



Parklands Weekly News 08/01/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents Carers,

Happy New Year from Parklands!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and see so many happy faces. I've really enjoyed visiting classrooms this week and watching the children dive into their new learning adventures.

Reception were especially excited to tell me all about the mystery of the missing gingerbread man—I wonder if he'll turn up soon!

Curriculum maps are available on our website, and updated overviews will be shared shortly so you can see what your children are learning this term.

Thank you for your continued support as we start another exciting chapter together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead for our whole Parklands community!

Kind Regards,
Charlotte Angeli
Headteacher

Chat with the Headteacher

We will be holding an informal coffee morning on **Tuesday 13th January from 8:45am until 9:30am.**

This is a great opportunity to meet me, as Headteacher, along with members of our Senior Leadership Team and some of our governors.

We'd love for you to pop by for a cup of tea or coffee—and maybe even a biscuit!



Welcome New Team Members

We are delighted to welcome some new faces to our team this term:

- Miss Podger, who joins us as the new Mulberry Class teacher.
- Mr Harris, who will be teaching our Blossom group.
- Miss Collie, who joins our Nurture team.

We are excited to have them on board and know they will make a wonderful contribution to our school community.



Our Senior Leadership Team

Miss Angeli - Headteacher

Mrs Earnshaw - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Bright - Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion

Miss Laker - Leader of Learning for EYFS and Key Stage 1

Miss Standing - Leader of Learning for Key Stage 2

If you have any problems or anything you would like to discuss please speak to your class teacher initially and then if you still require further support our link leader of learning will be happy to help.

We also have Karen Coles our FLO (Family Liaison Officer) she is available every morning and afternoon to help or pass on messages.



Spring Term Clubs

The club schedule and booking procedure will be sent home tomorrow afternoon. Thank you to the staff giving up their time to offer these clubs!

School CLUBS

Fitness Friday tomorrow January 9th

We have some exciting events planned for our first Fitness Friday of 2026.

Can all pupils come to school **wearing warm PE kit**, no football shirts please.



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Father Christmas at Parklands!

On the last day of term each class had a very special visitor.

Father Christmas arrived to deliver a class present and each child received a chocolate coin or alternative.

These were all supplied by the PTA.

The children were very so excited to see Father Christmas in their school!









Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm in the Hall**

- Hawthorn Class - 29th January
- Hazel Class - 5th February
- Chestnut Class - 12th March

- Cedar Class - 19th March

We look forward to seeing you there.



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.



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!



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.



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.



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.



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](#)



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

**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.
£9.50 a month (January-July; no payment in August)

✔ No large termly invoices
simple even payments.

Enrol Now!

DANCE beyond
danceandbeyond.com

Dance & Beyond - Musical Theatre

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact us at hello@danceandbeyond.com.

We can't wait to welcome your performer!

Kind regards, Veronica Day



Stagecoach run an afterschool club on **Wednesdays** 4:15pm to 5:45pm

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/chichester>

07786 336983

Chichester@stagecoach.co.uk



FOUNDATION

Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation

Football club - on the school field

Day: **Thursday**

School Year 1 - 6

Start Date: 08/01/2026

End Date: 26/03/2026

Weeks: 11

Missing Sessions: February Half Term: 19th February

Please find the booking link below:

<https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&venueId=411&typeId=&postCode=&startDate=DD%2FMM%2FYYYY>

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.



danceandbeyond.com

Dance & Beyond - Ballet

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: 93.92%

Apple: 98.28%

Ash: 90.56%

Beech: 82.72%

NEXT WEEK



Week Commencing 12th January

Monday

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Chat with the Headteacher, Governors and Senior Leadership Team -

- 8:45am - 9:30am in the Community Room

Karate Club

Year 3 Trip to Festival Theatre

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 6 Forest School

College PE

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday

Year 5 Swimming

College PE

Violin Lessons

Piano Lessons

GrubClub

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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