



# Parklands Weekly News 09/07/2026

## [Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another hot week at Parklands, and we have been making good use of shaded outdoor spaces and the cooler areas of the building to help everyone stay comfortable. Despite the warm weather, the children have continued to work incredibly hard as they complete their learning for the summer term, and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

It has also been wonderful to welcome so many of our new Reception children and their families to our Reception Stay and Play sessions. We are delighted to welcome you to the Parklands community and look forward to seeing the children start their school journey with us in September.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been busy completing their Bikeability Levels 1 and 2 training, demonstrating excellent listening skills, responsibility and a strong understanding of how to keep themselves safe. Well done, Year 6!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

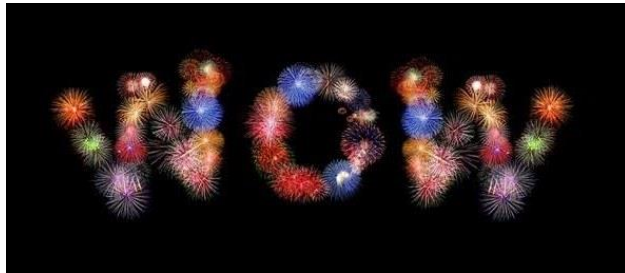
Headteacher

## PTA Summer Fayre TOTAL!

We are thrilled to share that together we raised a grand total of **£2783.48**.

Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Mark and the PTA team.



## 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 10th July, **parents are invited to stay and read** with their child on the field until 3.40pm
- **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>

- **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 15th July** (Yr 2 on the 16th due to school trip) **STOP, DROP and READ** please bring something else to read. (Non-fiction books/magazines/joke book/leaflets)
- **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 is 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.





National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026



## Wraparound Care bookings

To ensure we maintain our strict staff-to-child safety ratios and keep all children safe, we require accurate attendance numbers ahead of each session.

Could we please ask you to book your child's place online, or notify the school office, before 12:00 PM on the day they wish to attend.

Please note that we cannot guarantee a place for bookings made after this time, as staffing levels are fixed based on midday numbers to meet safe supervision guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our club safe and well-run.

**THE**  
**HIDEOUT**

## Bikeability - Year 6 complete Level 1+2



## 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

## Young Voices Choir - Registration Reminder

A quick reminder for parents and carers of children taking part in the Young Voices Choir. You should have already received an invite containing a QR code, and a paper copy with the QR code was also sent home with all children involved on Tuesday.

Please could you take a moment to register your child using this link. Registering your child creates the official Young Voices choir register and also gives the necessary permission for them to take part.

The songs and other resources are available on the website, so children can start exploring them and practising over the summer holidays.

Please don't worry about purchasing anything when you register. You can simply skip that section and return to it later if you wish. The important thing at this stage is just to register your child for the choir.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Gray



## Brass instruments - Free Trial Lessons

I am pleased to say that I now have spaces available for brass lessons. Lessons are available on the following instruments: **cornet, trumpet, tenor horn, trombone and baritone horn.**

I am offering free trial lessons to any pupils interested in signing up for lessons.

Please contact me at [chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk) to sign up.

The cost for group lessons is **£9.90** per lesson, payable either monthly or termly (11 lessons).

If you would prefer to consider individual lessons, you can find more information on the website, [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/).

Alternatively, please get in touch and I will be happy to discuss with you in more detail.

Instrument hire is available with West Sussex Music. The cost is **£36.40** per term during the first year of learning.

If you have any questions, please email me at [chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk).



## Ambassador Award

To everyone at Parklands Community Primary School,

A huge Congratulations on getting your Ambassador Award on the Planet Protector Challenge!

I am so happy to be sending you this for all of your hard work. You are working together to make the planet a better place to live!



## 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: 92.18%**

Apple: 96.90%

Ash: 83.67%

Beech: 81.85%

Birch: 91.67%

Cedar: 92.76%

Chestnut: 93.93%

Hawthorn: 94.33%

Hazel: 97.33%

Maple: 95.00%

Mulberry: 96.13%

Pear: 93.50%

Pine: 93.89%



Week Commencing 13th July

**Monday**

**Tuesday - PTA Disco's**

Karate Club

**Wednesday**

SSC Transition Meeting - Studio 9am

Year 2 Trip to Arundel Castle

EYFS Forest School

Woodwind Lessons

**Thursday**

Year 6 Production 2pm School Hall

Year 1 Trip to the beach

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

**Friday**

Year 2 Castle Day

SSC Trip to the beach

Year 4 Swimming

Violin Lesson

Piano Lessons

GrubClub

## 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 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 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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