



Parklands Weekly News 15/01/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents / Carer

I hope you have all had a lovely week. Even the wet weather couldn't dampen our spirits here at Parklands. The children have brought such enthusiasm, kindness and joyful learning to every day.

Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Festival Theatre, enjoying a spectacular musical extravaganza that filled them with excitement and inspiration.

We also held our final tour of the year for our future Reception families. It was a pleasure to show them around the school and to see so much brilliant learning taking place across the classrooms.

As part of our ongoing Brainbest journey, we continue to encourage the children to be self advocates and to develop their impulse control skills. This week, teachers have introduced the

Stop, Think, Act strategy, which supports children to pause and make thoughtful choices in a wide range of situations.

I've had lots of children visit my office to share their wonderful work, which is always a highlight of my week. I've been particularly impressed by the Year 6 Caribbean poems, which showed such creativity and thoughtful writing. Many children have also earned their Brainbest stickers and received positive messages home. I wonder who will be next to achieve one next week.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

Mulberry class - Meet the Teacher

Mulberry class parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher'

This will be a great opportunity for you to pop in after school, meet Miss Podger, find out how your child is settling in, and ask any questions you may have.

Date: Tuesday 20th January

Time: 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Location: Mulberry Classroom

We hope you can join us for this informal session.



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.



Year 3 Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Festival Theatre this week to attend a children's concert, where we were lucky enough to have seats right at the front. The children were brilliantly engaged throughout the performance and showed super theatre etiquette, demonstrating respect and attentiveness throughout .

They learnt about the different instruments in an orchestra and were treated to a range of musical delights by the superb Southern Pro Musica Orchestra, conducted by the brilliant Jonathan Willcocks. One of our pupils even had the exciting opportunity to go up on stage and play percussion with the orchestra!

The performance was expertly compered by Neil Henry, who also treated us to some of his magic, adding an extra element of fun and excitement to the concert.

We were incredibly proud of the children for being such fantastic Parklands FRIENDS and representing the school so positively.

A truly memorable musical experience for all!



Our Senior Leadership Team

Miss Angeli - Headteacher

Ms 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.



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!



Join our Team of Cleaners

Are you looking for a rewarding role in a friendly school environment?

Parklands School is excited to announce that we are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic cleaners to join our team! We have both permanent and casual positions available.

Why Join Us?

- Friendly and Supportive Environment: Be part of a welcoming community where your work is valued.
- Casual Position:
- Convenient Hours: Work from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, up to 5 days a week (term time only) and Earn £12.65 per hour.

What We're Looking For:

- Reliability: Consistent attendance and punctuality.
- Hard Work: A strong work ethic and attention to detail.
- Pride in Your Work: A commitment to maintaining a clean and safe environment for our students and staff.

Important Information:

- Safer Recruitment: This position is subject to a DBS check as part of our commitment to safer recruitment practices.

How to Apply: For more information and to apply, please visit [Job search details - West Sussex County Council](#)

Alternatively you can email office@parklands.school or pop into the school office for an application form.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Join us at Parklands School and make a difference!



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.



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.



School Office Opening Times

Our Office team are available **in person** or **by telephone**

Monday to Friday

8:15am until **4pm**

Emails are monitored **9am to 3:30pm**

However, we ask that if your query is urgent and needs to be dealt with before class starts, please telephone **01243 788 630**

If you are sending emails or leaving voice messages outside of school office times, please be aware that relevant information may not be passed on in time for your request to be actioned.

School Office



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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External After School Clubs



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.
19.50 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



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



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.

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

The graphic features two young girls in blue tutus performing ballet moves. It includes a QR code for enrollment and a 'Dance and Beyond' logo at the bottom right.

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.

[Register with Dance and Beyond | membermeister](#) and complete our online enrollment form



Hellcat Cheerleading - Fridays after school until 4:15pm.

Please follow the link for bookings:

[Hellcats Cheerleaders Parklands Afterschool Club Details | Customer Portal | Customer Portal](#)



[Dance Workshops In Chichester - Dance & Beyond](#)

February Half term workshop - K-POP Demon Hunters

Parent Workshops

Supporting self-esteem in children and young people By West Sussex Mind

Online event:

Jan 21 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

[Supporting self-esteem in children and young people Tickets, Wed 21 Jan 2026 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)



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: 94.17%

Apple: 95.17%

Ash: 92.33%

Beech: 89.63%

Birch: 91.00%

Cedar: 93.79%

Chestnut: 88.57%

Hawthorn: 98.00%

Hazel: 95.00%

Maple: 95.52%

Mulberry: 97.59%

Pear: 98.00%

Pine: 96.67%

Poplar: 89.58%

Walnut: 97.50%

Willow: 95.67%

Forest: 86.67%

Orchard: 98.00%

Tuesday

Karate Club

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 6 Forest School

College PE

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday

Year 5 Bikeability

College PE

Violin Lessons

Piano Lessons

Meet and Chat with FLO - 3pm in the Community Room

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!**



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September – INSET day school closed for pupils

Wednesday 2nd September – children return to school

Friday 23rd October – children break up for half term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – children return to school

Friday 18th December – children break up for the holidays

Monday 21st December – Friday 1 st January 2027 – school holidays

Spring term 2027

Monday 4th January – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th January – children return to school

Friday 12th February – children break up for half term

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February – half term

Monday 22nd February – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 23rd February – children return to school

Thursday 25th March – children break up for the holidays

Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April – school holidays

Summer term 2027

Monday 12th April – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 13th April – children return to school

Friday 28th May – children break up for half term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – half term

Monday 7th June – children return to school

Wednesday 21st July – children break up for the holidays



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