



Parklands Weekly News 16/07/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Parklands as our children complete their final learning quests of the year.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another fantastic school disco this week. Events like these take a great deal of planning and preparation, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help make it such a success.

The children had an amazing evening, full of energy, excitement and plenty of dancing! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying time with their friends and celebrating the end of the school year together. I must admit, I thoroughly enjoyed having a boogie with the children too! Thank you once again to our PTA and all the volunteers whose hard work helps create such special memories for our Parklands community.

Yesterday, our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to Arundel Castle. They had a fantastic day exploring the castle, learning about its fascinating history and bringing their learning to life through first-hand experiences.

Our Year 1 children spent a beautiful day at the beach for their Forest School session. The children enjoyed exploring the coastal environment, playing together in the sunshine and, of course, finishing the day with a well-earned lollipop. It was a lovely opportunity for them to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate all they have achieved this year.

A huge well done to Year 6 for their outstanding leavers' performance. It was a truly special filled with laughter, memories and reflection. Your confidence, talent and beautiful singing made us all incredibly proud. The memories you shared brought a tear to my eye, and it was a wonderful reminder of the incredible journey you have been on during your time at Parklands. We wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education.

We are also keeping a close eye on the weather, and all the signs are looking positive for Monday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many families as possible to our rescheduled Sports Day and Family Picnic. It promises to be a wonderful morning celebrating the end of a successful year together.

And don't forget your dance shoes! We are looking forward to finishing the picnic with our much-loved Big Dance, and we hope everyone will join in the fun.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to thank all of our pupils, staff and families for their continued support. It has been a year full of learning, growth and achievement, and we are incredibly proud of everything our children have accomplished. We look forward to celebrating together on Monday and making a few more special memories before the summer break.

Have a great day when we get there.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Year 5 Enterprise sale

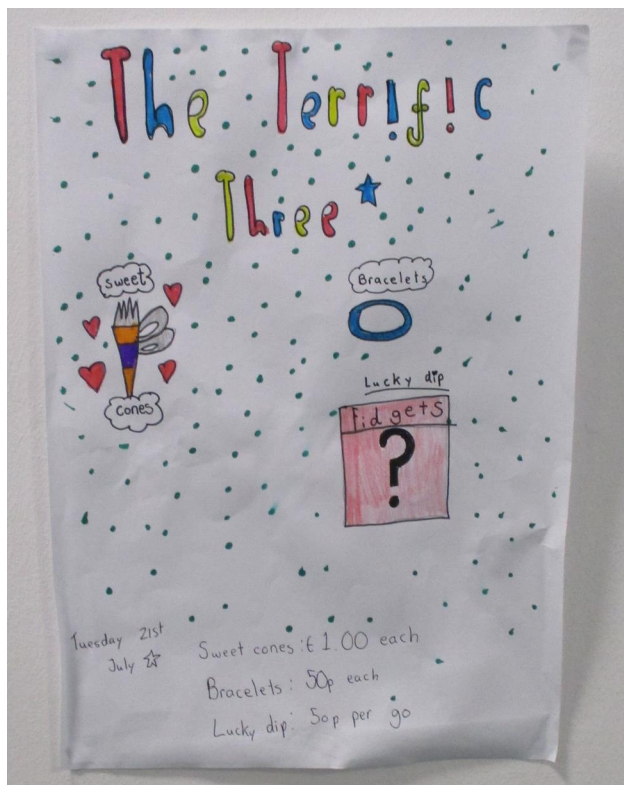
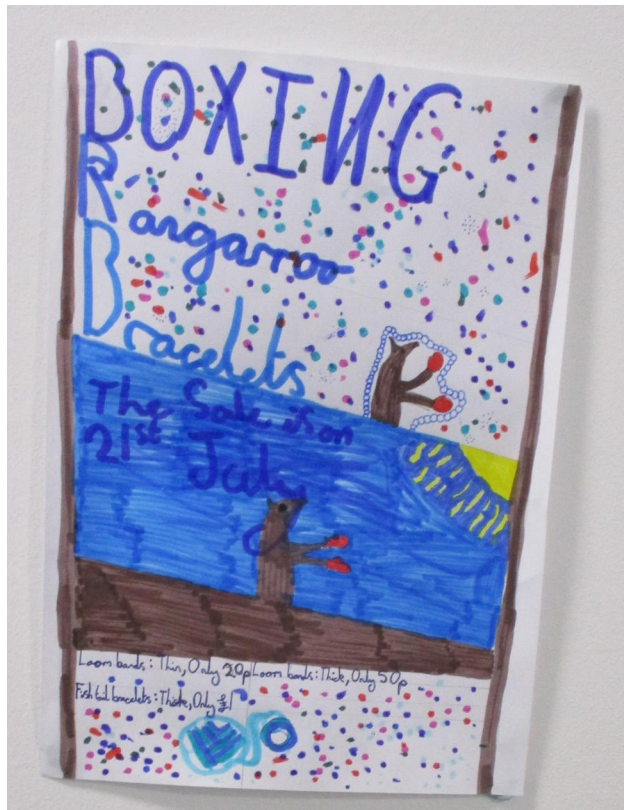
Dear Parents,

Year 5 have completed an enterprise project for their final quest of this year. They have formed companies and will be selling the products they have made on Tuesday afternoon. Each class

will have the chance to visit and purchase an item from the Year 5's. Products range from 20p to £1 and we would be very grateful if your child could bring a small amount of money to spend at the stalls.

Thank you for your continued support.





