



Parklands Weekly News 11/09/2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Parklands! I hope you all had a lovely summer break.

It's been wonderful to see the children back in school this week—looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and already settling into the rhythm of the new term. There's been a real buzz around the school, with Year 5 diving into Ancient Greece on their themed day and Year 4 celebrating with a colourful carnival!

We're especially pleased to welcome our new Reception families to the Parklands community. The children are settling in beautifully, and we're so proud of how they're handling their transitions.

Over the next couple of weeks, we look forward to seeing you at our *Meet the Teacher* events. These are a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and hear more about what's ahead this term.

Thank you for bearing with us as we fine-tune our new routines—we're working hard to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli



Drop & Go for KS2

Just a quick reminder that Key Stage 2 children can be dropped off from 8:30am if you wish to use our **Drop & Go** system. Staff are on duty to welcome them safely into school, helping to ease the morning rush and support independence. Thank you for your continued support as we settle into our new routines!



Macmillan Coffee invite!



Dear Parent/Carers you are **all invited** to a Macmillan Coffee afternoon. Year 6 will be hosting this Macmillan coffee event on **Friday 26th September at 2pm in the school hall**. This event will continue after school pick up. Drinks and cakes will be available for monetary donations to go to this great charity. As previous years please do bring a **reusable cup** if you have one. We look forward to seeing you all.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher Meetings

These will be held **in the school hall** on the following dates in the new Academic year:

Year 4 - Tuesday 16th September - at 2:45pm

Year 1 - Thursday 18th September - at 2:45pm

Forest and Orchard Class - Tuesday 23rd September - at 2:45pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 24th September - at 9am

Year 6 - Thursday 25th September - at 2:45pm

Year 3 - Tuesday 30th September - at 2:45pm

Reception Together for 4 weeks Meeting - 1st October at 2:30pm

Year 5 - Thursday 2nd October - at 2:45pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing this academic year starting at 2:45pm on the following dates:

- Poplar Class – 3rd October
- Pear Class – 9th October
- Pine Class – 16th October

- Mulberry Class – 23rd October
- Maple Class – 6th November

- Walnut Class – 13th November
- Willow Class – 20th November

These are a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.



Meet and Chat with FLO



Our FLO would like to invite you to 'meet and chat' on the following Fridays:

- 19th September at 8:50am
- 17th October at 8:50am
- 14th November at 3pm
- 5th December at 8:50am
- 23rd January at 3pm
- 27th February at 3pm

- 24th April at 3pm
- 15th May at 8:50am
- 12th June at 3pm
- 3rd July at 8:50am

Enter through the playground door directly into the **community room**.

Come along and meet Karen Coles, have an informal chat with her and other parents.

We look forward to welcoming you!



First week back...

The first week back has been filled with rain and exciting starts to year group topics. Year 4 had a carnival day and dressed in all the colours of the rainbow, whilst year 5 had a Greek day!



WOW Walk to school challenge

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk or wheel the remaining journey. If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest of the way (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker). Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs. This includes pupils becoming WOW Ambassadors, leading assemblies, creating active travel notice boards, and other activities within the school day. If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk **What is a WOW badge?** There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off at least once a week. WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to Walk with Joy, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. **Will you join us?** If you have any questions about the programme, please contact: Karen Coles – FLO, or find more information and useful videos at: livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch **Let's swap those school runs for school walks**



External Afterschool Clubs



KTroo runs on **Mondays 3:15-4:15pm** Available to children in the following year groups: 3,4,5 and 6 Please see attached poster for more information

Stagecoach run an afterschool club on Wednesdays 4:15pm to 5:45pm They are offering a **free trial on Wednesday 17th September** for any parklands pupil in Reception & year 1.

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/chichester> 07786 336983 Chichester@stagecoach.co.uk





Dance&Beyond Ballet at Parklands Primary! This will run every Thursday after school 3:10-4:00pm. Available for children in years 1,2 and 3. Twirl into a world of grace and excitement. Please see attached poster with joining information.

Census Day Meal booking

School census day is on Thursday 2nd October, Chartwells will be having an "American All Star" theme day lunch. MAINS: Burger and Chips Mac & Cheese SIDES Sweetcorn or Salad DESSERT: Waffle and Chocolate Dip

Please book **before Thursday 18th September** on your ParentPay app.

Wraparound care at Parklands

If your child attends the Hideout please send them with weather appropriate clothing - a hat and sun cream or a raincoat as they will be spending time outside.

