



# Parklands Weekly News 02/07/2026

## [Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week. I can't believe that it is July already. Where has the time gone?

As July has sprung on us, our transition programme has now begun. It was wonderful to see the children spending time in their new classes and classrooms. We started the day with a whole-school assembly about transition, discussing what transition means and recognising that it is completely normal to experience a mixture of emotions. Children shared how they might feel excited, curious, nervous or worried about moving to a new class, and we talked about how all of these feelings are valid. We encouraged the children to see transition as an opportunity to form new connections and make new friends; learn new skills and become the best version of themselves. The children then spent time in their new classes and classrooms, and as I stood on the gate at the end of the day, I heard so many excited conversations as they shared their experiences with their families. The teachers planned lots of engaging learning opportunities,

and I am particularly looking forward to showcasing the children's creativity through a whole-school art display in the coming weeks. Thank you to Mr Glanville and Ms Kelly for taking the time to join us and support this important part of the children's transition journey. The children also enjoyed a circle time session in their new classes, reflecting on change, discussing what has stayed the same and considering what will be different as they move into the next year group.

July is also the Month of Reading at Parklands, we have planned a range of exciting reading challenges for our children. Today, the Library Service visited to launch the Summer Reading Challenge, and we hope that many families will get involved. Reading has the power to open doors, spark imaginations and unlock countless opportunities, and we would love your support in helping us celebrate the joy of reading within our school and wider community. All money raised through the sponsored read along with proceeds from book purchases, will be used to purchase new books for our library and classroom bookshelves. Thank you for supporting this important initiative.

On Tuesday, we held our amazing Summer Fayre, and what a fantastic afternoon it was. The event truly captured the strong sense of community that makes Parklands such a special place. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help organise, set up and clear away after the event. Your generosity and commitment are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all the families who came along to support us. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces as our school community came together to enjoy the afternoon.

A special thank you to the Dance and Beyond Dancers and Arabesque, who joined us at the fayre and shared their talents with us. We would also like to thank the Punch and Judy performer for providing so many laughs and giggles. Finally, thank you to our dedicated staff team who generously gave up their time to help make the event such a success.

We still have a couple of busy weeks ahead of us, with lots of exciting activities still to come. As temperatures are expected to rise again next week, we will continue to do everything we can to keep the children hydrated, comfortable and as cool as possible throughout the school day.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

## PTA Summer Fayre

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all those who came along and enjoyed the Summer Fayre!

A very special thank you to everyone who gave their time to help setup, run stalls, and pack down at the end!

We will let you know how much we raised very soon.

Kindest regards,

Mark and the PTA team.





## Royal Life Saving Society

47% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August.\* We also see a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher.

When UK average maximum air temperatures reach or exceed 25°C...

- There is a fivefold increase in accidental drowning risk, when compared to days with an average temperature of 10°C\*\*
- Over half (57%) of those who drowned were swimming, reflecting more people actively entering the water\*\*\*
- Teenagers (aged 13-17 years) and young adults are proportionately more likely to lose their lives\*\*\*

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment, and here are our tips for staying safe in the water during the summer:

Take a look at their website for how to stay safe this summer.

[Summer Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#)



## 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:

- *Friday 3rd July - Parents are invited to 'stay and read' with their child on the field until 3.40pm*
- **Sponsored Read deadline** - please return reading logs to teacher on **Monday 13th July**.

Please sponsor your child to read from now until the 10th July. The child 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 books for school 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 8th July **STOP, DROP and READ** please bring your favourite poem or rhyme to share with your friends
- **Virtual book fair** will be open from the **10th – 17th July**. Whatever we spend on books will get topped up by Usborne books so we can buy some new books for the children at Parklands. Please use the following link:

<https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=58e7716f9dca340bb1c89975458acf47>

- Friday 10th 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 them 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.





## New Active Always Uniform – From September

As part of our commitment to promoting health, wellbeing and active lifestyles, we are introducing our new **Active Always Uniform** from September.

The aim of this change is to ensure that all children are comfortable and ready to be active throughout the school day – whether that is during PE lessons, the Daily Mile, outdoor learning, playtimes or other physical activities.

Key changes include:

- **Black trainers** should be worn to school every day. This will allow children to take part in physical activity without needing to change footwear.
- The grey elements of our uniform have been adapted to allow for more active choices, including:
  - Black jogging bottoms
  - Black leggings
  - Black shorts
  - Black skorts

(Please note that these should be suitable school shorts and skorts rather than hot-pants style shorts.)

There will be **no separate PE kit** from September. Children will be expected to attend school in their Active Always Uniform each day.

We recognise that many families have recently purchased school uniform or have uniform that still fits, so there will be a **transition period**. During this time, children are very welcome to continue wearing any existing **grey school uniform items** while we gradually move towards the new Active Always Uniform.

Some of our older pupils may wish to refresh after a PE lesson and we will discuss this during our **Meet the Teacher** events in September.

We know many families are also interested in plans for the school logo. At this stage there is **no update**, as we are continuing to work with designers to explore future options. We will share further information as soon as decisions have been made.

Thank you for your support as we introduce this exciting development, helping all of our pupils to be **Active Always** and ready to learn.

### Parklands Community Primary School



#### School Uniform

##### Our 'Always Active' uniform consists of

- Red Parklands sweatshirt , cardigan or fleece with logo
- Red or white , polo shirt or T-shirt
- Black tracksuit trousers
- Black leggings
- Black shorts / skort
- Red & white checked summer dress with little shorts
- Red & white checked playsuit in the summer
- Parklands Bookbag - children will need a bag for reading books
- School colour socks



Sweatshirt Cardigan Fleece



Polo shirts T-shirts



Tracksuit Leggings Shorts Skort

##### Shoes

- A pair of plain black trainers (no logos or brands )
- Open -toe sandals are **NOT**permitted in the Summer

##### Forest Schoo l/Outside Learning Kit

- Waterproofs/raincoat
- Wellington boots



Bookbag



Dress



Playsuit



Socks

## Reception - Stay and Play

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

- 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



## 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: 84.89%**

Apple: 85.86%

Ash: 74.33%

Beech: 83.64%

Birch: 87.33%

Cedar: 92.07%  
Chestnut: 92.14%  
Hawthorn: 90.67%  
Hazel: 93.67%  
Maple: 94.00%  
Mulberry: 91.61%  
Pear: 86.00%  
Pine: 87.78%  
Poplar: 88.18%  
Walnut: 63.79%  
Willow: 64.83%  
Forest: 87.78%  
Orchard: 79.00%



**Congratulations Maple and Chestnut Classes!**

**You had the best attendance this week!**

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

Next Week



Week Commencing 6th July - **NO Teacher Led Clubs**

**Year 6 Bikeability - 2nd week**

**Monday**

National Child Measurement Programme - EYFS

**Tuesday**

Karate Club

**Wednesday**

Woodwind Lessons

**Thursday**

**EYFS Stay and Play 2:15pm**

Year 3 Roman Walls Walk

Year 1 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

### **Friday**

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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