



Parklands Weekly News 04/12/2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

This week began with an assembly on *Togetherness*, reflecting on our core values of respect and creating a nurturing school community. It has been wonderful to see so many children completing their *Brain Best* cards and receiving Headteacher awards and messages home—well done, Parklands! I wonder how many more messages will be sent before Christmas?

This is such a special time of year, with the sound of children singing filling the school. We can't wait to welcome you to our festive productions soon.

A big well done to Year 5 and Year 6 for representing Parklands at the Sports Hall Athletics competition—they showed fantastic sportsmanship and made us proud.

We've enjoyed a double week of Forest School with Years 3 and 4 getting muddy and embracing the outdoors! The weather hasn't been on our side, so we've had to temporarily close the school field, but we hope to reopen it once it dries out.

Tomorrow is PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for bottles or chocolates—thank you for supporting us and helping raise much-needed funds for the school. We'll also be taking part in a *Santa Dash Daily Mile*, so feel free to bring along a festive accessory!

The Fire Brigade will be popping by to visit Year 2, which is always exciting.

Have a fantastic weekend when it arrives, and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Christmas has arrived at Parklands









Theatre visit Year 2

Year 2 were excited to welcome a university student production of 'The Great Fire of London'

It was a wonderful performance with music and confetti thrown into the audience!





Sportshall Athletics Competition

Bishop Luffa and The Regis School held Sportshall Athletics Competitions this week in Chichester and Bognor.

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 that took part, the children gave their all in the events and parents were cheering them on!

Parklands placed 6th out of the eight schools that competed in Chichester.



SSC Christmas Enterprise

We are delighted to inform you that this year the Christmas Enterprise will be returning to the SSC!

For those of you whose children are new to the school this year, the Christmas Enterprise gives the children in the SSC the opportunity to make a variety of Christmas crafts that they are then able to sell to the school in order to raise money for resources for the school.

On **Thursday 11th December** each class will have the opportunity to visit Orchard and Forest classes to purchase a range of delightful handmade Christmas crafts. There will also be games such as Guess the Name of the Christmas Bear and Lucky Dip!

All items and games will cost between 20p and £2, if your child would like to visit the Christmas Enterprise on the 11th please send them to school with some spending money in a named envelope. Please where possible, can your child bring coins rather than notes as this will help the children when calculating totals and change.

Any items that haven't been sold during the day will be available to purchase after school during the last week of term.





Toys from Home

Please can we ask you not to allow your children to bring any toys or teddies from home into school.

Unfortunately, these are a huge distraction to learning, are often lost and cause huge upset to the children.

Fidget toys are only allowed if supplied by our SENCo.

If there is something that the children wish to share, please post a photo on their Seesaw account.



Student in local production

One of our superstar students Mia is performing in 'Nativity! The Musical' at Westbourne house.

Take a look and book tickets on the following link:

[Nativity! The Musical | CAOS](#)



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](#)



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 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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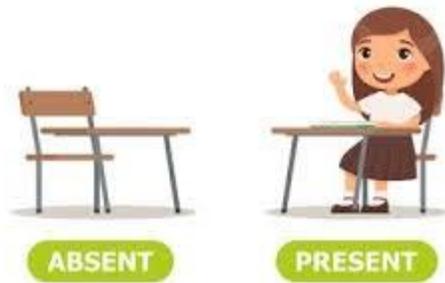


Reporting your child's absence

If you need to report your child's absence from school please use the following email address:

absent@parklands.school

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:

- **TOMORROW - 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!



Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme

The Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme has been designed to take students on a journey from absolute beginner to orchestral musician within a few months, as well as introducing them to the thrill of playing together on stage.

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme is a three term programme (Jan-Dec) for **complete beginners** aged 7 to 11 yrs old (Yr3 to Yr6).

It includes:

- **free instrumental lessons**
- **free instrument loan** for the year
- membership of the **TOP Orchestra**.

The first term is **free*** and terms 2 and 3 are just £78 per term.

*There is a one-off non-refundable booking fee of £10.

Applications for the 2026 Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP26) are now open. Click below to sign up.

[Sign up for TOP26](#)

These are held in numerous locations - follow the link for more information

[Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme - West Sussex Music](#)



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.

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:



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

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.

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

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: 93.79%

Apple: 95.86%

Ash: 90.33%

Beech: 84.59%

Birch: 90.00%

Cedar: 96.90%

Chestnut: 93.21%

Hawthorn: 95.33%

Hazel: 97.00%

Maple: 94.33%

Mulberry: 94.33%

Pear: 96.50%

Pine: 95.00%

Poplar: 99.00%

Walnut: 95.71%

Willow: 90.00%

Forest: 93.83%

Orchard: 98.00%

Tuesday

Last Karate session

EYFS Nativity Production 9:30am

Wednesday

SSC Christmas Enterprise - presale

KS1 Production 2:30pm

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

KS1 Production 9:30am

SSC Christmas Enterprise Sale

Year 3 Forest School

College PE

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Brighton, Hove & Albion last session

Friday**PTA Winter Fair**

Year 6 - Swimming

Year 5 Singing at the Cross

College PE

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner







Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Dates

December

Friday 5th December – PTA Event – Non-Uniform – Bottles or chocolates 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 to SSC Parents 2pm

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Production 9:30am

Thursday 11th December - SSC Christmas Enterprise Sale

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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