



Parklands Weekly News 17/09/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another jam packed, purposeful Parklands week! Last Friday was the first Fitness Friday of the academic year and as usual our fabulous pupils threw themselves in with enthusiasm and excitement. Every group learnt some different playground games and they are enjoying sharing these with each other during breaktime.

Forest and Orchard classes visited the theatre on Friday to see a performance of That Pesky Rat and as usual they were excellent ambassadors for our school. We have loved hearing all about the show!

I think the true highlight of the week for me has been the opening of our fabulous revamped pond. We invited local members of the community and they were very impressed with the amazing space. Thank you to members of last years' School Council, to the Carter family who donated fish and the biggest thank you to Mr Cassie who has worked so hard over the last few

months to give us a pond to be proud of! Mr Smith and the Year 6 pupils in the SSC will now be in charge of feeding the fish so we look forward to watching them progress and grow.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Teacher-led Club bookings

Booking for teacher-led clubs will open tomorrow evening.



Parklands Pond - Officially Opened!

Our official opening was a Splashing Success!

We are absolutely delighted to share that we officially celebrated the Grand Opening of our school pond area!

This marked the completion of a project that has transformed our outdoor space into an incredible hub for nature, science, and learning.

We want to say a huge thank you to Mr Cassie, our Premises manager, for all his hard work and excellent planning and skills to completely transform the area.

Also, a thank you to everyone who donated parts for the pond, including new fish from former student Oliver!

Take a look at the photos for the official ribbon-cutting and first official pond-dip by last years' school council members.











Year 5 All Rise Workshop

Year 5 children had a great day with All Rise!

In this workshop, All Rise! delivered an immersive and engaging introduction to law, the role it plays in our everyday lives and how the justice system works.

They look at how laws are created, the importance of evidence and how to assess it, the criminal legal system, sentencing and how the parole system works.

They had a very engaging morning answering questions and finding out about English law. The fun was fast paced and the 'evidence gathering' activity was entertaining.

In the afternoon, the children took part in the mock trial of Goldilocks. There are barristers, jurors, court reporters, court artists and even some disgruntled members of the public gallery!

The children really got into the spirit of the drama and got a feel for how court trials work.

The Jury were divided on Goldilocks innocence but enjoyed delivery their verdicts and the reasons why!

Thank you to [Workshops - All Rise!](#)





Jigsaw Coffee morning

At Parklands, we believe that children's personal, social and emotional development is just as important as their academic learning. We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that you are fully informed about what your child is learning through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum. From September 2026, schools in England are required to follow updated statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. As a result, the Jigsaw PSHE programme that we use throughout the school has been updated to reflect these new national expectations. The updates strengthen teaching around healthy relationships, personal safety, consent and boundaries, online safety, mental wellbeing and the development of age-appropriate knowledge and skills that help children understand how to keep themselves safe and healthy. The curriculum continues to ensure that learning is taught in a way that is suitable for children's age and stage of development while reflecting the latest statutory guidance for schools.

We recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in children's learning and wellbeing. We value open communication and want all families to feel confident about the curriculum being taught in school.

To support this, we will once again be offering a **PSHE and RSHE Parent Coffee Morning** this term.

This informal session will provide an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the updated Jigsaw curriculum.
- View examples of teaching materials and resources.
- Understand what children will learn at different stages of their education.
- Ask questions about PSHE and RSHE learning.
- Share any thoughts or concerns you may have with school staff.

We hope that this session will provide reassurance, strengthen our partnership with families and help ensure that everyone feels fully informed about the curriculum.

This will take place at the **FLO Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September.**

We would be delighted if you could join us and look forward to meeting with you.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the very best education for our children.



Macmillan Cake Sale

Year 6 are running their annual cake sale on **Friday 25th September from 2:30pm** on the main playground.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of cakes. Please drop all cake donations into the Office in the morning as you arrive and a member of staff will guide you. If you possible please include a list of ingredients for any homemade treats!

In the afternoon, please come through the KS2 gate at 2:30pm. If it is raining, we will hold the sale in the hall. We are asking for monetary donations for the cakes (we would like to suggest 50p a cake) towards the incredible Macmillan charity.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team

[About Macmillan Cancer Support](#) | [Macmillan Cancer Support](#)



Year 6 - Secondary School Application

Is your child currently in Year 6? It is officially time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2027.

The application process is managed by [West Sussex County Council](#), and the **strict national deadline for submissions is Saturday, 31 October 2026.**

Please do not miss this date. Late applications are only processed *after* all the on-time ones have been allocated. This drastically reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school—even if you live nearby, are in the catchment area, or have an older child already attending.

