



Parklands Weekly News 22/10/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good week.

It was lovely to see so many families in school yesterday for Parents' Evening, and we are looking forward to welcoming more of you later today. We hope you found the meetings useful. It was particularly pleasing to hear so many positive comments from parents and carers while waiting for appointments and as they were leaving.

Thank you also for supporting our Book Fair. The funds raised help us to replenish and enhance the books available in our classrooms and school library, which benefits all of our children.

If you were unable to attend your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange an alternative time.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Parent Survey

At Parklands, we are always striving to create the best possible environment for our students, and your feedback is invaluable in helping us achieve this goal. We kindly ask you to take a few moments to complete our parent survey.

You can access the survey by clicking on the link provided or by scanning the QR code.

[Parent Survey 2026 - 2027 – Fill in form](#)

Your insights and suggestions will greatly support us in making Parklands the best it can be.

The survey will be open until the 13th November 2026.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.





Sparklands Bingo



Calling all Years 3, 4, 5, & 6

Come and join us after school on Tuesday 3rd Nov for our Sparklands Bingo event!

Booking closes Sunday 1st Nov

There are prizes to win, a tuck shop (50p items) and also some mini cheddars and a fruit shoot.

Straight after school (you'll be brought to the hall from your classes) until 5pm and parents will collect you from the normal places.

Tickets are £3.50, ask your adult about booking you a space before they're all gone!

Use the following link to book: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/parklands>

Any problems with booking please email the PTA before the closing date:

ptaparklands@gmail.com

All money raised goes to supporting school projects to benefit our children. Why not follow our Facebook group 'Parklands School Association'?!

Year 6 Evacuee Museum

Year 6 swapped their modern school uniforms for 1940's attire and welcomed their grown-ups to their Evacuee Museum!

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, and family members interacting with the exhibits. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to families for helping with such brilliant 1940s costumes!









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.



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.



Jess Brown-Fuller MP - Christmas card competition

I'm inviting primary school aged children (4-11 years) to enter my Christmas card competition. The winning design will be used for my official Christmas card for 2026.

How to enter:

Design your card using the attached template.

Feel free to be as creative as you like!

The deadline for entries is **Sunday 8 November**.

Submit your design(s) by either scanning a copy and emailing it to jess.brownfuller.mp@parliament.uk

or post your design to:

Jess Brown-Fuller MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Please fill in the information on the attached form:

Child's name, Child's age, Child's school, Name of parent/carers, Email address



Poppy Appeal

Parklands School are proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year.

From **Wednesday 3rd November up until Wednesday 10th November**, our School Council will be visiting classrooms with the Poppy Appeal merchandise.

You can give as much or as little as you choose or can afford; every amount goes toward supporting veterans, serving personnel, and their families.

Suggested donation amounts:

- Traditional paper poppies will be available for a voluntary cash donation.
- Zip Pulls: 50p
- Slap bands / Snap bands: £1.50
- Wristbands: £1.00
- Poppy reflectors (for school bags): 50p

Eco-Poppy note: In recent years, the RBL has shifted to a 100% plastic-free paper poppy, including the stem!



West Sussex Music Lessons



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 Young Musicians!

This week, we were treated to some wonderful musical performances from our talented children playing the clarinet, flute and saxophone. We were so impressed by their musical skills, confidence and dedication. A huge well done to everyone who performed!

Did you know that playing a musical instrument is a fantastic workout for the brain?

When children play a musical instrument, different parts of their brain work together, helping to build connections involved in listening, movement, memory and creativity. Keeping a beat and copying rhythms can also help children tune into the sounds and patterns of language, supporting the development of reading and phonics skills. Playing an instrument also gives

children opportunities to practise concentration, remember instructions, control impulses and persevere when something feels tricky - all important skills for learning. And, of course, making music brings people together, builds confidence and creates a wonderful sense of connection!

Inspired to give it a go?

If your child would like to learn an instrument, please contact Georgie to arrange a **FREE taster session**.

A huge well done again to our fantastic young musicians!

Mrs Gray





Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that I now have spaces available for children who would like to learn the **flute, clarinet, saxophone or recorder** at Parklands Community Primary School. Lessons are available both individually and in small groups, with prices varying depending on the lesson format and length.

The children who are currently learning woodwind instruments performed for the rest of the school this week. If your child felt inspired by the performance and you would like to find out more, I would be very happy to arrange a free taster session.

Please feel free to email me directly at Georgia.McKee@westsussexmusic.co.uk

and I can provide further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Georgia McKee

For all available music lessons at Parklands please follow the link:

[Music lessons | West Sussex Music](#)



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



[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>

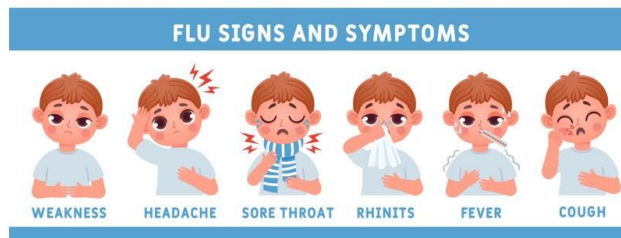
To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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.





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.



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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**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

- **Walnut** Class - 19th November  **change of date** 
- Wisteria Class - 20th November

- **Willow** Class – 26th November  **change of date** 

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.



PTA - Dare2B Different Day

Thank you to all that took part and made a donation.

Together we raised over £255!









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!



Reaching Families

Reaching Families was first established in 2008 by parent-carers to “...empower, inform and support parent-carers and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex”. We achieve our mission through the delivery of a wide range of high quality projects and services.

Please see available parent workshops.

[Reaching Families Training](#)

TRAINING

Autumn Term 2026



Workshops

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Thursday 5 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence (11years +)	Tuesday 10 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Friday 13 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)	Monday 16 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 24 th November	10.30 am - 12 pm
Understanding Autism	Wednesday 25 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Thursday 26 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11years +)	Wednesday 2nd December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 3rd December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Sleep (for children age 2 - 11 years)	Wednesday 9 th December	10.30 am - 12.30 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



SCAN ME

All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com



Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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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: 93.50%

Apple: 93.45%

Ash: 90.69%

Beech: 93.21%

Birch: 96.00%

Cedar: 88.00%

Chestnut: 90.00%
Hawthorn: 93.93%
Hazel: 97.41%
Maple: 95.33%
Mulberry: 93.33%
Pear: 99.00%
Poplar: 97.42%
Walnut: 90.00%
Willow: 89.47%
Wisteria 93.68%
Forest: 97.50%
Orchard: 88.00%



Congratulations Birch and Pear Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance after half term?

After Half Term



Week Commencing 3rd November

Monday - INSET DAY - school closed to children

Brass Lessons

Tuesday - Children return to school

PTA - Sparklands Bingo

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Year 2 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday - Individual School Photographs

Pear class Assembly

Violin Lesson

Friday

Flu Vaccinations

College PE

Piano Lesson

GrubClub

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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