



Parklands Weekly News 23/10/2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good break.

It was absolutely lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening—thank you for taking the time to come in and celebrate your children's progress. We're looking forward to seeing more of you later today!

A huge thank you to Mulberry Class for their fantastic assembly—what a brilliant showcase of learning.

Year 6 had a wonderful time dressed as evacuees and did a superb job sharing their World War II learning with families at the museum event.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy half term—see you all very soon!

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 - TONIGHT**



Travelling Book Fair



This will be located in the **Community room tomorrow - Friday 24th October until 3:30pm.**

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](#)

PTA Events

We have a whole range of events coming this term and bookings for them all open this Tuesday 21st October. Please check the key details as there is lots to sort out before the events and we need your help to make them happen!

Booking Website address:

Everything opened on Tuesday 21st October.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/parklands/>

Sparklands Bingo - KS2 only (Years 3-6)

Bookings opened this Tuesday for our KS2 Bingo which is straight after half term on Tuesday 4th Nov with prizes to be won! (Booking closes on the Sunday evening before).

Tickets are £3.50 and include fruit shoot and mini cheddars or allergy alternative. There will also be a tuck shop with 50p items.

Winter Fayre 2025

Our School Winter Fayre is back on Friday 12th December from 4.30-6.30pm and there are a number of things to be thinking about now!

- Activity tickets and food orders go on sale Tuesday and if you purchase before the event, it means you don't have to waste any time queuing at the start... you can just walk straight in and get on having fun!

- We need volunteers! Please come and help by giving 45 minutes (the games stalls are great to run with your school child) and then enjoy the rest of the time at the Fayre. If everyone gave a little time we would be able to have more activities, but we need to know that you can help sooner rather than later please.

Just email ptaparklands@gmail.com if you can.

- We will also be having two non-uniform days for the 'cups' and chocolate/bottle tombolas. Clean teddys in good condition, are also gratefully received.

Elves Workshop 2025

Our wonderful team of Elves are back on Monday 15th December to bring a little magic to the school. We need volunteers on the day to become an elf and help the children choose their gifts and write tags for their loved ones. We need about 12-15 Elves for this to work on the day, and also need a team of wrappers. Can you help?!

Please email ptaparklands@gmail.com if you can.

- Bookings are open from this Tuesday to give plenty of time to get those presents booked.

Please note: For the Winter Fayre and Elves Workshops, bookings close on Sunday 7th December as there is lots to buy/wrap etc... (Winter Fayre tickets can still be bought on the day but Elves workshop can not be purchased after this date.)

Please share this information with your fellow school parents and carers so that we can build towards some exciting events for our children this term.

Lastly, we have a group of parents from each class who kindly share one post about each event onto our class WhatsApp groups. Currently we do not have reps for: Apple, Ash, Hawthorn, Pine, Poplar or Willow.

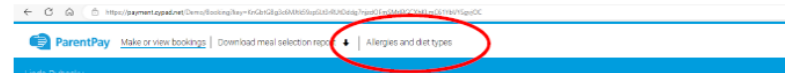
If you'd be willing to do this, please email ptaparklands@gmail.com to let us know.

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

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 18th December

Chartwells Christmas Menu will be loaded onto Parent pay after half term.

- MAINS

Roast Turkey Or Quorn Roast

- SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Mini Sausage, Gravy, Broccoli & Carrots

- DESSERT

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order by Thursday 4th December.



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



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:

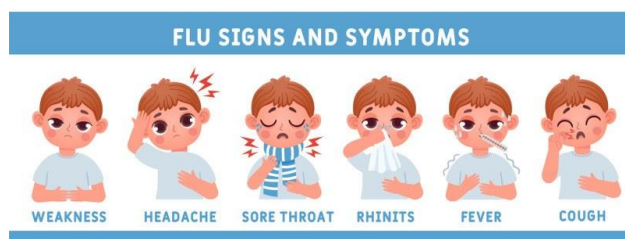
[Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)

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 form **by 3rd November**.



