



Parklands Weekly News 25/06/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very hot week here at Parklands, but I am incredibly proud of how well both the children and staff have coped in such challenging conditions. We are fortunate that the majority of the school is air conditioned, which has allowed us to keep as cool as possible.

For those classes without air conditioning, we have taken every step to maintain a comfortable environment, including making full use of our air-conditioned and shaded spaces on a rota. The children have embraced our efforts to stay hydrated, enjoying fun tannoy reminders to drink water, along with water captains, monitors and even alarms to keep everyone on track.

During the peak of the heat, children remained indoors for both break and lunchtime, ensuring everyone stayed safe and as comfortable as possible. As these extreme weather conditions are likely to become more common, we will continue to review guidance and explore ways to keep the whole school community cool and safe.

Thank you for your words of encouragement and support this week—we know it has been challenging for everyone to navigate.

Tomorrow, we will be sending home letters informing you and your child of their class and teacher for September. We will also begin our transition work, with the classes meeting their new class teacher on Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives, and please stay safe in the sun.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

New Inclusion Team - September 2026

Following a successful recruitment process, I am delighted to share that Mrs Anita Springthorpe will be joining Parklands as our new Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion. Mrs Springthorpe will be working closely alongside Mrs Earnshaw and will lead on key areas including behaviour, attendance, and the provision for specific groups of pupils, including those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and those with Special Educational Needs.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Hayley Meyer, who will be joining us as our new full-time SENCo.

Both members of our new senior leadership team will be spending time in school over the remainder of this term as part of their transition, so please do feel free to say hello and join us in welcoming them to the Parklands community.

We will also be hosting coffee mornings in the Autumn term, where families will have the opportunity to meet members of the new team.



Class Allocations for 2026/2027

I am now delighted to share an overview of our teaching team for the upcoming academic year

Ash Class – Miss Laker

Apple Class – Miss Jones

Beech Class – Miss Kelly

Birch Class – Miss Colley

Chestnut Class – Mrs Mainwaring and Mrs Squires

Cedar Class – Mrs O’Boyle and Mrs Kiedyk

Hazel Class – Miss Cooper

Hawthorn Class – Miss Roberts

Maple Class – Miss Cripps

Mulberry Class – Mr Howe

Poplar Class – Miss Podger

Pear Class – Mr Glanville

Walnut Class – Mrs Hill

Willow Class – Mrs Blandford-Stanley

Wisteria Class – Miss Standing

Forest Class – Mrs Cooper

Orchard Class – Mrs Harris

In addition, Mrs Gray will be teaching music across the school, and Mrs Sweeney will be leading PE as well as our Forest School provision. Mrs Andrews will be teaching across the school to provide PPA cover, and Miss Finneran will be working with a small group of children in Elm Class.

Letters will be sent home tomorrow confirming your child’s class and teacher. Our new teachers, Miss Kelly and Mr Glanville, will also be visiting at various points over the remainder of the term, and I am sure you will join us in giving them a very warm welcome to Parklands.

Finally, Mrs Lewis will be returning to her casual teaching role. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done to support Pear Class this year and we know she will be back next year.



Parklands 'Go All In' Reading Month

We are delighted to announce that throughout July, we will be celebrating the joy of reading with our 'Parklands Go All In Reading Month'.

At Parklands School, we believe that reading is one of the most important skills children can develop. Reading opens doors to new worlds, sparks imagination, builds vocabulary, and supports learning across the curriculum. During July, we will be encouraging all pupils to immerse themselves in books and discover the pleasure of reading for pleasure.

Throughout the month, children will take part in a range of exciting reading activities, starting with:

- Wednesday 1st July **Sponsored Read** Launch. Please sponsor your child to read from now until the 10th July. The person who reads the most will get a prize. Reading logs will be sent home with children to be returned to teachers by the 13th July to be able to award the prizes! The sponsorship money will go towards the free books from Usborne.

