



Parklands Weekly News 02/10/2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been at Parklands!

We've wrapped up our final *Meet the Teacher* events, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining us—thank you for coming along and connecting with our staff.

Some highlights from this week include:

- **Year 6** visiting *Tangmere Aviation Museum* to complement their learning about World War II.
- **Years 5 and 6** enjoying a fun-filled music experience at *Bishop Luffa*. It's always lovely to strengthen connections with our local schools and share our mutual love of music. Our children were amazing as always!

- **Year 1** had a brilliant time at *Forest School* today—muddy boots, big smiles, and lots of outdoor learning!

Our **Reception Tours for 2026** have officially begun! It's been a joy meeting prospective families and sharing the magic of Parklands. Please do spread the word to any local parents with children starting school next year.

We've also had some lovely community moments, including our *Macmillan Coffee Morning*—thank you to everyone who joined us and supported this important cause.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Individual & Sibling Photographs

The School photographer is visiting the school on 05/11/25 to take individual photographs of all the children and sibling photos of children **within our school**. If you would like a sibling photo taken please visit Yellow's web site below and complete the online Sibling Request Form.

Visit website www.smileYellow.com/sibling

or type in browser www.smileYellow.com/sibling

- School password is park051125

- **Closing date for requests is midnight 23/10/25**

★ SCHOOL ★ PICTURE ★ DAY ★

Tangmere Aviation Museum

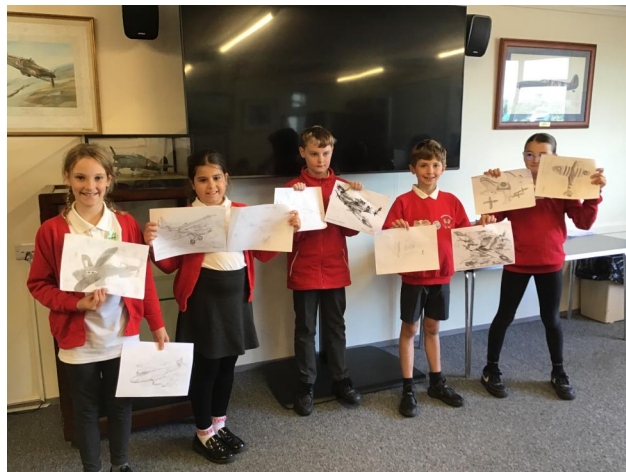
On 29th September, half of each Year 6 class went to Tangmere Aviation Museum.

The children saw lots of WW2 aeroplanes and learnt about the role of the airfield in the conflict. Everyone got to sit in the cockpit of an aeroplane and fly in a simulator. It was very exciting!

The volunteer guides were very impressed with the children's background knowledge and their mature questions.

The rest of Year 6 will go on the 13th October.







Harvest Festival

This year St Wilfrid's have decided to donate the Harvest gifts to **Stonepillow**.

Here is a list of the things that Stonepillow currently need the most:

- Biscuits
- Cereals (not oats)
- Coffee
- Cooking oil
- Crisps
- Instant pot noodles and other snack pots
- Ketchup
- Pasta sauces
- Snacks/sweet treats
- Spices/herbs
- Squash/cordial
- Sugar
- Tinned meat, pies and beans

- Shaving gel
- disposable razors
- Shower gel
- Loo rolls



Travelling Book Fair



The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be arriving at school on **20th October - 24th October** and will be open throughout the week after school and during Parent Evenings.

Every book you buy helps us, as a school, purchase new books for classes and the library. There are also some great offers for you at home including 3 for 2 on some of the titles available.

Some of the authors have recorded themselves reading the first chapter of their books and you can enjoy listening to these at home, to help you choose what titles you really like.

Please follow this link [Chapter One – free readings and home learning resources from your favourite authors - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Take a look at the books available: [The books - Travelling Book Fairs](#)

Macmillan Coffee Event

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to all that donated cakes and came along to make our Macmillan Coffee event a huge success.

We raised: £283.23







FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Important information for parents/guardians

The Immunisation Service are coming into school to offer your child the Flu vaccination.

Attached to this newsletter is the parent letter regarding flu vaccines which contains information about the upcoming vaccination session and instructions on how to complete the online consent form.

Alternatively please follow this link:

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)

Enter the following school code **SX125921** and click 'Find School' - School codes are unique to each school and site.

If you have any questions or need support to complete the consent form, please contact Immunisation Service friendly team:

01273 696011 ext 8100

Please complete the consent from **by 3rd November**.





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.