Half Term Activities

Fold our City – Chichester Festival Theatre - Saturday 25th October 2025 11am drop in til 3.30pm

Join Chichester Festival Theatre at this free family event where we will create our wonderful city in a day. Using handy templates (designed by our friends [A Line Art](#)), you can craft favourite landmarks or invent your own, and together we will build a large origami model inspired by our local area and community. It's all about having fun so come along and get creative!

Fold Our City returns offering families and friends a fun, free activity over October half term. So, come rain or shine, drop into the Theatre and spend some time creating your favourite local landmarks (and people!) to add to our giant 3D map.

Make your own Jarvis Jar – The Novium Museum. Wednesday 29th October 2025 10.30am - 2pm drop in.

Meet Jarvis - our very own Shippam's-inspired character created especially for the Hurrah for Shippam's exhibition!

Using colourful plasticine, children can design and personalise their very own mini Jarvis, taking inspiration from the iconic Shippam's jar. Will yours have googly eyes? A bow tie? A big smile? This playful drop-in activity is perfect for younger visitors and helps bring the Shippam's story to life through creativity and imagination.

Drop in / Colour – Create your own Cathedral Window. Tuesday 28th – Sunday 2nd November. Pallant House Gallery.

In collaboration with Chichester Cathedral, Pallant House Gallery invites you to create your own colourful cathedral window in this **FREE** self-led studio activity. Check availability by calling 01243 774557.

Graylingwell Chapel, Blomfield Drive, Graylingwell Park, PO19 6BZ Chichester

Join us every weekday, midday until 2pm throughout the half term for kids' free activities!

🌟 Here's what's on each day:

Mon – Movie Day: Get cosy with a screening of Disney Pixar's Coco! 🏠

Tues – Colouring Fun: Spooky sheets and creative designs for little artists. 🖍️

Wed – LEGO Day: Build, create, and let your imagination run wild. 🧱

Thurs – Halloween Crafts: Make your own Halloween decorations! 🧡

Fri – Clue Trail: Hunt for spooky clues and solve the mystery around the venue. 🔍

Chichester Library – Saturday 25th October – Construction Club

14.30-16.00

Use your imagination to design and build using Lego and other great construction materials.

For children aged 4+



Monday 27th October - Drama, Dance and singing workshop – Magical Merlin

10.00-10.30am and 10.45-11.15am

Join us for a free special workshop run by Perform. Join Merlin the forgetful wizard and his mischievous black cat on a spellbinding journey through castles, forests and magical hideouts!

This enchanting workshop transports 4-8 years olds into a mythical world of castles, knights and princesses.

This is a free event, but pre-booking is essential.

Please contact Chichester Library for more details.

Wednesday 29th October – Pirates Ahoy!

2pm-3pm

Join us at Chichester Library where it's all hands-on deck for some swashbuckling stories and craft activities.

For ages 4+ this is a free activity, but pre-booking is essential.

New Parks to Visit

This summer the council have refurbished the following 6 parks

- Priory Park, Priory Road PO19 1LA
- Parklands, Sherborne Road PO19 3LE
- Oaklands Park- Wellington Road PO19 6B
- Florence Road Park, Florence Road PO19 7PX
- Whyke Oval, Hay Road PO19 8BL
- Amphitheatre - Velyn Avenue PO19 7UP



UK Harvest – Community Food Hubs

Affordable food, support and advice open to all. No referral needed.

Get the support you need whilst helping to fight food waste at our Community Food Hubs. Access affordable food, learn low-cost cooking, and find support on a range of social issues. Just bring a bag and a suggested donation of £5*. No one will be turned away.

Tuesday 28th October –

Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving, PO20 2DQ.

Thursday 30th October –

Swanfield Park Community Centre, Swanfield Drive, Chichester, PO19 6TH.