Next Steps for Parents:

- Research & Visit: Read through the guide on [West Sussex Secondary School Places](#) to understand your options, and remember to check for local school open evenings.
- Rank Three Preferences: The council strongly encourages families to name three schools on their application in order of preference, including your catchment school, to maximize your chances of a local spot.
- Apply Online: Create an account and submit your form through the [West Sussex Parent Portal](#).

Need help? If you do not have internet access or need assistance with the form, you can visit any local West Sussex library for support. Alternatively, you can contact the West Sussex Pupil Admissions Team directly on 03330 142 903.



Meet the Teacher - Garden Party

This year, we will be combining our Meet the Teacher event with our annual Welcome Back Garden Party, organised by our wonderful PTA.

When: **Tuesday 22nd September**

Time: **from 3:15pm- 5pm**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn about the curriculum for the year ahead and ask any questions you may have.

Teachers will be giving presentations in their classrooms at 3:30pm and 4pm.

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

Order drinks and food now through our PTA events website. Order now at www.pta-events.co.uk/parklands

Pre bookings close on Sunday 20th Sept to give our volunteers time to prepare.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Meet the New Inclusion Team

You are invited to 'Meet the Inclusion Team' coffee mornings, providing an informal opportunity for you to meet our new Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion and SENCo. These sessions are a chance to put a name to a face, make initial contact and ensure you know who to speak to should you need support in the future.

- Tuesday 22nd September - SSC Stay and Learn Session **9:00am**
- Monday 28th September - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio
- Tuesday 29th September - Year 3 and Year 4 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio
- Wednesday 30th September - Year 5 and Year 6 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio



Parent Workshop - Positive Communications

This workshop focuses on the different ways we communicate with our children, including verbal and nonverbal styles, as well as the role of play in communication and its importance. We will explore what we say, how we say it, and the value of truly listening to our children. The session will also consider how communication may be affected when children feel overwhelmed.

This will be held on Friday 16th October at 9am.

To book a space please email:

flo@parklands.school or office@parklands.school



Young Voices - Limited Additional Places

We are delighted to be able to offer a limited number of additional places for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Young Voices concert at The O2 in London on Friday 22nd January.

Young Voices is always a fantastic experience, giving the children the opportunity to perform as part of a huge choir alongside thousands of other young singers.

The cost of the trip is £40, which can be paid in installment if this is helpful.

If your child is in Years 4–6 and would like to take part, please email the school office by Monday 14th September to request a place. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Rehearsals take place in school every Monday beginning September 14th.

We would love to give a few more children the opportunity to be part of this very special experience!



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 - 28th 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.



Meet and Chat with our Family Liaison Officer

Our FLO would like to invite you to a 'meet and chat' morning on the following days:

- 25th September - combined with Jigsaw (PSHE/RSHE) information.
- 23rd October
- 27th November

These will be at 8:50am to 9:20am.

Come along and meet Karen Coles, have an informal chat with her and other parents.

Karen will be holding a separate **New Reception parent/carers coffee morning on Monday 14th September, 8:50am to 9am.**

We look forward to welcoming you!



You are invited...PTA Meeting

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and everyone is invited!

The AGM is when we report on the previous year's work and elect the new committee members. Committee members may be re-elected or be joining for the first time. We are looking to grow and energise the PTA – we need you!

When: **Sunday 27th September 2026 at 8pm**

Location: **Harbour Hotel Chichester**, 57 North Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1NH

We look forward to seeing you there.

The PTA Team.



Other Notices

Lego donation

If you have any Lego you would be able to donate to Lego Builders Club please could you drop it to the office for Miss Standing's attention

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.

Please can we ask you **not to park on the grass** areas in Durnford Close. Local residents have contacted the 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: 94.76%

Apple: 99.66%

Ash: 97.20%

Beech: 94.64%

Birch: 90.67%

Cedar: 94.33%

Chestnut: 85.67%

Hawthorn: 98.93%

Hazel: 98.15%

Maple: 93.67%

Mulberry: 96.67%

Pear: 93.33%

Poplar: 99.03%

Walnut: 95.45%

Willow: 91.50%

Wisteria 94.00%

Forest: 97.50%

Orchard: 87.00%

Tuesday

Meet the Inclusion Team - SSC Stay and Learn Session at 9am

Meet the teacher and Welcome Garden Party 3:15pm - 5pm

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Woodwind Lesson

Year 5 - Outdoor learning

Thursday

Maple Class Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

FLO/Jigsaw coffee morning 9am

Macmillan Cake sale - from 2:30pm

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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