 2:45pm

Tuesday - NO Basketball or Board Games Club this week

Mulberry Class Ukulele Performance 2:45pm

Karate Club

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Bruce Grove Visit Year 5

Year 5 Trip to the Beach

Reception Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - PTA Event - Non-Uniform for CUPS!

Bruce Grove Visit Year 5

Year 4 Swimming

GrubClub

Violin Lesson

Piano Lessons

Dates for Your Diary



Please follow the link to our **whole school calendar** page on our **school website**:

[Parklands Community Primary School - Calendar](#)

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Summer Term

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Children break up for **Summer holidays!**



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September – INSET day school closed for pupils

Wednesday 2nd September – children return to school

Friday 23rd October – children break up for half term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – children return to school

Friday 18th December – children break up for the holidays

Monday 21st December – Friday 1 st January 2027 – school holidays

Spring term 2027

Monday 4th January – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th January – children return to school

Friday 12th February – children break up for half term

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February – half term

Monday 22nd February – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 23rd February – children return to school

Thursday 25th March – children break up for the holidays

Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April – school holidays

Summer term 2027

Monday 12th April – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 13th April – children return to school

Friday 28th May – children break up for half term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – half term

Monday 7th June – children return to school

Wednesday 21st July – children break up for the holidays



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