



Parklands Weekly News 09/10/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been at Parklands!

Our Harvest Festival was a joyful celebration of gratitude, with fantastic donations generously given to Stonepillow, supporting those in need in our community—thank you all for your kindness. We gathered at St Wilfrid's Church, where the children sang beautifully and shared in the spirit of giving.

We also enjoyed the magic of BookFest, one of the highlights of our school year. Welcoming authors into school and gifting every child a book truly brings reading to life—inspiring, engaging, and joyful for all.

A special mention to Pear Class, who wowed us with their assembly this week—such confidence and creativity on display!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Parent Governor Election

If you are interested in standing for election as one of the parent governors of the school, please complete the attached nomination form, ensuring that you obtain the signature of two parents/legal guardians who support your nomination. You must also include a brief election statement.

Please submit your nomination by **Friday 10th October 2025**.



Parking in the area

Please can we ask you not to park on the grass areas in Durnford Close. Local residents have phoned school to complain about vehicles parking inconsiderately. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card proof card will be coming home with them this week.

Please follow the instructions on the proof card to **order directly from School Print World** and use your child's individual codes.

Please **check the correct spelling** of names and classes as these cannot be amended once ordered.

Orders close **18th October**.



Smartphone Free Childhood

Our School community is invited to an important **FREE** local event hosted by **Smartphone Free Childhood - Shoreham-by-Sea** in partnership with Tom Rutland MP:

- **Thursday 23rd October 2025**
- **Shoreham Academy, BN43 6YT**
- **6.30–8.30pm**

This event will bring together parents, headteachers, safeguarding leads and education professionals to discuss children's wellbeing and smartphone use.

The evening will feature contributions from:

- A headteacher who has introduced a full smartphone ban in his secondary school
- West Sussex County Council representatives
- Other professionals working with children and families across Sussex

This comes at a key moment with Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Sir Martyn Oliver, and Brighton & Hove City Council both voicing support for schools to go smartphone-free.

This is a **FREE** community event, open to everyone. Tickets to the event can be obtained here: <https://luma.com/b3z4hd8v>

Please see attached flyers for more information



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**



Cycle to School Week 2025

Cycle to School Week 2025 takes place from **Monday 13 – Friday 17 October**.

The Bikeability Trust are asking schools and families to **make a pledge** to swap the school run for pedal power, and have the chance to win cycling prizes!

Make your pledge here, for the opportunity to win a prize....

[Cycle to School Week - Bikeability](#)



Author Visits

This week Parklands had the pleasure of three authors visiting year groups.

The authors talked about the inspiration behind their books and engaged the children in craft activities and experiments!

Each child received a copy of the book and were able to chat to the author whilst having their copy signed.

Years 5&6 and Orchard class - author Philip Kavvadias with '[Mission Microraptor](#)'

Years 3&4 - author Terrie Chilvers with '[Snails of the Unexpected](#)'

Years 1&2 and Forest class - author Zanna Davidson with '[Izzy the Inventor](#)'











Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone that donated items for our Harvest Festival collection at St Wilfrids.

All items were donated to Stonepillow Charity - for more information on Stonepillow follow the link:

[Our Story - Stonepillow](#)





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](#)

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:

- 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:

- 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!

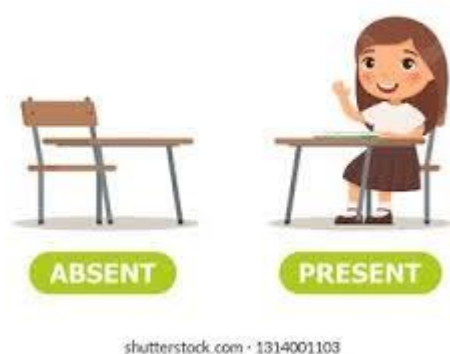


Reporting your child's absence

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 **01243 788630** (option 1) and leave an absence message.



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](#)

Could your child be entitled to a
FREE school meal?



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



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?typeId=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**

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: 96.09%

Apple: 95.93%

Ash: 89.38%

Beech: 97.14%

Birch: 98.28%

Cedar: 97.00%

Chestnut: 97.86%

Hawthorn: 96.67%

Hazel: 99.33%

Maple: 99.33%

Mulberry: 98.67%

Pear: 98.50%

Pine: 98.33%

Poplar: 95.00%

Walnut: 93.93%

Willow: 93.42%

Forest: 92.22%

Orchard: 83.00%



Congratulations Birch, Hazel and Maple Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 13th October

Monday

Year 6 Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

PTA Event – Movie Night

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

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Pine Family Assembly 2:45pm

Year 1 - Forest School

Violin Lessons

Friday

Meet and Chat with FLO – at 8:50am

Year 6 - Swimming

Year 5 Bosham walk

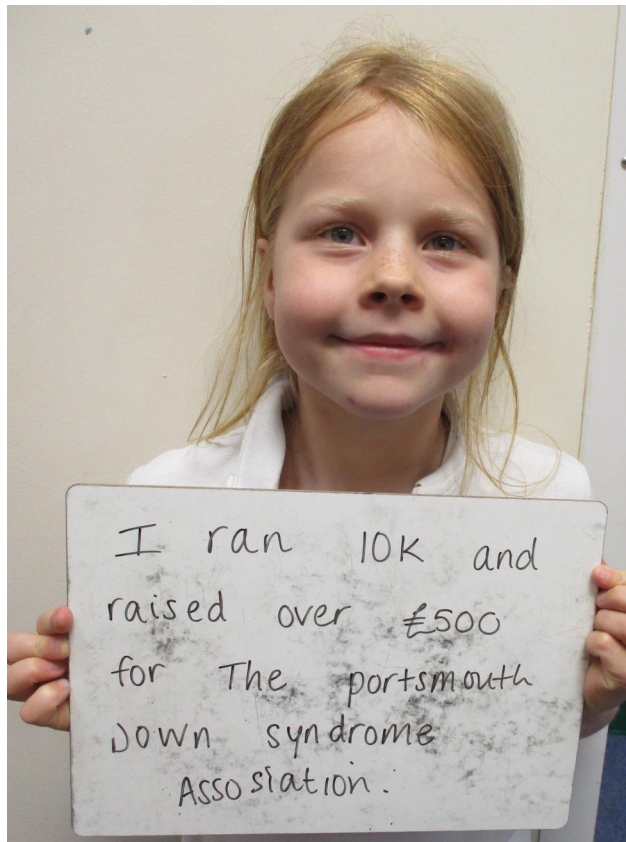
GrubClub

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner







Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

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 – Year 6 Evacuee Day and Museum

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 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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