If you need to contact wrap around care **whilst your child is attending** during the hours of 7:30-8:30am and 4pm to 6pm.

please call: **0771 682 4650**

Community Corner

- **Wilfred Seal Trail**

Chichester Cathedral

To mark the [Cathedral's 950th anniversary celebrations](#), this new trail highlights the amazing stories behind some of the objects on display in our exhibition, [Religion, Rebellion & Reformation](#). **The trail can be collected from the Visitors' Desk or at points around the Cathedral and will be running from 7th April – 15th November**

2025. <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/wilfrid-seal-trail-children-and-families>



Other Notices

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.

Routine Appointments

Can we ask that whenever possible that you book any routine appointments outside of school hours.

Thank you for your continued support

We aim to be a **Nut Free 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.

Reminder

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.

St Wilfrid's Car Park

We have been approached by St Wilfred's Church regarding parking in their car park. Please can we ask 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.



Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 97.25%

Beech: 98.28%

Birch: 96.43%

Cedar: 98.66%

Chestnut: 97.41%

Hawthorn: 100%

Hazel: 96.67%

Maple: 96.98%

Mulberry: 99.14%

Pear: 100%

Pine: 93.06%

Poplar: 92.50%

Walnut: 99.10%

Willow: 94.40%

Forest: 98.44%

Orchard: 95.00%



Congratulations Hawthorn and Pear Classes

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

[Next Week](#)

**NEXT
WEEK**

Week Commencing 15th September

Tuesday

Karate Assembly

Year 4 - Meet the Teacher - 2:45pm

Wednesday

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday Year 5 - Forest School Year 1 - Meet the Teacher - 2:45pm

Violin Lesson

Friday Year 6 - Swimming Meet and Chat with FLO at 8:50am Grubclub

[Dates for Your Diary](#)

Autumn Term Dates

Tuesday 15th September - Karate Assembly

Tuesday 16th September - Year 4 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Thursday 18th September – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 18th September – Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Friday 19th September – Meet and Chat with FLO – at 8:50am

Friday 19th September – Year 6 Swimming

Friday 19th September - Grubclub

Tuesday 23rd September – PTA Event – Welcome BBQ for Reception Starters

Tuesday 23rd September – SSC Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Wednesday 24th September - JOLF

Wednesday 24th September – Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 9am

Thursday 25th September – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 25th September – Year 6 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee at 2pm – all parents/careers are invited

Friday 26th September – Year 6 Swimming

Monday 29th September – Year 6 Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Tuesday 30th September – Year 3 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Wednesday 1st October – Reception 'Together for 4 weeks' Meeting at 2:30pm

Thursday 2nd October – Year 1 Forest School

Thursday 2nd October – Year 5 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Friday 3rd October – PTA - Dare to be Different – Non school uniform

Friday 3rd October – GrubClub

Friday 3rd October – Poplar Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Tuesday 7th October – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 7th October – Year 5+6 Bookfest – Author visit

Wednesday 8th October - Year 3+4 Bookfest – Author visit

Thursday 9th October - Year 1+2 Bookfest – Author visit

Thursday 9th October – Pear Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Thursday 9th October - Year 1 Forest School

Friday 10th October – Year 6 Swimming

Monday 13th October – Year 6 Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Tuesday 14th October – PTA Event – Movie Night

Tuesday 14th October – Year 6 Parent Residential Meeting 3:30-4pm

Thursday 16th October – Year 1 Forest School

Thursday 16th October – Pine Family Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 17th October - Meet and Chat with FLO – at 8:50am

Friday 17th October – Year 5 Bosham walk

Friday 17th October – GrubClub

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening 3:30-5pm and 5:30-7pm

Thursday 23rd October - Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 23rd October – Mulberry Family Assembly 2:45pm

Thursday 23rd October – Year 2 Forest School

Friday 24th October – Year 6 Evacuee Day and Museum

Friday 24th October – Year 6 Swimming



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – INSET Day - School closed for staff training

Thursday 4th September 2025 INSET Day - School closed for staff training

Friday 5th September 2025 INSET Day - School closed for staff training

Monday 8th September 2025 – Children return to school

Friday 23rd October 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025 – Half Term

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Children return to school

Friday 19th December 2025 - Children break up for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET DAY - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Children return to school.

Friday 13th February 2026 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Children return to school.

Friday 27th March 2026 - Children break up for the holidays.

Summer Term

Monday 13th April 2026 - INSET DAY - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Children return to school.

Monday 4th May 2026 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term

Monday 1st June 2026 - Children return to school.

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Children break up for **Summer holidays!**



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