

Parklands Weekly News 26/11/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week, it has been another wonderful busy time here at Parklands!

Earlier this week, the fire service visited Year 2 as part of their Great Fire of London topic and next week they will have more exciting things happening for their topic!

Willow Class pupils loved showcasing their learning in their family assembly today - well done to everyone concerned!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the multiplication workshop today, it is so wonderful for us all the work together and we appreciate your support. We look forward to welcoming Year 4 parents tomorrow for their multiplication workshop.

Pupils in the SSC attended the final session at Arundel Castle Cricket Club taking part in a variety of activities, they were excellent ambassadors for Parklands School.

Just a little reminder that tomorrow and next Friday are non-unform days on behalf of the PTA who are working hard to prepare for our Winter Fayre and elves workshop.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Orchard Class visit Arundel

Over the last few weeks Orcdard class have visited Arundel Castle for indoor cricket and outdoor forest school.

























Year 3 and 4 Multiplication Workshops

We would like to invite you to join your child for a Multiplication Workshop/Mini lesson in school this November.

The workshop will give you the opportunity to experience some of the approaches we use in school to develop children's multiplication fluency and confidence. During the session, you will take part in a short lesson alongside your child and learn about some of the strategies we use every day.

Year 4 session will be on Friday 27th November

Parents are welcome to arrive from 2:40pm, with the workshop beginning promptly at 2:45pm. It will end at 3:10pm ready for the end of day.

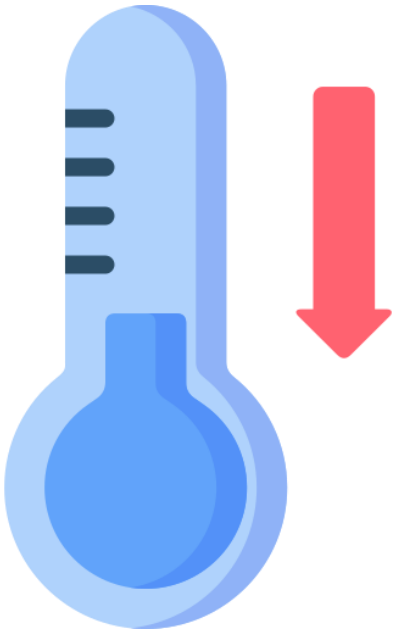


Outdoor PE for KS2

Just a quick reminder that all Key Stage 2 - Year 3 through to Year 6 - PE lessons will take place outdoors until the end of this term.

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child comes to school wearing warm active kit—such as a sweatshirt, tracksuit bottoms, and if possible a lightweight waterproof jacket—so they stay comfortable during lessons.

Thank you for your support!



Christmas Dinner Ordering

Just a reminder to order yor child's Christmas Dinner **before 4th December.**

Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed on Thursday 17th December. Take a look at trhe menu.

Contact FEED

Email: feed@uk.issworld.com

Tel: 01243 306314 (8am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday)

Christmas Dinner - book before 4th December

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Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to make sure every eligible family at our school is receiving the support they are entitled to. If you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to check and register—even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and already receives universal infant free meals.

Who is Eligible?

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals if your household receives any of the following:

• Universal Credit (all households receiving Universal Credit are eligible; if your net earned income is £7,400 or less, your child will also qualify for extra support such as the Holiday Activities and Food programme)

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

• The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

• Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Why Registering Matters

Registering for Free School Meals not only provides your child with a free, healthy lunch every school day, it also unlocks Pupil Premium funding for our school. This extra funding helps us pay for additional classroom support, school trips, clubs, and learning resources for your child.

Apply Online:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply

If you have any questions or need a hand with the application, please get in touch—we are always happy to help.

Many thanks.



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**

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

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.



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 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: 93.70%

Apple: 92.67%

Ash: 91.00%

Beech: 89.29%

Birch: 91.67%

Cedar: 93.670%

Chestnut: 94.48%

Hawthorn: 96.79%

Hazel: 97.86%

Maple: 93.67%

Mulberry: 92.90%

Pear: 95.33%

Poplar: 98.71%

Walnut: 97.27%

Willow: 90.56%

Wisteria 94.74%

Forest: 93.75%

Orchard: 79.00%



Congratulations Chestnut and Poplar Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week

Week Commencing November 30th November.

Teacher led clubs finish the end of this week.

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Sports Hall Athletics - Y5 + Y6

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Year 3 - Outdoor learning

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday - PTA Non-Uniform for Bottles

Year 1 - Fabulous Finish parents to visit the classroom at 3pm

Early Years posting letters to Santa

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

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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