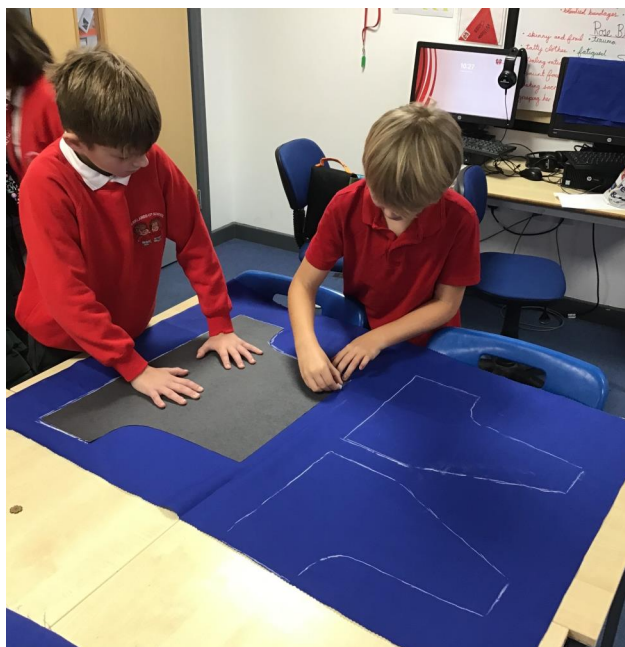
Friday 31st October –

Graylingwell Chapel, Graylingwell Drive, Chichester, PO19 6BZ.

Year 6 Evacuee Day and Museum

Year 6 were proud to show off our amazing work from our World War 2 topic during our gallery afternoon on evacuee day. We spent the week creating our own waistcoats in DT, poems in English and Anderson Shelters in History as we wrapped up this interesting unit.

Thank you to everyone who came to take part - it was a great turnout!



Orchard Class Play Boccia

Orchard class took a trip to play Boccia.

What is play Boccia?

Players aim to throw or roll colored balls as close as possible to a white target ball called the "jack". A team scores points for every ball they have closer to the jack than their opponent's closest ball. The game is played in rounds called "ends," and players can throw, kick, or use a ramp to move the balls.

They had a great time!





Music Award

Parklands has been awarded the  Music Mark  of Recognition for '**Ambition and Quality**' by West Sussex Music

Violin and Viola Lessons - Free Taster Session

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that there is now availability for your child to learn violin or viola at Parklands Community Primary School. I will be offering free trial lessons at the school, where your child will be given an opportunity to try one of these instruments, and see if they may enjoy learning through regular lessons. If you have any questions, or would like to organise a free trial lesson, please email me with your child's name and year group.

I can be reached directly at Mia.shanks@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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!



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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Meet and Chat with FLO



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

- 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!



Family Assembly

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

- 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.



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:

[Customer Portal](#)



[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

Dogs

Please can we ask that dogs are **not kept too close to pedestrian gates**.

Some of our children are exceptionally wary and are getting extremely distressed with having to pass them on the way into or out of the school gates.

Thank you

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

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.

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: 93.81%

Apple: 96.30%

Ash: 95.00%

Beech: 90.36%

Birch: 95.00%

Cedar: 92.33%
Chestnut: 93.21%
Hawthorn: 90.67%
Hazel: 98.67%
Maple: 93.33%
Mulberry: 97.00%
Pear: 93.00%
Pine: 92.22%
Poplar: 92.00%
Walnut: 95.00%
Willow: 91.61%
Forest: 94.00%
Orchard: 90.00%



Congratulations Hazel and Mulberry Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

After Half Term



Week Commencing 3rd November

Monday - children return to school after half term

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

PTA Event - Key Stage 2 Sparklands Bingo

Wednesday

Individual & Sibling Photographs

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Flu Vaccination

Maple Class Assembly

Year 2 - Forest School

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Fitness Friday

Year 6 - Swimming

GrubClub

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner











Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

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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