



Parklands Weekly News 24/09/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely weather. I can't believe we have already been back at school for four weeks. Where is the time going?

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Meet the Teacher evenings and the PTA Garden Party. We will shortly be uploading the presentations to the class pages on our website, so if you were unable to attend, please do take a look to find out more about what the children will be learning this year and our key school priorities.

Our Inclusion Team held their first coffee morning to meet families from our Specialist Support Centre. Thank you to those parents who came along. It was a lovely opportunity to meet the team informally, ask questions and begin building strong partnerships. Next week, we will be holding three further sessions, split across the different phases. You are welcome to attend any

of these meetings, but we felt this would be a nice way to put names to faces and continue developing our partnership with families.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed spending time outside with the children at lunchtime. It has been lovely to see them playing so positively together, making new friendships and building connections across the school.

This week's assembly focused on one of our 5Cs: the Need for Control. We discussed the many ways we support children in feeling safe, secure and in control at school. We also talked about the fact that sometimes situations are outside of our control, and how developing flexible thinking and using helpful strategies can support us in being successful when things do not go as planned.

Well done to Maple Class for launching this year's Family Assemblies. We were incredibly proud of you all and amazed by how much you have already learned this year.

Tomorrow, we are looking forward to our coffee morning, which will focus on our Jigsaw PSHE programme. We also have our Macmillan Cake Sale in the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your kind cake donations and support of this important cause.

Wishing everybody a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Lunchtime Taster Meals - 1st October

We have had great feedback from the children regarding our new lunchtime food provider FEED.

"The lasagna is REALLY good"

"I rate the food 9.8/10, so far I'm loving it"

"Cottage pie is yummy"

"The curry is not too spicy and the chicken is soft"

"It's good fruit salad!"

FEED is hosting a **Taster Day on Thursday, 1st October** for **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2**. Order a taster meal for your child to try—they are welcome to sample it alongside their normal packed lunch!

Main food options are:

1. Chicken Goujons with Chips
2. Margherita Pizza slice with chips.

Sides:

1. Salad bar
2. Bread option

Desert options:

1. Banana Bread with or without custard
2. Fresh fruit salad with or without yoghurt
3. Fruit salad with Alpro soya dessert – vanilla
4. Alpro soya dessert – vanilla

Place your order through the FEED app.

Contact them on: feed@uk.issworld.com

01243 306314 (Open Monday – Friday from 8am – 4:30pm)



Please note that FEED has amended the school menu for Thursday, 1st October.

If you have already ordered a meal for this date, your original selection has been cancelled.

Please log in to your FEED account to **re-book** your child's lunch option from the updated menu.

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.

Then collect your child/children at the standard end of day time.

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.



Year 5 + 6 Bikeability

Pupils in **Year 5** will be taking part in Bikeability training on **Friday 15th January 2027.**

Please follow the link below to complete the consent form, your child cannot take part without consent.

Year 5

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/room-loss-has>

Pupils in **Year 6** will be taking part in Bikeability training during the week beginning **Monday 15th March 2027**.

Please follow the link below to complete the consent form, your child cannot take part without consent.

Year 6

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/court-army-din>



Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Online applications **open on Monday 5th October 2026!**

Take a look at the below link for helpful information before applying:

- [Information for parents: Starting school booklet 2027 \(PDF, 2.4MB\)](#)

Application Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

National closing date for starting school applications. You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Please use this link to complete your application: [Starting school places - West Sussex County Council](#)

National offer day: Friday 16 April 2027

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied

To contact West Sussex Admissions by telephone: 03330 142 903.



Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

**Was your child born
between 1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023?**

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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[Drum Lessons - now available at Parklands!](#)

Parklands are excited to announce that we are now offering DRUM Lessons through West Sussex Music!

Please book your child's lesson on the below link:

[Registration - West Sussex Music](#)



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.

- 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



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

- 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: 94.37%

Apple: 97.26%

Ash: 94.44%

Beech: 93.21%

Birch: 95.00%

Cedar: 93.00%

Chestnut: 94.14%

Hawthorn: 94..29%

Hazel: 98.52%

Maple: 95.99%

Mulberry: 94.00%

Pear: 96.00%

Poplar: 94.84%

Walnut: 94.09%

Willow: 88.00%

Wisteria 89.47%

Forest: 97.50%

Orchard: 91.00%



Congratulations Forest and Hazel Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing *28th September*

Monday

Meet the Inclusion Team - Years 1 and 2 at 9:00am in the Studio.

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Meet the Inclusion Team - Years 3 and 4 at 9:00am in the Studio.

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Meet the Inclusion Team - Years 5 and 6 at 9:00am in the Studio.

Year 1 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday 1st October

Mulberry Class Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday 2nd October - PTA Dare2B Different Non-Uniform day

GrubClub

Piano Lesson

Dare2B Different Non-Uniform Day

We dare you to:

- Not wear school uniform
- Wear odd socks
- Paint your nails
- Bring a biscuit in for your snack
- Wear a tattoo
- Wear a hat or a cap
- Sport a crazy hairstyle
- Wear fancy dress
- Bring a book/comic/magazine of your choice for quiet reading

Donate 50p for each dare. Bring cash into school and hand to your teacher or donate online.

All money raised goes to supporting school projects to benefit our children

Take a look at our PTA website and donate:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/parklands>



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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