



Parklands Weekly News 18/12/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joyful week it has been at Parklands! Our Christmas celebrations are in full swing, and the school has been buzzing with talent, excitement and festive cheer.

This week, Key Stage 2 pupils delighted us with their wonderful Christmas carol concerts. Their beautiful singing, confident storytelling and impressive solos made each performance truly magical. We were also incredibly impressed with the enthusiastic audience participation, your singing, actions and encouragement added so much warmth to the celebrations and made the concerts feel even more special. A huge thank you to Mrs Gray for her incredible hard work in bringing these events together so brilliantly.

Our PTA have also been spreading festive magic. Both the Winter Fayre and the Elves' Workshop were huge successes—thank you to everyone who attended, supported or volunteered. We are

very lucky to have such a dedicated PTA team, and it has been lovely to welcome so many new parent volunteers getting involved.

Today's Christmas Dinner Day was full of joy, with many excitable children enjoying this special moment with their friends—pulling crackers, sharing laughter and soaking up the festive atmosphere.

And who knows... perhaps Santa may make an early visit to Parklands tomorrow! We will also be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day, so children are welcome to come in non-uniform. In the afternoon, we will be rounding off the term with our class parties, a lovely way to finish the week together.

I wish you all a wonderful winter break. Merry Christmas to those who celebrate, and a happy and healthy 2026 to every one of you.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher



Staff Farewells

As we finish the term, we are saying goodbye to several members of staff.

Mrs Thompson will be stepping back from her senior leadership role at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the children and the wider school community. We are pleased that this is not a full goodbye, as she will be returning in January to support with class cover.

We are also saying goodbye to **Mr Kenny** and **Ms Thurston**. Ms Thurston has been part of Parklands for many years, and we are grateful for the time, commitment and care she has given to the school. We thank them both and wish them well in their next steps.

Finally, **Miss Marshall** has chosen not to return after her maternity leave due to relocating. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

We are grateful to all these colleagues for their contributions to Parklands and send them our warmest wishes.



Year 5 Spreads Christmas Cheer in Chichester!

On Friday 12th December, our Year 5 children took to the Market Cross in Chichester to share their singing with the town. They sang their hearts out, and our objective of spreading Christmas cheer was definitely achieved! We couldn't have been prouder of their enthusiasm, professionalism, and wonderful performances. To make the occasion even more magical, we were even treated to some "snow," adding an extra festive sparkle to the event. A huge thank you to all the children for making the afternoon so memorable and joyful!





Christmas Dinner Day









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Message from the PTA

Elves Workshop

A huge shout out to all the wonderful elf workers who have wrapped 550 gifts for this year! Also, to the wonderful team of elves who came into school on a Sunday to create the workshop and to those who helped to make the workshop run smoothly.

The children's faces lit up when they saw all the decorations, presents and elves.

Truly magical!

We have raised £750 profit from the workshop this year so thank you for taking part!



🎄🎄🎄 Winter Fayre 🎄🎄🎄

We raised nearly £2000 from the Christmas Fayre this year so thank you all for coming along and enjoying the festivities! We have reached our target for the first wave of lockers for the upstairs classrooms and are about £1000 into the next set for wave two.

To all the children who took part in the choir and the dance groups, you were amazing and should feel very proud of yourselves!

Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who came and did a stint on the stalls, you are greatly appreciated! We hope everyone enjoyed the addition of the biscuit decorating, the Christmas activities and hot chocolates.

We have more ideas in the pipeline for next year so if we can continue to have more people willing to volunteer a little time, we can make them happen too!

Lastly, a massive thank you to all the school staff who worked a full day in school and then got involved in the fayre right into the evening. We are very lucky to have such a kind and caring team in school. When you're taking out the bins with the head teacher at 7pm, you know you've got a staff who are willing to go the extra mile.













Please take a look at the PTA website for future PTA events and information:

Merry Christmas everyone

From your PTA team

Year 5 America Day

On Wednesday, Year 5 celebrated the end of their Quest to discover more about North America with a Fantastic Finish. The children explored landmarks found in North America and created adverts encouraging people to visit these iconic locations.

Everyone had great fun making Stars and Stripes hats, wore red, white and blue and explored the animals that live in North America by creating picture maps. To end our day, we shared the work in our Quest Books with our friends from the other Year 5 classes.







SSC Christmas Enterprise

The SSC Christmas Enterprise was a huge success with wonderful handmade gifts for sale.

Thank you to all who supported the sale and sent your children with coins.

They have made a profit of £340.44!

Take a look at the great posters they designed to advertise.



Message from Chartwells

Dear Parents

Children's favourites are on the menu of the day on January 15th 2026.

Please don't delay, review the menu and get your order placed before the end of term.
(Ordering is open from Monday 15th December and closes Thursday 1st January)

January 15th is School Census Day so please support your school by taking up the hot lunch option.

MAINS

Beef Burger

Veggie Nuggets

SIDES Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad

DESSERT Jam Sponge and Custard

www.parentpay.com

If you need support placing your order please contact u73041@compass-group.co.uk

or telephone: 01243 774175

Thank you



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.



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 can be a 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:



Reaching Families - Free Parent/Carer Workshops

Reaching Families is a parent-carer led, grassroots charity which aims to support parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in their daily lives, in particular through the delivery of information, training and peer support. We work with over 3,000 West Sussex families every year through a range of high quality projects and services.

Take a look at our website: [Reaching Families](#)

Lots of free training sessions in the New Year: [Reaching Families Training](#)



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.

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](#)

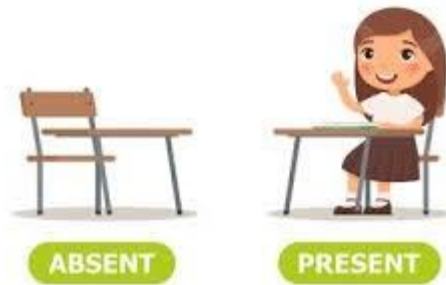


Reporting your child's absence

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:

- 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 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 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



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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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: 90.07%

Apple: 93.79%

Ash: 87.33%

Beech: 75.71%

Birch: 87.33%

Cedar: 86.21%
Chestnut: 86.07%
Hawthorn: 91.00%
Hazel: 94.67%
Maple: 96.00%
Mulberry: 91.00%
Pear: 95.00%
Pine: 88.33%
Poplar: 93.50%
Walnut: 92.50%
Willow: 92.67%
Forest: 94.44%
Orchard: 89.00%



Congratulations Apple and Maple Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next year?

NEXT YEAR



Week Commencing 5th January

Monday - INSET DAY - school closed for children

Tuesday

Children return to school

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 6 Forest School

Violin Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Fitness Friday

Piano Lessons

Superstar Corner













Dates for Your Diary



Please follow the link to our **whole school calendar** page on our **school website**:

[Parklands Community Primary School - Calendar](#)

Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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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