

Parklands Weekly News 12/11/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy and successful one at Parklands. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us to continue improving the experience we provide for our children and families. The survey remains open for one more day, so if you have not yet shared your thoughts, please do take this final opportunity to do so.

In assembly this week, we explored how our brains grow stronger through practice. The children learnt that every time we challenge ourselves and keep going, we build stronger pathways in our brains and become more successful learners. I asked the children to think about what they need to practise in order to strengthen their own brains. Whether it is reading more regularly, becoming fluent with number facts or mastering times tables, small amounts of practice each day can make a huge difference. Let's keep building those stronger brains at home through daily reading and regular practice of key maths facts.

Tomorrow, we will be supporting Children in Need through our special Friday Fitness: Pudsey Edition. Children will take part in a range of fun, Pudsey-themed activities designed to get them moving, working together and having fun while supporting a fantastic cause. We know that being active is important for both our physical and mental wellbeing, and these events provide a wonderful opportunity to combine fitness with fundraising. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we will be marking this important event through a range of activities across the school. This year's theme, 'Break the Silence', aligns closely with our Parklands values of respect and kindness. It provides a valuable opportunity for children to reflect on how their words and actions can affect others and to consider the positive role they can play in ensuring that everyone feels safe, valued and included within our school community.

A huge well done to Poplar Class for their class assembly this week. It is clear that a great deal of learning has taken place, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

We were also delighted to welcome a representative from the Local Authority into school this week. During her visit, she commented on the excellent learning behaviours, positive attitudes and high levels of engagement she observed as she walked around the school. This is a wonderful reflection of the hard work and commitment shown every day by our children and staff. A huge well done to the entire team and our wonderful children for representing Parklands so brilliantly.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

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!



Anti-Bullying week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week 2026, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

This year's theme is "Break the Silence," focusing on encouraging children to speak up, listen to others, and stand together against bullying.

To kick off the week in a fun and positive way, our school will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November 2026. **How to Get Involved**

Wear Odd Socks: Please send your child to school wearing their brightest, boldest, or silliest mismatched socks alongside their normal school uniform.

No Cost Involved: There is no need to buy anything new, and we are not asking for any donations—just raid the sock drawer and have fun!

W**hy We Do It:** Supported by CBeebies presenter Andy Day and his band *Andy and the Odd Socks*, this day is all about celebrating what makes each of us unique and reminding children that it is good to be different.

Throughout the rest of the week, classes will be taking part in special assemblies and activities focused on kindness, respect, and how we can all help "Break the Silence".



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.



Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We understand that some of the phonics terminology used in school may be unfamiliar to you and your family. We would like to invite you to a short phonics workshop on Wednesday 18th November from 9:00–9:15am, where we will explain key phonics concepts and how phonics is taught in Year One.

The workshop will also explore how phonics supports your child's reading and writing development, and how you can help reinforce these skills at home.

During the session, we will share:

· An overview of how phonics and reading skills are taught and developed in Year 1

· The phonics and reading resources used in school

· Practical ideas for supporting your child's learning at home

· Information about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which takes place during the Summer Term

We hope you will find this workshop informative and valuable in supporting your child's learning journey.

Please let the school office know by Monday 16th November if you are able to attend.

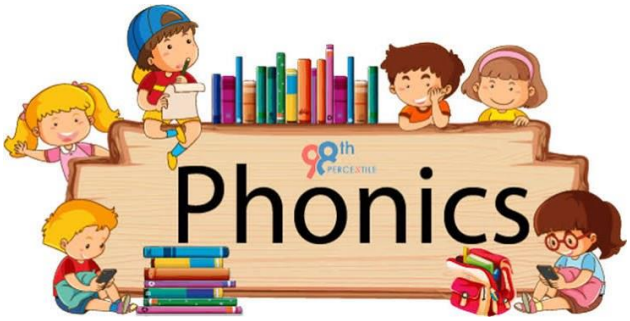
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Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,Rowena Kiedyk

Phonics Lead and Year 2 Teacher



Dance & Beyond Workshop

We're excited to be running our **Peter Pan Christmas Holiday Workshop**

Taking place on **Monday 21st December, 9:00am–1:00pm**, our magical Neverland adventure is designed for children aged **4–11 years** and will be packed with **dance, singing, acting, crafts and creative activities!** ✨

Children will enjoy an exciting morning inspired by the world of *Peter Pan*, finishing with a **special performance for parents and families** at the end of the workshop.

🗓️ **Monday 21st December**

⏰ **9:00am–1:00pm**

📍 **St Paul's Church, Chichester**

✨ **Ages 4–11**

Please find our flyer attached with full details. Spaces are limited.

Booking Link: https://danceandbeyond.com/product/peter-pan-workshop-monday-21st-december/

🎄 **Holding a Christmas raffle?**

We would also be delighted to offer a **workshop voucher as a raffle prize** to support your school's Christmas fundraising. If you haven't already been in touch, please reply to this email and we'll be happy to arrange this. If you let us know your PTA email we can send it directly to them.

Thank you so much for your continued support – we can't wait to take your children on a magical adventure to Neverland!

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.



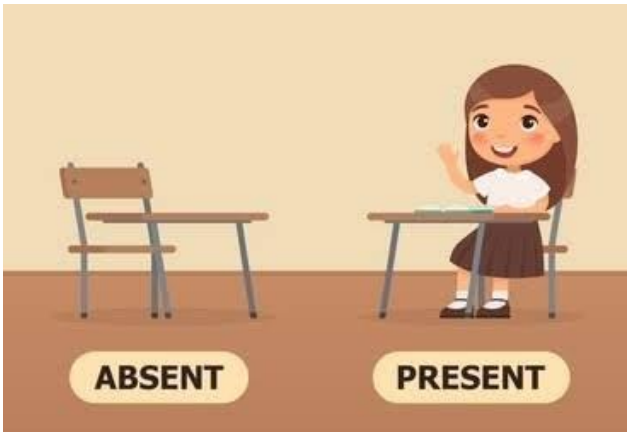
Reporting your child's Absence

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.



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

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 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 16th November - Anti-Bullying week

Monday - Odd Sock Day!

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Orchard class to Arundel

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Year 4 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Walnut Class Assembly

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

Wisteria Class Assembly

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

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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