



Parklands Weekly News 22/07/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic year at Parklands, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful highlights of the last three days.

What a tremendous success Sports Day was! It was lovely to see so many happy faces, children demonstrating great sportsmanship, and families cheering them on. A huge thank you to the staff team, and particularly to Miss Cripps, for organising such a fantastic event. The day was filled with energy, enthusiasm and teamwork, making it one to remember.

Our annual school picnic is always a highlight of the year, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining us. I am so pleased that we were able to reschedule the event, and the weather could not have been more perfect. It was a fantastic lunchtime, rounded off in style with a lively dance-off that brought smiles to everyone's faces!

A special congratulations must go to our Year 5 pupils, who have truly outdone themselves with the £5 Challenge. Their creativity, determination and entrepreneurial spirit have been incredible to see. Thank you also to parents and families for supporting this initiative and helping children to develop such valuable life skills.

The day of term has been a joyful one, filled with class celebrations, parties and rewards as the children marked the end of a successful and memorable year. It has been wonderful to see them celebrating their achievements and reflecting on how far they have come.

There were certainly a few tears during our graduation celebrations as we said goodbye to year 6 who are moving on to the next stage of their education. These moments are always bittersweet, but we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success for the future.

We also say a fond farewell to the fabulous Mrs Bright. She has been a huge part of the Parklands community and has touched the lives of so many children, families and colleagues over the years. We thank her for her dedication, care and commitment, and we wish her every happiness as she embarks on her next adventure.

On behalf of all the staff, I would also like to thank parents and families for the many cards, gifts and kind messages received at the end of the year. Your generosity and thoughtful words are greatly appreciated. It means so much to our team to feel valued and supported, and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for their support throughout the year. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am incredibly proud of our Parklands community.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher



Year 6 Graduation



From the first day of school
to this very moment
We have shared so many memories
with my classmates and friends.
As we look around at their smiling faces
We know that this is a time to remember
a time to cherish
and a time to celebrate
our year 6 graduation day.



Meet the Teacher - Garden Party

Come and meet your children new teachers at our Parklands garden party.

When: **Tuesday 22nd September**

Time: **from 3:15pm**

Join us for hotdogs, refreshing drinks, and a chance to grab some bargains at our Nearly New Uniform sale!

More information to follow in September.

Take a look at the PTA website:

[Parklands PTA](#)

MEET THE
TEACHER



Outdoor Learning Dates

Outdoor Learning will take place on **Wednesdays** in the **forest area** and run by Mrs Sweeney.

Each year group will attend two groups of sessions designed to expose them to various weather conditions and natural outdoor habitats.

Please see following dates by year groups:

EYFS

First sessions - 27th Jan, 3rd Feb, 10th Feb

Second sessions - 9th June, 16th June ,23rd June

Year 1

First sessions - 30th September, 7th Oct, 14th Oct

Second sessions - 30th June, 7th July, 14th July

Year 2

First sessions - 21st Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov

Second sessions - 14th April, 28th April

Year 3

First sessions - 2nd Dec, 9th Dec

Second sessions - 24th Feb, 3rd March, 10th March

Year 4

First sessions - 18th Nov, 25th Nov

Second sessions - 24th March

Year 5

First sessions - 9th Sept , 16th Sept, 23rd Sept

Second sessions - 5th May, 12th May

Year 6

First sessions - 6th Jan, 13th Jan, 20th Jan

Second sessions - 19th May, 26th May



[Family Assembly](#)

Our family assemblies will be continuing next term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm**

Year 4

- Maple Class – 24th September
- Mulberry Class - 1st October

Year 5

- Pear Class – 5th November
- Poplar Class – 12th November

Year 6

- Willow Class – 19th November
- Wisteria Class - 20th November
- Walnut Class - 26th November

Year 3

- Hawthorn Class - 28 January
- Hazel Class - 4th February

Year 2

- Chestnut Class - 11th March
- Cedar Class - 25th February

Year 1

- Beech Class - 29th April
- Birch Class - 6th May

We look forward to seeing you there.



A Message from Our Chair of Governors

As we reach the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly successful year for Parklands and to thank everyone who has played a part in that success.

Throughout the year, I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand the dedication, professionalism and care shown by our staff. From excellent teaching and learning in the classroom, to supporting children with increasingly complex needs, from school productions and trips to our thriving wraparound care provision and this week's fantastic Sports Day, every member of the team has worked tirelessly to ensure our children have the very best opportunities.

The Governing Body has been delighted to see the progress children have made, both academically and personally. During a recent School Improvement visit, an external adviser observed that *"in all phases, classrooms were calm and purposeful; learning outcomes were clear and communicated effectively."* This reflects the high expectations, hard work and commitment that are evident throughout the school.

