



# Parklands Weekly News 26/02/2026

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year! This week, the children have returned full of energy and ready to learn.

We began the week with our assembly launching our new FRIENDS value for the term: E for Excellence. We are focusing particularly on excellence in presentation, and I have already seen so many children taking great pride in the quality of their work.

As part of our BrainBest journey, we also talked in assembly about energy and emotional regulation. Throughout the term, we will be helping the children understand how to recognise their own energy levels and emotions, and how to adjust them so they are ready for the task ahead. This is an important life skill, and we are excited to support them in developing their readiness to learn.

Parents' Evenings are coming up soon, please see below for booking information.

Next week is one of my favourite weeks of the whole school year, Book Week! This year it is themed around *Kindness*, and we can't wait to see which characters come to life on Wednesday when the children dress up. Please note the change of date, which we hope will make things easier for everyone.

A huge thank you to the PTA team and all the staff who supported Movie Night. The smell of hot dogs drifting down the corridor and the smiles on the children's faces made it such a lovely, relaxed evening.

Finally, well done to Year 3 and Year 4, who have started their cricket workshops with *Chance to Shine*. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead.

Kind regards,

*Charlotte Angeli*

Headteacher

## Henry Adams World Book Day Competition

We are delighted to announce our **World Book Day Competition 2026** when we will be giving away 3 Lego books per school.

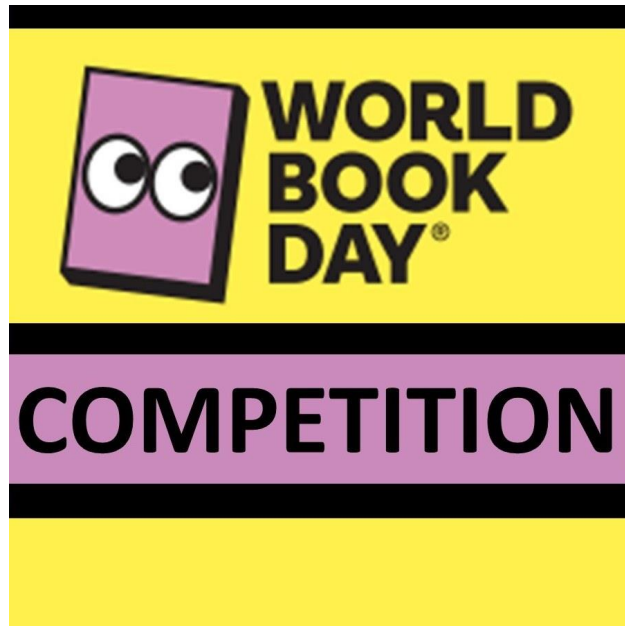
1 book for years R-2, 1 book for years 3-4 and 1 book for years 5-6.

We invite your children to make an item of **Transport Inspired by Books**, and as before, the challenge will be to make it all from reclaimed materials and things they already have at home.

The entries can be **returned to school from Monday 2nd March 2026** or alternatively you can **take them into Henry Adams** and receive a free packet of sweets.

Prize giving will be on 12th March.

Please ensure all entries have a **name, year group and school** attached your model.



## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings take place on Wednesday 11th March 3.30 to 7pm and Thursday 12th 3.30 to 5.30. Bookings open tomorrow 27th February at 9pm and close at 9pm on 8th March. Please log in to your My Child at School app to make the booking.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are interested in standing for election as one of the school parent governors, please complete the attached nomination form.

You will need to obtain the signature of two parents/legal guardians who support your nomination.

You must also include a brief election statement.

Please submit your nomination by end of school - **Friday 27th February 2026.**



## [World Book Day at Parklands](#)

This year, Parklands will be celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 4th March**, and its theme will be '**Reading for pleasure**'.

Children can bring in their favourite book and dress as their favourite book character.

They can share their favourite stories with their reading buddies.

We love to see the range of story book characters parading through the gates in the morning but please do not feel the need to buy new costumes - use your imagination and items from home. Dressing up can be as simple as wearing a school uniform, an orange scarf and a long black cape or robe. Other popular characters include Enid Blyton's The Famous Five, who just dress-up in regular clothing.

### [Dressing-up Ideas for Parents and Carers This World Book Day](#)

Each child will receive a £1 token that can be used against any book bought at the Travelling book fair.

The book fair will be in school from the 10th March until 16th March.





