



# Parklands Weekly News 20/11/2025

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. It has been a rather cold one and the children were very excited to see the snow fall.

A huge well done to Willow Class for their wonderful assembly today, and thank you to Mrs Earnshaw for stepping in to support the children as they showcased their learning so confidently.

This morning, children in Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in important NSPCC workshops, learning about staying safe and making positive choices.

Year 1 launched their new topic *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* with an exciting bikes and scooters day, while Year 4 explored the world of the Mayans by tasting chocolate — what a delicious way to learn! It's been lovely to see children so engaged in their learning quests and really hooking into their topics.

On Monday, we launched our new BrainBest Cards and have been focusing on spotting children who are being a *Parklands Friend*. I wonder how many stickers your child has collected this week? Thank you for your continued support in making Parklands a place where learning is exciting and friendships flourish.

Wishing you all a restful weekend—see you on Monday for another brilliant week of learning!

Kind Regards

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

## Children in Need

The theme for this year's Children in Need was "Challenge Yourself to 25!"

Challenges included 25 star jumps, squats, push ups, Joe Wicks and Pudsey Quiz!

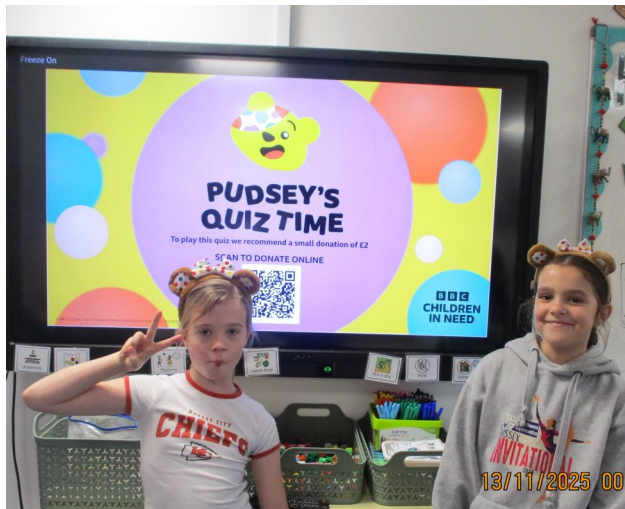
This year we raised **£293.91**

Thank you!

If you would still like to donate directly to Children in Need please follow the link:

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)









## Birthdays

To avoid any allergy/dietary requirements and to fulfil our mission as a healthy school we ask parents not to send in sweets or chocolates to celebrate their child's birthday.

If it is your child's birthday please feel free to send them to school wearing a badge or headband. We also have a weekly celebration assembly where they will stand at the front and their fellow pupils will sing happy birthday.



## POP Play Donations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our outdoor play sessions are full of imagination, but we'd love a few more small world toys to keep the fun flowing. If you're clearing out cupboards, please consider donating items for the children to enjoy.

### Wish List

- Toy animals (farm, jungle, dinosaurs)
- Mini vehicles (cars, trains, tractors)
- Dolls, figures, Barbie dolls, or play people
- Prams and pushchairs for dolls
- Building blocks (Lego, Duplo, wooden sets)
- Play food or kitchen bits

Every little helps to make play richer and more exciting.

Thank you for supporting Pop Play Parklands!



## Ordering your child's photograph

Your child will be bringing home their individual Yellow Photography Proof Cards.

To order please visit:

<https://smileyellow.com/>

Yellow Photography - School Photography Company

Please remember to order your child's photograph **before Tuesday 25th November**.

Your child's **individual Proof Card ID** with their **individual Password** will ensure you receive the correct photograph.

Please contact the school office if you have misplaced these.

These will then be delivered to the school, if you wish for them to be delivered elsewhere, please **call them on 02380 404 070**

Thank you



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



### Message from Chartwells - ordering date reminder

Thursday 27th November is the cut off for ordering of lunches to be taken between 8th & 12th December

Thursday 4th December is the cut off for ordering of lunches to be taken between 15th & 19th December

### 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](#)



## 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:

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## 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](mailto: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:

- 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!



