



Parklands Weekly News 08/10/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week.

Last week ended with our Dare to Be Different Day, and it was wonderful to see so many children expressing their individuality, creativity and personality. The day was a fantastic celebration of what makes each of us unique and reminded us of the importance of being ourselves.

It has been another lovely week at Parklands, filled with opportunities for our children to learn, celebrate and grow. We have been incredibly fortunate to welcome three wonderful authors to school through the BookFest charity. Every child in Years 1 to 6 enjoyed taking part in an inspiring author workshop and received a signed book to take home. These visits are always a highlight of the school year and help to foster a lifelong love of reading.

This week, we also came together for our Harvest Festival celebrations. The children spent time reflecting on the importance of gratitude, kindness and sharing what we have with others. Thank you for your generous donations; your support will help those in our wider community who need it most. We are always proud of the caring and compassionate spirit shown by our Parklands families, and this week has been a wonderful example of that generosity in action.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher



We are delighted to introduce **Parklands Pantry**, a school-based community cupboard providing food and everyday essentials for Parklands families who may need a little extra support from time to time.

The Pantry is built on kindness, dignity and community, offering families a friendly and discreet way to access essential items when they need them.

To access the Pantry, please speak to **Miss Coles, Family Liaison**, or **Mrs Monk, ELSA**.

Parklands Pantry: Take what you need • Give when you can • Supporting our school community



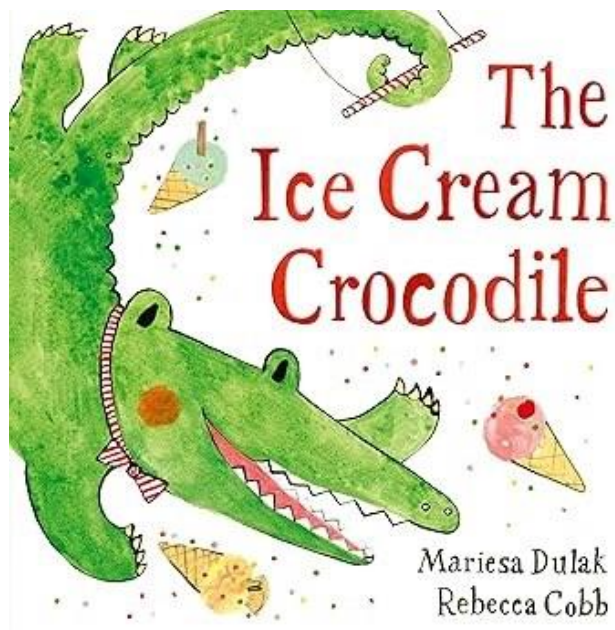
Author Visits

The author Mariesa Dulak visited our year 1 and 2 classes this week to share a signed copy of her new book.

Ice Cream Crocodile: A fabulously winning story about a crocodile who will not be sidelined!

The children enjoyed an interactive presentation with the author.





PTA Movie Night

Movie Night! Tuesday, October 13th until 5pm.

Please make sure children have made a definite decision about their film choice as we cannot change these once bookings have closed.

EYFS, Year 1 & 2 - Children will all receive a fruit shoot, fruit hearts and packet of mini cheddars as part of their ticket price which is £3.50

Years 3,4,5,6 & Forest/Orchard - Children will all receive a fruit shoot and packet of mini cheddars as part of their ticket price which is £3.

For these older year groups there will also be a tuck shop with 50p items on the day and the option to preorder a £1.50 hotdog.

If your child has specific allergies or dietary requirements, please remember to add these when booking.

[Parklands PTA](#)



Year 6 - Tangmere Aviation Trip

On Monday, Wisteria were the first of the Year 6 classes to visit Tangmere as part of their Learning Quest. They had a fantastic day learning more about the Airbase at Tangmere and how it was used during the war. Every child sat in the cockpit of two planes and enjoyed flying on a simulator as part of the Day. Wisteria Class were fantastic ambassadors for Parklands School



Outdoor Learning

It has been an absolute delight welcoming Year 5 and Year 1 into our Outdoor Learning environment this half term. The children have been exploring nature, working together and showing great skills when sharing resources.

Year Five used the fable 'Stone Soup' to create their own mud-inspired recipes, using nature to build a story board and characters. They used nature to create pictures. They also worked as a class to write poems inspired by Parklands' natural environment.

Year One have created mini hibernation habitats inspired by the book 'Bears Winter House' and looked at other creatures which may hibernate in our woodland. We have used pasta and nature to make bracelets, decorations and necklaces. We used an array of woodland objects to spell out the class names.









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 **open at 9:00am on Saturday 10th October** and will close on 9:00am 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. **There will be no teacher led clubs on these dates.**

Ash Class - PLEASE NOTE - Miss Laker will be holding Ash class parents' evening on Tuesday 20th October - 3:30pm to 5:30pm not Thursday 22nd October.

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

Exam

Reports

Parents Evening

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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.





Westgate Leisure Centre Parking

Westgate Leisure Centre customers and members can enjoy 3 hours of FREE parking.

Claiming your free parking is simple. Customers will need to **register their vehicle** using one of the registration points located throughout the centre. Whether you choose to tap, scan a QR code, or use one of the available iPads, registering your vehicle only takes a few moments.

Registration points can be found at **Reception, the Gym, the Crèche and other key locations** throughout the leisure centre, making it quick and convenient no matter where your visit begins.

The Leisure centre now has a new **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) parking system** so if you do use the car park even for a few minutes, please go inside the leisure centre to register your car.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Westgate Leisure Centre directly: click [here](#)



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

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sussex
county
council

**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 9am.

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

We look forward to welcoming you!



Vacancies at ISS - West Sussex

Please find below the link to the current job vacancies available across the West Sussex area for ISS .

Interested individuals can apply directly through the relevant vacancy listing.

[Our People](#) | [Job Search](#)

Many of the roles are available for an immediate start, with full training provided.

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: 96.15%

Apple: 97.24%

Ash: 94.04%

Beech: 97.50%

Birch: 96.33%

Cedar: 93.33%

Chestnut: 96.81%

Hawthorn: 97.86%

Hazel: 99.26%

Maple: 98.67%

Mulberry: 99.33%

Pear: 96.67%

Poplar: 95.15%

Walnut: 93.18%

Willow: 90.00%

Wisteria 97.37%

Forest: 91.25%

Orchard: 93.00%



Congratulations Beech and Mulberry Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing *12th October*

Monday

Year 6 - Group 2 to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Brass Lessons

Tuesday - PTA Movie Night

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Year 1 - Outdoor learning

Year 6 - Evacuee Day

SSC Residential meeting

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Year 6 Residential Meeting

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

Positive Communications Workshop - 9am

Year 5 - Field work walk

GrubClub

College PE

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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