BAGS OF

Doesn't include everything!

It has includes:

- Homemade bookmarks!
- Homemade greeting cards!
- Bracelets!
- Funny message cards!
- Paper envelopes!
- Paper expanders!
- Emotion cards!
- Pea paper fans!



Sold by paper bags and more!



MYSTERY

75¢ EACH!

LUCKY DIPS!

only 50¢ a box

KEY Ring PRO

And book marks!



Make your own Key Ring



THE BEST GROUP IN THE UNIVERSE

This sale is on the Tuesday 21st July 2026

Ice lollies 50p



(not these colours)

Mystery bags 1.50



Tuesday 21st July 2026 @ 3:00pm on
the field

Snake + Spinners

Snake: 50p
Spinners: £1.00
Colours:
snake: red blue pink rainbow
Spinners: yellow orange

Lucky dip

1 dip: 80p
2 dip: £1.50
If you get the turtle
you get something
of your choice free!



Keychains + karambit

Small: 50p
Medium: £1.00
Big: £1.50
(both products respond to this rule)
Colours:
Both: Any

Rules

Please don't resell
our stuff
You can't trade in
stuff

Mini Shredded Packet = 50p
Doritos packets
make lunch and
trail mix

by Shredded packet = 1.00
only doritos and
make lunch

Will you
be the champion
of the crisp?



21st OF JULY
2026

OTIS Harry Charlie
Spain Squid and Logan



Make sure
to VISIT
CRACKLING
CRISPS
AND PING
PONG PRIZE



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.

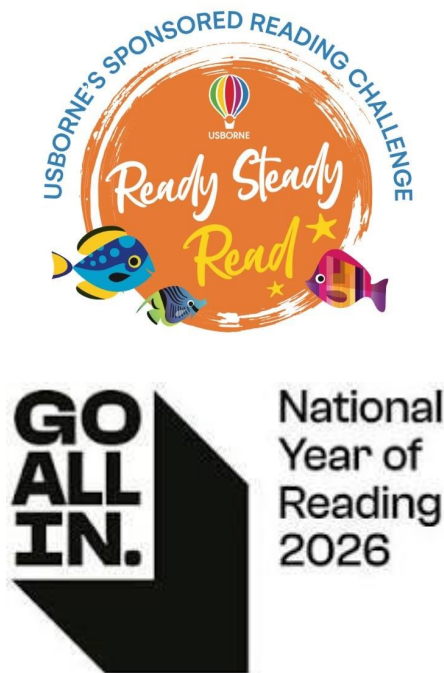
Throughout the month, children will take part in a range of exciting reading activities:

- **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>

Thank you to everyone who has supported Parklands 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.





The sponsored read was a huge success, raising £1,083 together!

Chichester Festival Workshop

Year 2 Dramatic Fun!

Our Year 2 classes had a fantastic time participating in a drama workshop run by the Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) team. Great fun was had by all as the children explored their creativity, built confidence, and brought stories to life through acting.

Huge thanks to CFT for such an inspiring and energetic session!





Y2 Trip to Arundel Castle

Year 2 had a brilliant day at Arundel Castle.

We had a guided tour around the castle, which included the keep, gate house rooms, armoury, Baron's hall, barbican and oubliette. We also walked around the moat and explored the gardens - which were stunning!

One of our favourite parts of the day was re-inacting a battle in the education room! A great day was had by all, plus it was a great workout climbing all those staircases! We did over 10,000 steps!

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who came.







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.

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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

Shoes

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

Forest School / Outside Learning Kit

- Waterproofs/raincoat
- Wellington boots



Bookbag



Dress

Playsuit



Socks

Parklands Ambassador Award



Mrs Mainwaring and the Parkland's School Council would like to share with you our Parklands Ambassador Award!

We would like you thank you all for all your support in achieving this. The clothing collection, battery collections, litter picks, soft toy collection for the school fair, composting at playtimes and recycling in classrooms, have all helped us to complete missions and achieve this status.

We are looking forward to working with West Sussex Wastebusters again in September, to make Parkland's more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Thank you again and have a wonderful summer.

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



Recycle to Read Toys Campaign

CONGRATULATIONS! Your school has finished 81th in this year's Recycle to Read Toys campaign!

What an incredible achievement!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of your pupils, families and staff, your school finished in the **Top 100 on the national Recycle to Read Toys leaderboard.**

By taking part in **The Great Toy Rescue**, your school has helped give unwanted and broken toys a second life through reuse and recycling. Every toy rescued has helped protect valuable resources, reduce waste and inspire children to see how everyday actions can make a real difference for our planet.

Best wishes, **The Recycle to Read Toys Team**



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: 92.34%

Apple: 97.24%

Ash: 83.00%

Beech: 84.07%

Birch: 93.33%

Cedar: 94.48%

Chestnut: 95.71%

Hawthorn: 93.67%

Hazel: 97.67%

Maple: 93.67%

Mulberry: 92.90%

Pear: 98.50%

Pine: 88.33%

Poplar: 90.45%

Walnut: 85.86%

Willow: 95.86%

Forest: 94.44%

Orchard: 90.00%



Congratulations Apple and Pear Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance after summer?

Next Week

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WEEK

Week Commencing 20th July

Monday - SPORTS DAY!

SSC Leavers Celebration 2:15pm

Tuesday

Year 5 £Fiver Challenge Sale - 2pm

Wednesday - Last day of school year!

Year 6 - Graduation Assembly at 9:30am - school hall

Thursday - Summer Holidays begin!

[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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