Piano Lessons available


 **Just 2 Slots Left – Don't Miss Out!** 

Piano Lessons at School – Last Chance This Year! Dear Parents, I'm Mahya, the piano teacher here at school from West Sussex Music, and I'm excited to let you know that there are **only 2 places left** for piano lessons this term! ✨ Learning the piano is a wonderful way for children to grow in confidence, creativity, and concentration, all while having fun. **No piano or keyboard at home?**

No problem! You can easily **hire one here:**

 [Instrument Hire](#) 

Financial support is available:

If your child receives **free school meals** or is a **child in care**, lesson fees and instrument hire may be **free or discounted** through our **Bursary Fund**.  **Act fast – secure one of the last 2 spots today!**

Visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk or

Apply here: [Music Lesson Sign-Up](#)

I can't wait to welcome your child to the piano and share the joy of music with them!

Warm wishes,

Mahya Mahroomi

Piano Teacher



Music Trip to Bishop Luffa School

On Monday 29th September, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Bishop Luffa School for a fantastic morning of music-making. With the help of Bishop Luffa students and staff, our children learnt instrumental and vocal parts to the song Blinding Lights. Their behaviour was excellent, and they showed real talent and enthusiasm throughout. The highlight was the final performance, when everyone came together - a moment that made Mrs Gray feel very proud.





Meet and Chat with FLO



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

- 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!

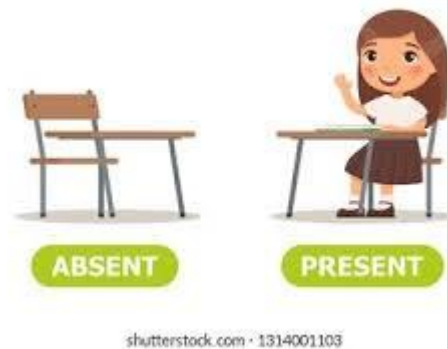


Reporting your child's absence

We have a new email address for reporting your child's absence from school.

absent@parklands.school

Alternatively, please call the school on **01243 788630** (option 1) and leave an absence message.



School Office and website

For any queries please email **office@parklands.school** Or call **01243 788630**

School website: www.parklands.w-sussex.sch.uk

You may not realise that our school website holds a huge amount of up to date information including a school calendar and yearly planner. Year group and curriculum information.

School Office



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



Free School Meals

You may be eligible for free school meals if your child is in full-time education and your household receives specific benefits, such as Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, the guarantee element of Pension Credit, or certain Child Tax Credits.

All children in [Year 1 and 2](#), and Reception year, automatically receive free meals, known as Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM).

However, to receive holiday **food vouchers you must apply for Free school meals.**

Please follow the link to apply:

[Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)





GrubClub - UK Harvest

Grub Club is a simple and impactful in-school initiative led by UKHarvest.

UKHarvest are working with schools by donating surplus food for redistribution within the school community, giving students the chance to learn about food waste while supporting at least 40 households per location with free food, and protecting the environment.

FREE FOOD! food is completely free but we do ask you to be mindful and only fill one bag with what your family will eat.

This will be placed on tables outside the front office every few weeks - (dates are below on the 'dates for your diary' section)

Please bring along a bag for life, **smaller bags** or containers for loose items and an **egg carton** *JUST IN CASE!*

We never know what we will receive but there is always a huge amount of choice - come and take a look.





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!

Please note that **KS1 children should not be left** with KS2 children at this time. They will need to be supervised by their adult until 8.40am.



School Uniform

Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan - with or without the Logo
- White or red polo shirt.

- Grey shorts or trousers.
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt
- Red and white checked dress in the summer.

School bag – children will need a bag for reading books and water bottles.

Shoes

- A pair of flat black plain/sensible shoe - plain unbranded trainers
- These should be sturdy and enclosed.
- Open-toe sandals are **NOT** permitted in the Summer.

Please note:

- Long hair must be tied up and hair bands should be in school colours.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school (with the exception of stud earrings). Please provide tape to cover earrings in PE or remove them in advance. If watches are worn they are **NOT** the responsibility of the school. No Smart watches are allowed.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is **MARKED WITH THEIR FIRST & LAST NAME** either by using name tapes or permanent marker pen.







PE Days

Classes have PE on the following days:

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Both Wednesday, Hazel Thursday & Hawthorn Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday

Year 5 - Monday Pine&Poplar, Wednesday Pear and All on Thursday

Year 6 - Monday & swimming on Friday

SSC - Friday

Please ensure your child has named **PE Kit in a bag to keep on their peg at school.**

Thank you



PE Kit

Your Child will need :

- A plain white t-shirt
- A pair of red shorts
- A P.E kit bag
- A pair of black plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outside PE

During winter the children may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms.

