



Parklands Weekly News 13/11/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

This week we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. We started with a whole-school assembly and by wearing our odd socks to show that it's okay to be different. The theme this year is 'Power for Good', and we have been reminding the children what bullying is – and how it differs from falling out or disagreements.

We've also been teaching the children how to use their power for good: to stand up for what is not okay, to speak out if they see unkind behaviour, and to support others in making positive choices. Throughout the week, we've been challenged to carry out acts of kindness, and it's been wonderful to see these in action as I walk around school – from holding doors open to inviting new friends to play.

Well done, Team Parklands – you have been fantastic Parklands FRIENDS!

Well done to Walnut Class for sharing their fabulous learning with their families! It was wonderful to see the children so proud of their achievements and to watch them explain what they've been working on in class. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate their hard work.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Cross Country

Last Fitness Friday the children took part in cross country races.

The children were hugely supportive of their fellow students - cheering them on.

The results are as follows:

Year 6

	Boys	Girls
1	Thomas	Imogen
2	Henri	Alana
3	Stanley	Hannah

Year 5

	Boys	Girls
1	William	Eliza
2	Freddie	Ana
3	Charles	Olivia

Year 4

	Boys	Girls
1	Oliver	Zara
2	Elliot	Poppy
3	Josh	Paisley

Year 3

	Boys	Girls
1	Abel	Amelie
2	Cameron	Alissa
3	Arif	Ella



Odd Sock Day

Odd Socks Day is a day that marks the start of Anti-Bullying week by encouraging people to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and differences. It's a fun and easy way to start conversations about being kind and accepting, and to show that everyone is unique.

The event is organized by the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) and supported by celebrities like [Andy and the Odd Socks](#).



Remembrance Day



Thank you for your support

To Parklands Primary

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £ 567.75

District total App: £30,000.00 so far.









Alpacas visit the SSC!

On Wednesday the SSC were visited by two gorgeous alpacas! The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed learning about alpacas and getting to feed them carrots!









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: 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



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.



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

Christmas in Chichester

Let It Glow – FREE ENTRY

Chichester’s Magical Winter Illumination

8–21 December 2025

Cathedral Green, Chichester

Weekdays: 5.00pm–7.00pm | Weekends: 4.30pm–7.30pm

Step into a world of light and colour this Christmas as Chichester Cathedral’s historic Bell Tower is transformed in *Let It Glow: Chichester’s Magical Winter Illumination*.

Created by MakeAmplify, this free, interactive experience invites visitors of all ages to ‘paint with light’, projecting their creations onto the Cathedral’s walls before exploring glowing installations and festive displays across the Green.

Festive Family Day - FREE

13 December 2025

Across the city

Between 11am and 4.00pm, Chichester’s streets will sparkle with festive joy during the Festive Family Day.

Enjoy free activities, storytelling, crafts and live entertainment across the city centre, including creative workshops, festive characters, and plenty of opportunities to get involved. Families can also take part in the Festive Family Trail – collect stamps from participating locations and redeem a special treat from V2 Radio on East Street.

For more information and other events please follow the link:

[Chichester BID Christmas 2025 - Chichester BID](#)

or for their Christmas Brochure:

[6715_CHIBID_Christmas2025-24ppA5Bro_07-compressed.pdf](#)



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



Reporting your child's absence

If yo 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.



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 last family assembly of the year will be starting at 2:45pm on the following date:

- 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

Tuesday 9th December to Tuesday 13th January

£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!



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: 95.41%

Apple: 96.90%

NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 17th November

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 4 - Forest School

NSPCC Visit Year 2 and 6

Willow Class Assembly

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday

Year 6 - Swimming

Piano Lessons

GrubClub

Superstar Corner







Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

November

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 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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