



Parklands Weekly News 27/11/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a good week. It has certainly been another busy and exciting one here at Parklands!

I've really enjoyed visiting lessons across the school and have been impressed by the fantastic learning taking place. It's been wonderful to see so much maths in action and to listen to children reading with confidence and enthusiasm.

Year 3 had a brilliant time exploring the local environment this week as part of their geography learning. The walk helped them develop their skills in creating sketch maps and understanding their surroundings.

Tomorrow, we have important Internet Safety sessions for Years 5 and 6, reminding children how to stay safe online. Last week, we were delighted to welcome the NSPCC for workshops, which gave children valuable guidance on keeping themselves safe in all aspects of life.

Thank you for your continued support. It's been a lovely week of learning, and I'm proud of all the hard work from both staff and pupils. Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives!

Warm regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Book your Nativity and Carol Concert Tickets

Please remember to book tickets for your child's Christmas show.

The link to the Microsoft form was sent last week and expires on November 30th.

If you cannot access this link or would like to amend your order please email: office@parklands.school

Any bookings received after the closing date will not be able to request extra tickets.



Year 5 Bikeability Form

Please complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible.

Paper copies of the form are available from the office

Daily Mile - Santa Dash



Dear Daily Milers,

Ho Ho Ho! A jolly greeting from The North Pole!

Here at Elf School, we love doing The Daily Mile to keep our minds and bodies healthy all year round.

As you know, me and my elves are very busy this time of year, so it is important that our minds and bodies are ready to focus and concentrate to get our work done! The Daily Mile gives us that important movement break to boost our energy and focus!

Can you join us in celebrating the festive season with a Daily Mile Santa Dash?

On **Friday 5th December**, you will run, wheel or walk for 15 minutes at school and add a little festive sparkle to your Daily Mile.

The elves and I are looking forward to this special day, and we can't wait for you to join in with your own Santa Dash.

Season's greetings and ho ho ho,

Santa

West Sussex Libraries providing FREE Essential Toiletries Kits

As part of our ongoing Cost of Living response, West Sussex Libraries will again be providing Essential Toiletries Kits free to residents. The Essential Toiletries Kits will contain shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, roll on deodorant, toothpaste, adult toothbrush and tissues. All will be in a sealed zip lock bag. Children's toothbrushes will also be available for people to add to the Kits themselves, depending on their needs. They will be available from all [36 libraries](#) and will be on display for anyone to collect.

The Kits will be **available in libraries from Monday 24th November** while stocks last.

Take a look at events at local libraries:

[What's on - West Sussex](#)



Year 3 Geography Walk





Birthdays

Please note that we are a 'healthy school' and therefore we do not wish to have sweets gifted to classes to celebrate birthdays.

This also helps to avoid any allergy/dietary requirements and personal parent preferences.

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.



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.



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](#)

Chichester Cinema at New Park present 'Family Flicks' - a weekend of festive and nostalgic family films from 20-22 Dec where all tickets are just £2.50 each - making it more affordable for families at this time of year. They are also running some special movie-making workshops on topics such as sound effects and set design at £5 per child. [Winter 2025 Season Announced - Chichester Cinema at New Park](#)

ALL
TICKETS
£2.50!

CHICHESTER
CINEMA



Family Flicks!

A GREAT WEEKEND OF
AFFORDABLE FESTIVE FUN!



6 FAMILY FILMS
3 WORKSHOPS
FREE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

DEC 20, 21, 22
CHICHESTERCINEMA.ORG



CHICHESTER CINEMA A weekend of affordable films for the whole family. £2.50 for every seat - children and adults

DEC 20

The Nightmare Before Christmas Wallace & Gromit
A Grand Day Out, A Close Shave
The Wrong Trousers

10.00 - 11.30 12.15 - 13.55




DEC 21

Kensuke's Kingdom E.T.

10.00 - 11.30 12.00 - 14.00




DEC 22

The Jungle Book Wicked: For Good

10.00 - 11.25 12.00 - 14.25




And children's workshops on Sound Effects, Production Design and Stop Motion for £5.00
Visit website for details

 CHICHESTERCINEMA.ORG
NEW PARK ROAD PO19 7XY

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.



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!



New - Musical Theatre Club

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.

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 CoCardless Direct Debit.
19.50 a month (January-July, no payment in August)

No large termly invoices
simple even payments.

Enrol Now!

DANCE beyond
danceandbeyond.com

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.



Enrol Now!

COST

Monthly Payments via GoCardless Direct Debit:

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

- ✓ No large termly invoices simple even payments.

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: 93.36%

Apple: 93.45%

NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 1st December

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Wednesday

Year 4 Forest School

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 3 Forest School

College PE

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Willow class - Meet the Teacher 3:15 - 4:15pm

Friday

PTA Event - Non-Uniform - Bottles for Winter Fair Daily Mile - Santa Dash

Year 6 - Swimming

Fire Service visit Year 2

College PE

Piano Lessons

FLO Meet & Chat 8:50am

GrubClub

Superstar Corner







Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

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 - Daily Mile - Santa Dash

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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