We will be running this as a cashless sponsorship - please pay your sponsorship money through our GoFund me page:

<https://gofund.me/db643a894>

- Wednesday 1st July - **STOP, DROP and READ** please bring your favourite book to school to share with your friends
- Friday 3rd - **Story time** with new teacher 2.45pm – 3.05pm
- Friday 3rd July - Parents are invited to '**stay and read**' with their child on the field until 3.40pm
- **Photo Competition** – Children will need to take a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place. Then please upload the picture to seesaw. The most unusual reading place will win a prize. Deadline for pictures in 15th July.

We would love your support in helping to make this month a success. We encourage children to read regularly at home, whether independently or with a family member. Every minute spent reading helps to build confidence, fluency, and a lifelong love of books.



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Transition Support

We have been reviewing and strengthening our transition arrangements this year to provide children with more opportunities to get to know the adults they will be working with, ensuring the move into their new classes is as smooth and positive as possible.

Our whole-school transition day will take place on **Wednesday 1st July**, where children will spend the day with their new class, taking part in a range of engaging and enjoyable activities to help them begin building relationships and connections with their new teachers and peers.

In addition, over the next three weeks, we will be holding **Circle Time assemblies** focused on building strong connections, helping children to feel safe, confident and excited about the changes ahead. Where possible, children will also have opportunities for **storytime sessions with their new teachers**, further supporting familiarity and reassurance.

We recognise that transition can feel different for every child. For those who may benefit from additional support, we have identified individuals and are developing **bespoke transition plans** to meet their needs.

Our **PSHE curriculum** also supports this important time of year, with units focused on change and transition, and this theme will be reinforced through our whole-school assemblies.

If your child has any particular worries about transition, please do speak to **Mrs Coles, our FLO**, who will be very happy to offer advice, support and guidance. As always, we are here to work together to ensure every child feels prepared and confident for the next stage of their journey.



London Penpals visit Year 5

On Thursday and Friday last week, our PenPals from Bruce Grove visited overnight. We joined them at West Witterings Beach for a picnic lunch and time to play together on the sand. Luckily, the tide was out when we arrived so there was plenty of space for us to build sandcastles, play cricket, frisbee and football or just enjoy splashing in the water. On Friday, we spent time with them in school before they left to go home. Working together in groups, we completed a range of activities including pebble painting, sand art, photo frames and PE outside. We have spent time over the year getting to know our Pen Pals by writing letters but it was fantastic to meet them in person. We found out we had much more in common than we knew and really enjoyed getting to know each other.







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

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27th - 28th June

Head to our website for more information.

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

📱 | [moreleisure.com](https://www.moreleisure.com)

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Year 5 and 6 Transition to Secondary school

PARENTING WORKSHOP

For Year 6 Parents
Helping you support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.

- UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION**
What to expect when moving to secondary school.
- SUPPORT THEIR WELLBEING**
Practical ways to support confidence, resilience and emotional health.
- BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS**
Tips for positive communication and staying connected as your child grows.
- YOU'RE NOT ALONE**
Share experiences, ask questions and connect with other parents.

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE
AT 9AM | **IN SCHOOL**

Together, we can help our children grow with confidence and thrive.

Supporting you. Supporting your child. Together.

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.



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 Leaderboard 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



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: 83.86%

Apple: 70.28%

Ash: 72.33%

Beech: 77.41%

Birch: 83.67%

Cedar: 86.55%

Chestnut: 85.71%

Hawthorn: 84.00%

Hazel: 92.00%

Maple: 92.67%

Mulberry: 91.29%

Pear: 84.00%

Pine: 81.67%

Poplar: 82.64%

Walnut: 84.14%

Willow: 86.90%

Forest: 82.22%

Orchard: 84.00%

Tuesday - Summer Fayre - 3pm to 6pm

Parent Workshop - Supporting Transition to secondary school 9am

Karate Club

Wednesday - Move Up Day

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 1 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday

Meet and Chat with FLO 8:50am

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**:

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Summer Term

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



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn term 2026

Tuesday 1st 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 1st 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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