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LABEL

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU
ARE LABELING YOUR
CHILD'S BELONGINGS

EXAMPLES:

- BACKPACK
- LUNCH BOX
- JACKET/COAT

THIS MAKES IT EASIER TO GET YOUR
CHILD'S BELONGINGS BACK TO THEM

The complex block is a colorful poster with a rainbow border. It features the word 'LABEL' in large, multi-colored letters at the top. Below it, the text 'PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE LABELING YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, the word 'EXAMPLES:' is followed by a bulleted list: 'BACKPACK', 'LUNCH BOX', and 'JACKET/COAT'. To the left of the list is a yellow backpack, to the right is a purple lunch box, and below the list is a blue jacket. At the bottom, the text 'THIS MAKES IT EASIER TO GET YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS BACK TO THEM' is written in a smaller font. Small star icons are scattered throughout the poster.

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



Southern Karate Organisation

from 4 YEARS OLD

Tuesdays at 7:45am

£6 per session - PAY AS YOU GO

EMAIL: info@southernkarate.org to book your place

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.

Hellcat Cheerleading - Fridays after school until 4:15pm.

Please follow the link for bookings:

<https://portal.iclasspro.com/hellcatscheerleaders/camp-details/11?typeld=3&filters=%7B%22sorting%22:%22name%22%7D&campTypeName=After%20School%20Club&campTypeNamePlural=After%20School%20Clubs>



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 you check you have the correct child's clothing/shoes etc at home - some children are accidentally swapping shoes and clothing items!

If you do have any other child's items please return to the office.

Thank you.

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: 94.34%

Apple: 93.33%

Ash: 83.44%

Beech: 85.86%

Birch: 97.59%

Cedar: 93.67%

Chestnut: 93.45%

Hawthorn: 93.20%

Hazel: 95.92%

Maple: 97.33%

Mulberry: 100%

Pear: 97.00%

Pine: 97.22%

Poplar: 90.50%

Walnut: 97.50%

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Harvest Festival Donations

Year 5, 6 and Orchard Classes - Author Visit

Wednesday

Year 3 and 4 - Author Visit

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Pear Class Assembly at 2:45pm in the hall

Year 1 - Forest School

Year 1, 2 and Forest Classes - Author Visit

Violin Lessons

Friday

Piano Lessons Year 6 - Swimming

Superstar Corner







Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

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 – Orchard and Year 5+6 Bookfest – Author visit

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

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

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

Thursday 9th October - Year 1 Forest School

Friday October 10th October – Year 6 Swimming

Friday October 10th October – Year 3 Egyptian Dress-Up Day

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 6 National Child Measurement Programme

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

Monday 20th October - Travelling Book Fair - Open everyday this week after school and during parent evenings

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

Friday 24th October - last day before October half term

November

Monday 3rd November - children return to school after half term

Tuesday 4th November – PTA Key Stage 2 Sparklands Bingo

Wednesday 5th November – Individual & Sibling Photographs

Thursday 6th November – Flu Vaccination

Thursday 6th November – Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 6th November – Year 2 Forest School

Friday 7th November – Fitness Friday

Friday 7th November GrubClub

Monday 10th November – Attendance Workshop

Monday 10th November – Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November – Walnut Class Assembly

Thursday 13th November – Year 2 Forest School

Friday 14th November – FLO Meet & Chat 3pm

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Thursday 20th November – NSPCC Assembly

Thursday 20th November – Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 20th November – Year 4 Forest School

Friday 21st November - GrubClub

Thursday 27th November – Year 4 Forest School

Friday 28th November – PTA Event – Non-Uniform – Cups for Winter Fair

December

Thursday 4th December – Year 3 Forest School

Friday 5th December – PTA Event – Non-Uniform – Bottles for Winter Fair

Friday 5th December – FLO Meet & Chat 8:50am

Friday 5th December - GrubClub

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 10th December – KS1 Production 2:30pm

Wednesday 10th December - SSC Christmas Enterprise Presale 2pm

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Production 9:30am

Thursday 11th December - SSC Christmas Enterprise

Thursday 11th December - Year 3 Forest School

Friday 12th December – Year 5 Singing at the Cross

Friday 12th December – PTA Winter Fayre

Monday 15th December – PTA Event – Elves Workshop

Monday 15th December – Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert – 2:30pm + 6pm

Tuesday 16th December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert – 2:30pm + 6pm

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December – Christmas Class Party afternoon

Friday 19th December – Children break up for Christmas Holidays



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

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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