



Parklands Weekly News 16/10/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks it's been at Parklands! A huge thank you to all of the year 3 team, for bringing history to life during Egyptian Day last Friday—the children looked absolutely brilliant in their costumes and immersed themselves in a day full of learning and creativity. We're also incredibly grateful to the parent volunteers who helped with the sewing of Egyptian collars—your support makes all the difference.

Movie night was a great success, and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. A special shout-out to our amazing PTA, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to raise vital funds for our school—all as volunteers. The hot dogs and snacks were a big hit!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 residential meeting. If you missed it, the PowerPoint will be available on Seesaw and shared with the children. We'll be hosting another event later in the year, so keep an eye out.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to dust off their book bag books, I can already see the cloakrooms looking tidier which creates a safer environment for all children to learn in.

Finally, a big well done to Pine Class for sharing their learning in their family assembly today. You've learnt such a lot this term.

Thank you all for your continued support - it's what makes Parklands such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Book Bag Reminder – Let's Keep Our Cloakrooms Tidy!



We've recently noticed an increase in children bringing large rucksacks into school. While we know this is often done with the best intentions, we'd like to gently remind everyone that **this is not a new policy** — just one that's been lost along the way.

To keep our cloakrooms safe, tidy, and manageable for all children, please ensure your child only brings the following items to school:

- **A school book bag** for reading books. Parklands book bags are available to purchase from [Parklands Bookbag – Game Set & Match](#), but they **do not need to be red or have the school logo**. Affordable alternatives are absolutely fine.
- **A small lunch box** if your child has a packed lunch
- **A clearly labelled drawstring bag** for PE kits

As the weather changes, children are welcome to bring **wellington boots and waterproofs** in a drawstring bag. These sit lower on pegs, helping coats hang neatly and preventing them from falling off.

Unfortunately, we **do not have the space** to store large rucksacks safely. If everyone sticks to these guidelines, we'll have plenty of room for all children's belongings — especially those wet-weather extras!

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, organised, and safe environment for all.



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**



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.

Please follow this link to complete a consent form:

[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**.



Message from Chartwells

To continue delivering a high quality service that meets the School Food Standards, we have increased the meal price at your child's school to £3.20 from 1st September 2025.

Our menu will continue to provide children a choice of nutritious meals, while catering for those with allergies.

If your child has an **allergy or intolerance** or requires a **medical diet** please contact Chartwells on the following:

email: chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk.

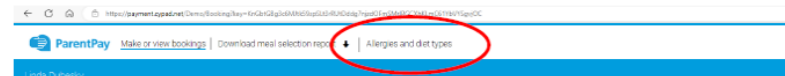
For general support from Chartwells, call **01243 774175**

Allergies and Intolerances are always a huge worry when children are at school.

Chartwells have a team dedicated to managing dishes and menus to suit hundreds of these situations.

There are several ways you can organise this now in readiness for September:

When setting up your ParentPay account to order meals, select the allergy under the "Allergies and Diet Types" and we will do the rest.



Email westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk, the team can support and guide you through set up.

Medical evidence will be required, this can be from a nurse, dietician or whoever manages your child's food allergy.

If the allergy isn't one of the main 14, don't worry, speak to us and we will do our best to ensure there is a meal available every day.

For general support from Chartwells, call 01243 774175

Family Assembly

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

- 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!



Cleaner Vacancy

Join Our Team at Parklands School!

Are you looking for a rewarding role in a friendly school environment?

Parklands School is excited to announce that we are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic cleaners to join our team! We have both permanent and casual positions available, starting in January.

Why Join Us?

- Friendly and Supportive Environment: Be part of a welcoming community where your work is valued.
- Casual Position:
- Convenient Hours: Work from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, up to 5 days a week (term time only) and Earn £12.65 per hour.

What We're Looking For:

- Reliability: Consistent attendance and punctuality.
- Hard Work: A strong work ethic and attention to detail.
- Pride in Your Work: A commitment to maintaining a clean and safe environment for our students and staff.

Important Information:

- Safer Recruitment: This position is subject to a DBS check as part of our commitment to safer recruitment practices.

How to Apply: For more information and to apply, please visit [Job search details - West Sussex County Council](#) or pop into the school office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Join us at Parklands School and make a difference!



Christmas Card Competition

Dear Parklands,

I am getting in touch to invite your pupils to take part in my annual Christmas Card Competition, open to all primary school-aged children across the Chichester constituency. The winning design will feature on my official 2025 Christmas card, which I send to community leaders, local organisations and residents across Chichester. It is always a wonderful way to celebrate the creativity of our young people and share a bit of festive cheer. Entries can be created in any medium such as paint, pencil, collage or digital, and should capture the joy and spirit of the festive season.

The deadline for submissions is Saturday 8 November 2025.

Entries can be sent either:

By post:

Jess Brown-Fuller MP

House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA

By email:

jess.brownfuller.mp@parliament.uk

Last year, I was lucky enough to receive so many fantastic entries that they covered an entire wall in my office. I would love to see if we can beat that this year.

With best wishes,

Jess Brown-Fuller MP



Year 3 Egyptian Day

Last Friday as part of their Tomb Raiders topic, year 3 had an Egyptian day where the children were invited to come dressed as an Egyptian.

Don't they all look fantastic!

The child engaged in decoding hieroglyphics, created fact files and painted an Egyptian god.



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.



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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: 94.25%

Apple: 97.04%

Ash: 88.12%

Beech: 94.29%

Birch: 87.67%

Cedar: 93.33%

Chestnut: 95.36%

Hawthorn: 92.33%

Hazel: 97.67%

Maple: 98.67%

Mulberry: 98.33%

Pear: 89.00%

Pine: 97.78%

Poplar: 99.50%

Walnut: 95.36%

Willow: 92.58%

Forest: 95.56%

Orchard: 90.00%



Congratulations Apple and Poplar Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 20th October

Travelling Book Fair - Open everyday this week after school and during parent evenings

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

SSC Boccia

Wednesday

Year 6 Evacuee Day and Museum

Parents Evening 3:30-5pm and 5:30-7pm

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Mulberry Family Assembly 2:45pm

Year 2 - Forest School

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - last day before October half term

Year 6 - Swimming

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner





Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

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 24th 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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