While governors review data and reports, it is often the conversations with families that bring our school's impact to life. At Sports Day this week, I had the pleasure of speaking with a number of parents who shared how much they value the support, encouragement and opportunities their children receive at Parklands. Hearing these positive comments was a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when pupils, families and staff work together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the contribution of Natasha Bright, our Assistant Headteacher. Natasha has supported so many children and families during her time at Parklands and has played a significant role in shaping the school's inclusive ethos. Her commitment to ensuring every child feels valued, understood and supported has made a lasting difference to our community. As she continues her important work supporting children across the local community through her private business, we wish her every success. We are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed to Parklands and are pleased to know that she will be returning to us in September as a consultant.

Parklands is a school that cares deeply about every child, and I am incredibly proud of what has been achieved this year. On behalf of the entire Governing Body, I would like to thank our staff for their unwavering commitment, our pupils for their enthusiasm and determination, and our parents and carers for their continued support and partnership.

I wish all of our families a restful, enjoyable summer break and hope you have the opportunity to spend quality time together, making happy memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Parklands.

With warmest wishes,

David Millican

On behalf of the Governing Body



Running Club - Park Run

Our Running Club had a fantastic time taking part in the Junior Parkrun!

It was wonderful to see so many children embracing the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and big smiles. Every runner showed great perseverance and supported one another throughout the event, making us incredibly proud.

A huge thank you to all the families who came along to cheer the children on. Well done to all of our runners for representing our school so brilliantly!





Year 1 Beach Trip





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 Shorts Skort

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

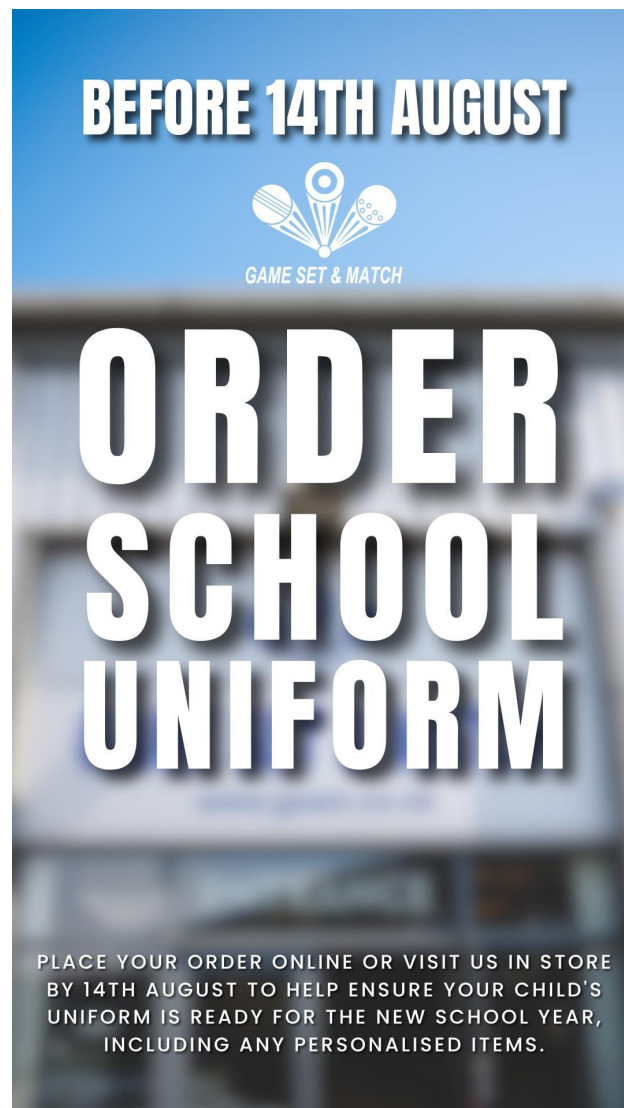
Message from Game, Set & Match

As we rapidly approach the end of the school year, we wanted to get in touch to highlight our order deadline for school uniform.

To ensure completion of orders prior to back to school, we ask that parents place their order online or purchase their items in store by close on 14th August. Our recommendation is always for parents to order/visit earlier if possible.

Whilst we aim to stock all uniform items all year round, some uniform can go out of stock closer to the start of term. By placing orders prior to the deadline, it also allows time for any customisation including adding initials or names to be completed in plenty of time for back to school.

[Parklands Primary School – Game Set & Match](#)



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.



Next Academic Year



Week Commencing 31st August

Monday - school closed - Summer Holidays

Tuesday - INSET day - school closed to children

Wednesday - Start of term - Children return to school

Thursday

Year 5 Greek Dress up day

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

Year 4 Carnival Day (Wear Bright Colours)

Piano Lesson

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 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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