



# Parklands Weekly News 11/12/2025

## [Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of talent and celebration across our school!

Our youngest children in Reception delighted us with their very first nativity performance. It was wonderful to see them singing so beautifully and sharing their own version of the Christmas story. To think that just a few months ago they were starting their journey with us. What an incredible achievement! They made us all proud.

Year 1 and Year 2 followed with two fantastic performances, full of storytelling and song. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make these moments so special.

Meanwhile, the SSC have been busy with their enterprise project. It was fantastic to see so many parents visiting, and today the children enjoyed selling their creations to other areas of the school. Their hard work and enthusiasm have really shone through!

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Winter Fayre. Thank you for your continued support in making this such a vibrant and joyful time of year.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

## School Front Door

We are in the process of upgrading the school's front doors.

While we are waiting for this to happen you may have noticed we have applied safety film to the windows as an interim safety measure.



## Reminder PTA - Winter Fayre - TOMORROW

Friday 12th December from 4.30pm until 6.30pm



EYFS Nativity





## Year 1 & 2 Production



## Dodgeball

On Monday year 5 and 6 were invited to represent the Parklands school in a dodgeball tournament held at Chichester High School. The team played incredibly well and as you can see from the pictures they thoroughly enjoyed the tournament!





## Fire Brigade visit Year 2

As part of our Great Fire of London topic, Year Two had a visit from the Fire Brigade! The firefighters told us about the different jobs they do, what number to call them on, how long they get to get ready (90 seconds) and about fire alarms. Please remember to check your alarm at home!

Then we went outside to look at the fire engine and all the equipment it carries! We got to hold some of the tools.....they were heavy! Some of us got to go in the engine and use the hose! We had a brilliant morning and learnt lots! The Firemen were impressed with our knowledge of the Great Fire of London.





## Santa Dash

On **Friday 5th December**, Parklands added a little festive sparkle to our Daily Mile.

The children walked, ran and wheeled around our track wearing Christmas themed clothing or accessories!





## 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](#)



## 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.



## 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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## Mum Fest - Christmas Edition

Mum Fest are holding a Christmas Edition at: North Mundham Village hall

13th December - Time slots 10.30am or 1pm

### **What to expect:**

A Christmas wonderland FULL of amazing parent traders showcasing amazing products and foods 🎅

You'll be able to have 2 hours of fun in

The snow globe bubble house 🌐

World of wheels play 🚗

Soft play for under 5's

Arts and crafts 🧠

Elf hunt 🧝

And a visit to Santa with a Special gift 🎅 📺

Lots of food, drinks and vendors to shop at too!

Pre-book onto Anna Christmas photography an award winning Sussex photographer mini Christmas shoot! 📷

Mini shoots include beautiful Christmas backdrops, professional family photo-shoot in a private room. Time slotted. Includes one photo bit more can be purchased!

Not to mention all the yummy treats, bakes and more to try

Please arrive on time, you'll be given a slot for Santa on arrival.

Book your tickets on the following link:

[Mum Fest Christmas Edition - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

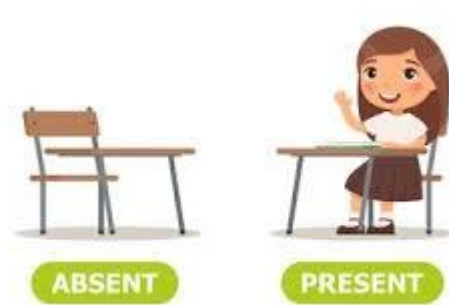


## Reporting your child's absence

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.



## Meet and Chat with FLO



Our FLO would like to invite you to 'meet and chat' on the following Fridays:

- 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](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 | 3:30-4:00PM | 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!**

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## External After School Clubs



**KTroo is moving to Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm**

**Dates:** 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Jan, 5th, 12th Feb 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>

Contact Julia:

Tel No – 07786 671266

Email - juliaktroo@outlook.com



**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

<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.



**Enrol Now!**

### COST

Monthly Payments via GoCardless Direct Debit:

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

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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:

[Hellcats Cheerleaders Parklands Afterschool Club Details | Customer Portal | 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

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: 91.42%**

Apple: 94.83%

Ash: 86.67%

Beech: 80.36%

Birch: 87.00%

Cedar: 94.83%  
Chestnut: 87.50%  
Hawthorn: 95.00%  
Hazel: 98.00%  
Maple: 95.67%  
Mulberry: 92.67%  
Pear: 86.00%  
Pine: 93.89%  
Poplar: 94.00%  
Walnut: 91.43%  
Willow: 90.33%  
Forest: 93.33%  
Orchard: 97.00%



**Congratulations Apple, Cedar and Hazel Classes!**

**You had the best attendance this week!**

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

## NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 15th December

### **Monday**

Elves Workshop

Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert 2:30pm and 6pm

Brass Lessons

### **Tuesday**

Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 2:30pm and 6pm

### **Wednesday**

Year 5 America Day

Woodwind Lessons

### **Thursday**

Christmas Dinner Day

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

**Friday - Children break up for Christmas Holidays**

Christmas Jumper and Class party (pm) Day

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner









## Dates for Your Diary

### **Autumn Term Dates**

December

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 - SSC Swimming

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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