



Parklands Weekly News 18/06/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

Congratulations to our Year 4 ukulele performers. I had the pleasure of seeing some of their rehearsals and was incredibly impressed by their confidence and talent, I may even be tempted to join their lessons myself! A huge well done to Mrs Gray and the team for delivering such a slick and polished performance.

Year 5 spent some time at the beach with their London pen pals. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their social skills, form new friendships and interact with peers from a wide range of backgrounds. Experiences like this help to build mutual respect and tolerance, which are such important values in our school community.

I look forward to seeing lots of you next week at Sports Day and for our annual family picnic.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Calling all Production Club Members!

If you are able to sing at the Summer Fayre and have not already done so please let the office know.

So far we do not have many singers who are able to attend and we may need to cancel the performance.



This week in Year 6

This week in year 6 has been exciting. We went on a Geography trip on Monday to collect data to answer the question: "Does Chichester's infrastructure make it a successful tourist destination?"

We did a tally of the building use and a questionnaire to find out people's perceptions of the city. Back at school, we analysed the data and presented it in pie charts and a bar graph.

We also completed our Maths bakery project this week. We worked on scaling, profit/loss, percentage deals, using measurements of mass and nets. To finish, the children then made cupcakes and packaging.



Year 4 Ukulele Performance

Our Ukulele Showcases were a fantastic celebration of everything the children have achieved so far this year. They took the audience on a journey through their learning, demonstrating impressive skill, technique and musical confidence. Both Maple and Mulberry classes worked brilliantly as teams, keeping the beat and different rhythms together so well throughout their performances.

The children should feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Their excellent focus, determination and commitment during lessons have paid off, resulting in two superb showcases of their hard work and progress.

Bravo!



Parklands Wraparound Clubs

Bookings for wraparound care are now open for the new academic year 2026 - 2027.

Please log into your MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) account, click on clubs and enrol onto required sessions.





Invite to Westgate Leisure Centre

Westgate Leisure Centre is delighted to invite local families to **The Big Splash Weekend**, taking place on **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June**.

This exciting family event is packed with activities designed to encourage children and families to get active, have fun, and enjoy everything the leisure centre has to offer.

Activities throughout the weekend include:

 **Taster Swimming Lessons** – a great opportunity for children to try swimming lessons and build confidence in the water. (Booking Required)

 **FREE Family Swimming Sessions** – enjoy quality family time together in the pool at no cost. (Booking Required)

 **Bouncy Castle** (*Sunday 28th June only*)


 **Colouring Competitions**


 **Fun Games and Activities**

 Plus plenty of other entertainment and opportunities to get involved.

Whether your child is new to swimming or already loves being in the water, The Big Splash Weekend promises something for everyone.

Event Details

 Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June

 Westgate Leisure Centre

We would love to welcome you and your family for a weekend of fun, activity, and community spirit.

For more information, please contact Westgate Leisure Centre.

We look forward to seeing you there



MORE
LEISURE

BIG
Splash
WEEKEND

27th - 28th June

Head to our website for more information.


Westgate Leisure Centre
Via Ravenna, Chichester PO19 1RJ Tel: **01243 785651**

  | moreleisure.com

 **Leisure Solutions**
Community Trust

MORE for
everybody

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 blue. 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' (key 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' (group of people icon) - 'Share experiences, ask questions and connect with other parents.' On the right, there's a photo of a parent and child looking at a signpost with arrows pointing to 'NEW SCHOOL' and 'NEW CHAPTER'. A speech bubble from the photo 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'. The footer says '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.



Violin Lessons - Free Trial

I am delighted to let you know that there is now availability for your child to learn violin or viola at Parklands Community Primary School.

I will be offering free trial lessons at the school, where your child will be given an opportunity to try one of these instruments, and see if they may enjoy learning through regular lessons.

If you have any questions, or would like to organise a free trial lesson, please email me with your child's name and year group.

I can be reached directly at Mia.shanks@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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: 93.68%

Apple: 97.417%

Ash: 82.67%

Beech: 88.52%

Birch: 95.33%

Cedar: 91.38%

Chestnut: 94.64%

Hawthorn: 95.33%

Hazel: 99.31%

Maple: 95.64%

Mulberry: 94.84%

Pear: 97.00%

Pine: 96.67%

Poplar: 95.00%

Walnut: 88.97%

Willow: 95.00%

Forest: 94.44%

Orchard: 93.00%



Congratulations Apple and Hazel Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance after next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 22nd June

Monday

Tuesday

EYFS - National Child Measurement Programme

Karate Club

Wednesday

EYFS - National Child Measurement Programme

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday - 🏆 Sports Day 🏆

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - PTA Event - Non-Uniform for Bottles / Chocolates

Sports Activities Day

Year 4 Swimming

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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