

Parklands Weekly News 05/11/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term, with lots of new quests and engaging learning experiences planned for the children. We know they will be eager to get started and discover all the new topics and opportunities ahead. To help you support their learning at home, our Autumn 2 curriculum leaflets will be sent home shortly so you can see what your child will be learning over the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair before half term. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for books and reading across the school. It is clear that we have many children

who love reading, and we are committed to nurturing this passion. Your continued support at home makes a huge difference in helping children develop a lifelong love of books.

A gentle reminder that reading at home plays a vital role in children's success at school. We ask that all children read at least five times a week, or enjoy stories shared with them regularly. Please also ensure that reading books are brought into school every day so that we can continue to support pupils with their reading journey.

Today, we welcomed our school photographer for class photos. The children looked incredibly smart and represented the school brilliantly.

This half term, our whole-school value is Respect. Through assemblies, class discussions and daily experiences, we will be exploring what respect looks like and how it helps us build positive relationships within our school community. As part of our Brain Best journey, we will also continue learning about how our brains work, how we learn, and how we can develop the skills and mindset needed to be the very best versions of ourselves.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful half term together.

Have a lovely weekend.

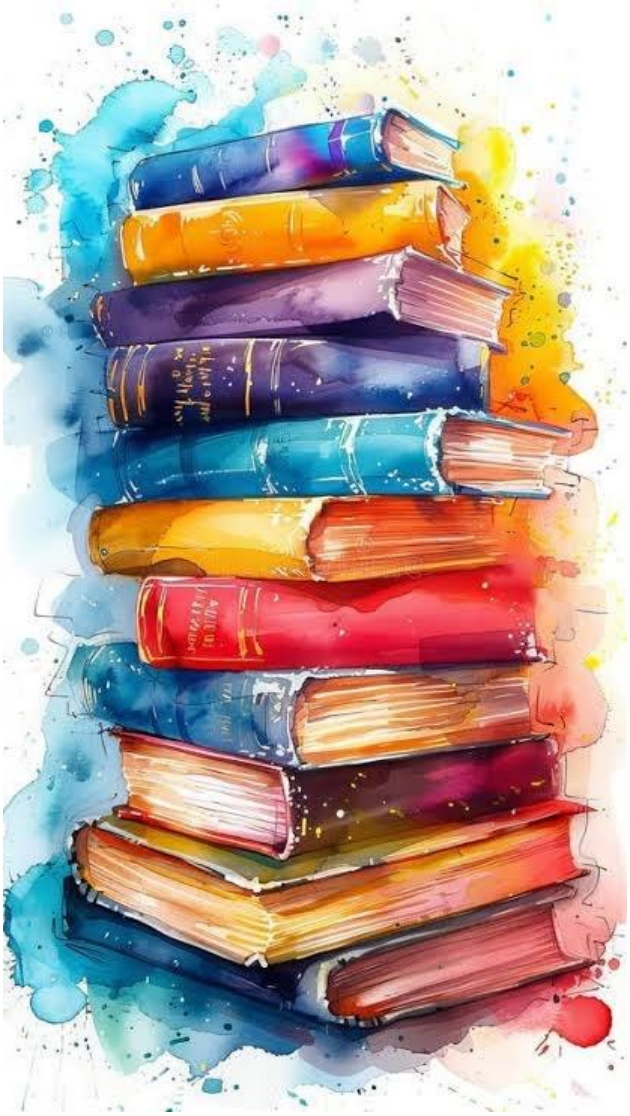
Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Book Fair Total

Thank you to all that bought books at our Travelling Book Fair. You have raised **£250 for Parklands School to spend on books!**



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!



Parking Around School

I recently attended a meeting with **West Sussex County Council** to discuss parking concerns in the local area following a number of complaints from nearby residents.

We are very fortunate to be part of such a supportive community, and I would like to ask all families to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by parking thoughtfully and considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. This includes avoiding parking on

grass verges, blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or stopping in locations that may make it difficult for others to access their homes safely.

I have also been informed that parking enforcement officers will be changing their shift patterns and are likely to be monitoring the area more regularly during drop-off and collection times. To avoid receiving a penalty notice, please ensure that you park legally and safely whenever you visit the school.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children safe and showing respect for our local community. By working together, we can ensure that Parklands remains a considerate and valued neighbour.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 13th, this years theme is 'Challenge Yourself'.

We will be combining Children in Need with Fitness Friday - look out for what the children get up to next week!



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.



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.



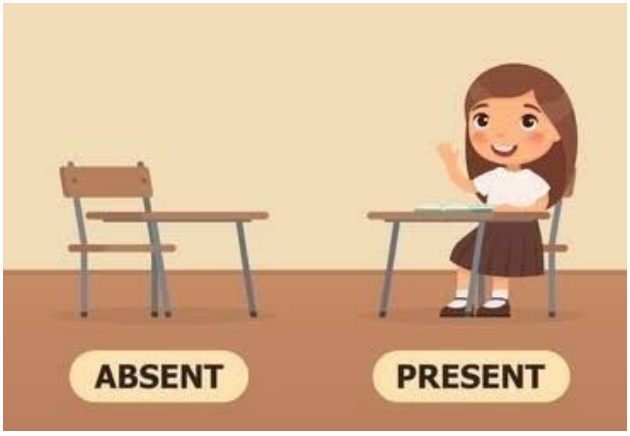
Reporting your child's Absence

If you need to report your child's absence from school, please use the following email address:

absent@parklands.school

Alternatively, please call the school on:

1. **01243 788630**
2. SELECT option 1
3. Leave an absence message.



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/carer, Email address



PTA Christmas Cards

Thank you to all that ordered your child's artwork for Christmas cards and other items.

You have raised £425.63!

The PTA will liase with the school on how this will be spent.

These were made through [School Fund Raising | School Print World]

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

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

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.



Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm**

Year 5

- 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.



Meet and Chat with our Family Liaison Officer

Our FLO would like to invite you to a 'meet and chat' morning on the following day:

- **27th November**

This 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!

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: 94.37%

Apple: 95.56%

Ash: 91.53%

Beech: 89.51%

Birch: 93.89%

Cedar: 92.78%

Chestnut: 94.25%

Hawthorn: 95.83%

Hazel: 97.53%

Maple: 94.44%

Mulberry: 98.89%

Pear: 98.89%

Poplar: 91.40%

Walnut: 96.21%

Willow: 87.72%

Wisteria 97.37%

Forest: 100%

Orchard: 86.67%



Congratulations Forest, Mulberry and Pear Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week

Week Commencing 9th November

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Orchard Trip to Arundel Castle

Karate Lessons

Wednesday - Remembrance Day

Year 2 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Guitar Lesson

Poplar Class Assembly

Violin Lesson

Fitness Friday - Children in Need

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

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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