## Community Reminder

At Parklands, we teach our children every day about kindness, respect, and positive communication. One of the most powerful ways they learn these skills is by watching the adults around them.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers:

When we speak to one another with courtesy, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times, we show our children how respectful relationships look in real life. A calm word, a smile, or a moment of patience can make all the difference.

Thank you for helping us model the values we want our children to carry with them. Together, we continue to build a warm, welcoming community for everyone.



## Screen-Free Childhood Coffee Morning – 24th April, 9:00am

Some of our families have recently expressed interest in learning more about the growing movement that encourages a more mindful approach to children's screen use.

Organisations such as **Smartphone Free Childhood** highlight the value of time to play, space to grow, and opportunities for real-world connection, offering resources and stories from families who are exploring healthier digital habits together.

To support parents who would like to connect, share experiences, or simply find out more, we will be hosting a relaxed coffee morning on **Friday 24th April at 9:00am** with our FLO.

We warmly invite any parent or carer who is curious about the initiative to come along, meet others, and take a look at the information available on the movement's website at their own pace. [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)



Be Yourself Non-Uniform Day









## West Sussex Wastebusters

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to be taking part in the *West Sussex Recycle it Right Competition 2026* – and we'd love your help to climb the leaderboard and win brilliant prizes for our school!

The competition is now live and runs until **midday on 3 July**. Every completed quiz earns points for our school – and the more we collect, the closer we get to winning!

### Here's how your family can take part:

1. Register for a **free family account** here: <https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/competitions/> and sign up each of your children.
2. Children play the fun, interactive *Wastebuster Star Quiz* to learn how to recycle right.
3. Each completed quiz earns **1 Planet Care Point** for our school.

Every completed quiz counts – and **anyone in West Sussex can take part on our school's behalf**, whether or not they have a child here. So please invite friends, grandparents and neighbours to

get involved too. The more people we reach, the more points we earn – and smaller schools like ours have a great chance to win!

**Prizes for the winning school include:**

- A Captain Busta Puppet Mascot
- A celebration assembly with West Sussex Wastebusters
- A compost bin or hot bin
- A school trip to the Ford Materials Recycling Facility (with transport)
- A Recycle it Right Schools Award certificate

**Plus, monthly prize draws for families!**

Every child who completes the quiz is entered into a prize draw to win exciting family rewards, including smart green science games, eco-themed toys, and STEM activity kits. A full list of prizes can be found on the competition page.

**Visit the Recycle it Right competition webpage for full**

**details:** <https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/competitions/>

This is a fantastic, fun and enriching way to help your child understand recycling and how to care for the environment – and it's a homework activity the whole family can enjoy.

Thank you for supporting our school and the planet.

Best wishes,

Parklands School Council



## 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**

- Chestnut Class - 12th March
- Cedar Class - 19th March

We look forward to seeing you there.



## External After School Clubs



**Southern Karate Organisation** EMAIL: [info@southernkarate.org](mailto:info@southernkarate.org) to book your place

**Tuesdays at 7:45am**

Reception to Year 6 - £6 per session - PAY AS YOU GO



**Dance & Beyond - Musical Theatre**

**Tuesdays**, 3:15–4:00pm. Reception - Year 3.

**Dance & Beyond - Ballet**

**Thursday** after school 3:10-4:00pm. Available for children in years 1,2 and 3.

[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](mailto:hello@danceandbeyond.com)



**Stagecoach** run an after school 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)



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

Available to children in the following year groups: 3,4,5 and 6

**To bring:** Long thick socks, water bottle to book use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dL77DWx3KY>

Contact Julia: 07786 671266 email - [juliaktroo@outlook.com](mailto:juliaktroo@outlook.com)



**Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation**

**Thursday Football club** - on the school field

School Year 1 - 6

End Date: 26/03/2026

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>



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

Please follow the link for bookings:

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

## 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.

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: 92.46%**

Apple: 92.92%

Ash: 92.08%

Beech: 87.50%

Birch: 89.17%

Cedar: 96.98%

Chestnut: 92.41%

Hawthorn: 88.75%

Hazel: 94.17%

Maple: 93.75%



Next Week



Week Commencing 2nd March

**Monday**

**Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm**

Year 5+6 All Rise Workshop

Brass Lessons

**Tuesday**

Year 5+6 All Rise Workshop

Karate Club

**Wednesday - World Book Day - dress up day**

Woodwind Lessons

**Thursday**

Year 2 Chichester Festival Theatre Workshop

Year 3 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

## **Friday**

### **GrubClub**

Year 5 Swimming

College PE

Violin Lessons

Piano Lessons

## 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**

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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