



Parklands Weekly News 06/11/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a restful half-term break.

It's been a fantastic first week back at Parklands! We've welcomed Miss Smith to the team in the SSC, and it's been lovely to see her settling in so well.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Bingo event—your enthusiasm and generosity, along with the hard work of our wonderful volunteers, made it a great success.

Yesterday, we had some very special visitors—alpacas! The children were absolutely thrilled, and it was heartwarming to see their excitement and curiosity.

Our new topics have launched with great energy: Year 2 brought history to life with their immersive Fire of London experience, Reception have created stunning firework-inspired art,

and Year 1 and the School Council have been busy decorating the school with beautiful poppies in preparation for Remembrance.

A huge well done to Maple Class for their wonderful family assembly—it was a brilliant celebration of learning and confidence.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

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/>

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 on 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.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Many thanks,

The PTA team



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Travelling Book Fair.

We have raised **£240** to spend on books for the school!



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.

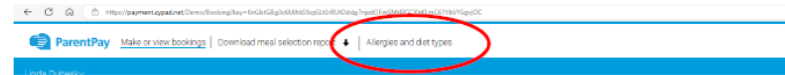
For general support from Chartwells, call **01243 774175**

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

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 and carrots

- DESSERT

Festive Chocolate brownie

Please order by Thursday 4th December. If you booked your child's meal before the Christmas lunch was showing please check to ensure the booking remains.



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



Road Safety Event

A local community warden for the Chichester area is setting up a road safety event opposite the school on 21st November between 2-4pm.

The event is for everyone and will have representatives from the police, fire brigade, ambulance and highway officers as well as council staff.

Its in support of Brakes road safety week:

[Road Safety Week | Brake](#)



Road Safety Week 
by  Brake, the road safety charity

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



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



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:

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

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



External After School Clubs



KTroo runs on **Mondays 3:15-4:15pm** Available to children in the following year groups: 3,4,5 and 6 to book use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dL77DWx3KY>



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



BALLET AT PARKLANDS

BY DANCE AND BEYOND

THURSDAYS | 🕒 3:10- 4:00PM | YEARS 1 - 3

End your day on a high note with the magic of ballet!

Our ballet classes build strength, confidence, and a love of moving with grace!

Each term, we leap into ballet basics and bring stories to life through beautiful music, twirls, and imagination.

COST

Monthly Payments via GoCardless Direct Debit:

19.50 a month (September-July, no payment in August)

- ✓ No large termly invoices simple even payments.



Enrol Now!

DANCE
AND
beyond

danceandbeyond.com

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.

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

Please follow the link for bookings:

[Customer Portal](#)



Wraparound care at Parklands

Please remember to book your child's place before 12noon for same day bookings.

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: 94.06%

Apple: 99.07%

NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 10th November

Monday - ODD SOCK DAY

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Remembrance Day

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Walnut Class Assembly at 2:45pm

Year 2 - Forest School

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - Children in Need - Sports themed Non Uniform

FLO Meet & Chat at 3pm

Year 6 - Swimming

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner





Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

November

Friday 7th November – Fitness Friday

Friday 7th November GrubClub

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

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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