



Parklands Weekly News 01/10/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week.

It is hard to believe that we have already reached October and that the first half term is moving along so quickly. The school continues to be a busy and vibrant place, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place both inside and outside the classroom.

We ended last week with a fabulous Year 6 cake sale. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Your generosity was greatly appreciated, and it was lovely to have the opportunity to chat with so many of you in the playground. A special thank you goes to Year 6 for their hard work in raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

This week, we welcomed families to our first Reception 2027 tours. If you have friends, neighbours or family members with children due to start school next year, please encourage

them to visit our website and book a tour. We would be delighted to show them around and share everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

A huge well done to Mulberry Class for their fantastic class assembly. The children performed brilliantly and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers join us to celebrate their learning and achievements.

It was also lovely to welcome parents to our Inclusion Coffee Mornings this week. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to meet members of our inclusion team and learn more about the support available for children and families. Many of our team are on the gates each morning, so please do stop and say hello.

Our Year 1 children had a great time during their outdoor learning session in the forest this week. Experiences such as these help to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork while bringing learning to life in the natural environment.

A reminder that tomorrow is 'Dare to Be Different Day'. Children are invited to come to school in casual clothes or fancy dress and express themselves in whatever way feels right for them. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's creativity and individuality shine. Any donations will go to our PTA, whose fundraising efforts help support projects and experiences that enhance school life and provide those extra opportunities that may not always be possible through the school budget alone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Sibling Photo Requests

The School photographer is visiting the school on 5th November 2026 to take individual photographs of all the children and sibling photos of children within our school.

If you would like a sibling photo taken please visit Yellow's website below and complete the online Sibling Request Form.

Visit website www.smileYellow.com/sibling or type in browser www.smileYellow.com/sibling

- School password is park051126
- **Closing date** for requests is **midnight 21st October 2026**



Birthday Celebrations

At Parklands, we enjoy celebrating our pupils' birthdays and helping them feel special on their big day.

For our younger children, birthdays are recognised during our Friday celebration assembly, where children are sung to and receive a birthday sticker. Older children are also acknowledged and celebrated by their class and teacher.

To ensure the safety and inclusion of all pupils, we kindly ask that families **do not send in sweets, cakes, chocolates or any other food treats** for birthdays. This includes treats intended to be handed out at the end of the school day.

Recent changes to guidance relating to food allergies and food safety, including Benedict's Law, have highlighted the importance of schools taking a careful and consistent approach to food brought onto site. By avoiding food-based celebrations, we can help keep all children safe and reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens.

If families would still like to mark their child's birthday in a special way, they are welcome to donate a favourite book, board game or educational resource to their child's class for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment for all children.



Parent Consultation Evenings: Booking Information

Our upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings will take place across two sessions:

- Wednesday 21st October: 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday 22nd October: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Bookings can be made on MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) and will officially **open at 9:00 AM on Saturday 10th October** and will close on 9am Sunday 18th October.

Please ensure you log in during this window to secure your preferred appointment slots with your child's teacher.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

My Child





Any Student

Harrow Way Community School



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December, 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Behaviour

Academic Calendar

Attendance

Timetable

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Data Collection Form

My Child

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Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Christmas Card Ordering

Your child's Christmas card proof card will be coming home with them this week.

Please follow the instructions on the proof card to **order directly from School Print World** and use your child's individual codes.

[Find Artwork - School Print World Online Ordering](#)

Please **check the correct spelling** of names and classes as these cannot be amended once ordered.

Ordering closes **midnight on the 10th October**.



Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on the 6th November 2026 to offer your child the Flu vaccination.

Please see attached Flu parent letter which contains information about the upcoming vaccination session and instructions on how to complete the online consent form.

If you are unable to open the links within the attached document, please follow the links below:

For information about the Flu vaccine and frequently asked questions:

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

This must be completed by the 3rd November.

*If you have any questions or need support to complete the consent form, please contact **Sussex Immunisation Service** directly: 01273 696011 ext. 8100*

You will need the school code found within the attached parent letter to complete a consent form.





Lost Property - Name Labels & Uniform Swaps

Please ensure all items brought into school—including clothing, bags, and water bottles—are clearly labelled with your child's name. You can use iron-on tags, stickers, or a permanent marker. Labelled items can easily be returned if lost.

Please can we ask you to check that your child hasn't accidentally brought home an item with another child's name in it. If you find a mix-up, please send the item back to school so we can return it.

Thank you for your support!





Macmillan Cake Sale Total

Thank you so much to everyone who donated delicious cakes and money!

Your incredible generosity helped raise a fantastic **£340.26 for Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Every penny raised will go directly toward helping Macmillan provide vital medical, practical, and emotional support to people living with cancer.

Your support makes a massive difference! 💚

[Donate to Macmillan Cancer Support | Make a charitable donation](#)



Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)

Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for children who receive **SEN support** or have an **EHCP**

We will be sending your child's **Personal Learning Plan (PLP)** home via email on **Thursday 15th October**.

This is an opportunity for you to read the targets and support strategies outlined in the plan to ensure they accurately reflect your child's current needs.

Please take some time to read through the PLP and let us know during your parents' evening consultation if you have any comments, questions or updates that you would like us to consider.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us work together to support your child's development and success in school.

If you have changed your email address recently, please inform the office so that the PLP reaches you.

office@parklands.school

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



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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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 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:

- 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!



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: 95.79%

Apple: 95.86%

Ash: 91.26%

Beech: 94.64%

Birch: 96.00%

Cedar: 94.33%

Chestnut: 95.86%

Hawthorn: 96.79%

Hazel: 98.52%

Maple: 95.67%

Mulberry: 99.00%

Next Week



Week Commencing *5th October*

Monday Harvest Festival - Donations welcome

Year 6 - Group 1 to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Bookfest Author Visit Years 1-4

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Year 1 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Bookfest Author Visit Years 5+6

SSC Year 6 Kurling

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

4 weeks in Reception - Meet the inclusion Team

College PE

Piano Lesson

Dare2B Different Non-Uniform Day

Friday 2nd October

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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