External After School Clubs



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

Please follow the link for bookings:

[Customer Portal](#)



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

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**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.

## New - Musical Theatre

Musical Theatre at Parklands Primary!

We are excited to launch a brand-new Musical Theatre Club,

Reception - Year 3, at Parklands Primary on Tuesdays, 3:15–4:00pm, starting Tuesday 6th January.

Students will explore acting, singing and dance, building confidence, creativity and stage presence in a fun, high-energy environment led by Dance & Beyond's specialist teachers. By joining our club, your child also becomes part of the wider Dance & Beyond family, with opportunities to take part in our Christmas performances, our Summer Dance Show at a professional theatre, plus holiday workshops and other exciting events throughout the year.

[Register with Dance and Beyond | membermeister](#) and complete our online enrollment form and Direct Debit set-up.

We aim to keep payments simple and manageable for families.

- £19.50 per month (September–July; no payment in August)
- Payments are taken monthly via GoCardless
- Your child's place automatically rolls over each term
- Should you wish to stop, we request one full month's notice

For comfort and safety, students should wear:

- Dance and Beyond T-shirt
- Black Leggings
- Jazz Shoes

[Uniform - Dance & Beyond](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at [hello@danceandbeyond.com](mailto:hello@danceandbeyond.com).

We can't wait to welcome your performer!

Kind regards, Veronica Day

BA (Hons), PGCE, RAD RTS, ISTD

Principal, Dance & Beyond

## MUSICAL THEATRE AT PARKLANDS!

BY DANCE AND BEYOND



TUESDAYS | 🕒 3:10- 4:00PM | YEARS R - 3

End your day on a high note with the excitement of Musical Theatre!

Each term, we dive into upbeat routines, character work and storytelling—bringing scenes and songs to life with energy, imagination and plenty of stage sparkle.

### COST

Monthly Payments via GoCardless Direct Debit:

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

- ✓ No large termly invoices simple even payments.



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[danceandbeyond.com](http://danceandbeyond.com)

## 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: 94.52%**

Apple: 96.21%

Ash: 93.00%

Beech: 88.93%

Birch: 92.00%

Cedar: 97.24%

Chestnut: 96.07%

Hawthorn: 95.67%

Hazel: 97.00%

Maple: 92.33%

Mulberry: 97.67%

Pear: 90.00%



NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 24th November

**Monday**

Brass Lessons

**Tuesday**

Fire Service visit Year 2

**Wednesday**

**Year 3 Local Walk**

Woodwind Lessons

**Thursday**

College PE

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

**Friday**

**PTA Event - Non-Uniform CUPS**

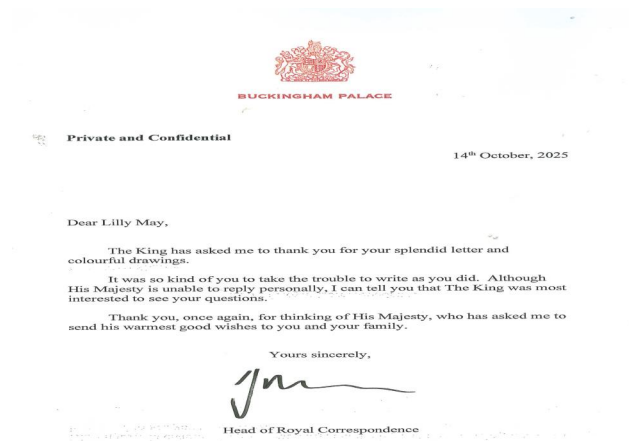
Internet Safety - Year 5 & 6

Year 6 - Swimming

College PE

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner



Dates for Your Diary

**Autumn Term Dates**

Friday 21st November - GrubClub

Wednesday 26th November - Year 3 Local Walk

Friday 28th November – PTA Event – Non-Uniform – Cups for Winter Fair

December

**Wednesday 3rd December - Year 4 Forest School - date swapped from 27th November**

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!**



## Contact Us

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