



Parklands Weekly News 15/10/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Parklands! I have spent a lot of time carrying out tours and welcoming visitors into school. It has been a pleasure to show people around our classrooms and see the fantastic learning taking place. The children have been working especially hard on developing their handwriting, and I am sure many of you will notice the improvements when you visit for Parents' Evening next week.

Year 6 have enjoyed an exciting week of learning linked to their World War II topic. They visited Tangmere Military Aviation Museum and yesterday took part in their Evacuee Day, bringing their learning to life through costumes and activities. They demonstrated excellent teamwork skills while designing and building some impressive Anderson shelters. Well done, Year 6!

Meanwhile, Year 1 had a wonderful time in the forest, making the most of the outdoor environment and enjoying a range of engaging activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school next week for Parents' Evening.

Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives!

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

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 tomorrow - **Friday 16th October at 9am.**

To book a space please email:

fo@parklands.school or office@parklands.school

PARENT WORKSHOP

POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN TO THRIVE

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We will also consider how communication may be affected when children feel overwhelmed.

Different ways we communicate | The power of listening | Supporting children when they feel overwhelmed

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR SPACE

office@parklands.school | OR flo@parklands.school





Coffee Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday we will have a coffee van in our car park.

Andy will be there at drop-off ready to serve you your caffeine fix, setting you up for your day.

BEANS | COFFEE TO GO



Contact us for event hire and find out where we are!
We regularly update our hours on Instagram and Facebook

@beanscoffeevan

hello@beanscoffetogo.co.uk

www.beanscoffetogo.co.uk



Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)

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

Your child's PLP has been emailed home via the email addresses on Bromcom. Please check your 'junk' mail if you haven't received it.

Any problems, please let your child's class teacher know so that they can print you a copy for Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your support.



Travelling Book Fair

Scholastic  'Travelling Book Fair'  will be at Parklands from Tuesday until Friday next week in the **school hall**.

Tuesday and Friday it will be open 3pm until 3:30pm.

During parents' evening it will be open:

Wednesday 3:30pm until 7pm

Thursday 3:30pm until 5:30pm

All orders are online through a QR Code that will be displayed throughout the hall along with our postcode which you will need.

NO cash payments.

Once you have paid online, please take the purchased books or items home with you.

Take a look at the books available: [The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Thank you.



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

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

Nicola Oakley will be delivering group and 1-1 lessons weekly for as little as £9.90 per lesson! Nicola has been teaching with West Sussex Music for the last two years and graduated with a degree in music performance. She teaches both to grade syllabuses and without, depending on what suits each child the most and encourages finding the fun in music over everything. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to get to explore their musical side with the guidance and support of an instrument specialist.

If you are interested in arranging a trial lesson please get in contact with West Sussex Music by email music@westsussexmusic.co.uk

or by telephone 01403 286330.



Celebrating Our Music Mark Nomination for Ambition & Quality!

We are incredibly proud to share some fantastic news with our school community: Parklands has once again been nominated by [West Sussex Music](#) for the national Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality!

The [Music Mark of Recognition](#) is awarded by the UK Association for Music Education to celebrate schools that place a high value on music education and demonstrate a powerful commitment to delivering excellent, inclusive opportunities for all pupils. Being nominated for the "Ambition & Quality" tier highlights that music at our school is not just an extra-curricular option, but a vibrant and essential part of our curriculum.

This nomination recognizes our dedication to three core pledges:

- **Advocating for Music:** Ensuring music remains a vital, creative force within our school culture.
- **Inclusive Opportunities:** Providing a diverse, accessible musical education that allows every young person to thrive.
- **Community Collaboration:** Partnering with exceptional local hubs like West Sussex Music to expand our students' musical horizons.

Thank you Mrs Gray!



Parklands Pantry

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



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**



New Age Kurling

Last week some of our year 6 went to a New Age Kurling workshop.

What Is New Age Kurling?

Kurling is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so it can be played indoors and on any smooth, flat surface, such as a sports hall, rather than on ice. It is a fully inclusive game allowing people of all abilities to play and have fun. The objective of the game is to get as many stones closer to the centre of the target (a vinyl mat) than your opponent's stones.

In 2000, [John Bennett](#) was asked by his son to think up a sport that disabled people could all enjoy. It was while watching the Curling World Championships on television that John came up with the idea of New Age Kurling, an indoor version of the existing game.



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

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My Child

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Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Complete the survey to enter the prize draw!

Dear Parent or Carer,

As you may know, Parklands takes part in [WOW- the walk to school challenge from Living Streets](#).

With WOW, pupils start the day walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting or doing Park and Stride – where parents or carers park ten minutes away from the school and walk or wheel the rest of the journey – so thank you for your continued efforts with this.

Regular exercise encourages pupils to build strong, healthy lifelong habits and they often arrive at school feeling calmer, refreshed and ready to learn.

To help improve these journeys, Living Streets is asking parents and carers to complete a [short survey](#) about your school commute. Your feedback will directly shape how schools, councils and decision makers make routes safer and easier.

Please take a moment to complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentWOW>

Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £200 shopping voucher. You can read the full terms and conditions [here](#).

Learn more about WOW: livingstreets.org.uk/wow



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>

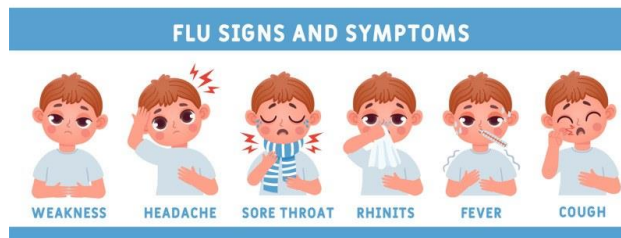
To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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



**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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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 - the new school dinner providers.

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

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: 93.52%

Apple: 94.83%

Ash: 91.58%

Beech: 92.86%

Birch: 93.33%

Cedar: 91.00%

Orchard: 92.00%



I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing *19th October*

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday - Ash Class Parents Evening

Woodwind Assembly and lessons

Travelling Book Fair

Karate Lessons

Dodgeball Festival

Wednesday - Parents Evening

Travelling Book Fair

Year 2 - Outdoor learning

Thursday - Parents Evening

Travelling Book Fair

Violin Lesson

Friday - Flo Coffee morning 9am

Travelling Book Fair

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



[Contact Us](#)

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