



# Parklands Weekly News 05/03/2026

## [Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolute joy this week has been! World Book Day truly is one of my favourite events of the year, and this one certainly didn't disappoint! It was wonderful to see so many children arriving at school filled with excitement, proudly dressed as their favourite book characters. The creativity, colour, and imagination across the school were a delight to see.

A huge thank you to all parents and staff for making World Book Day such a success. The homemade costumes, the effort, and the enthusiasm shown across the whole school community are truly appreciated. It is this shared commitment that brings our vision for reading to life.

As this is our *Year of Reading*, it's especially important to us that children develop a real love of books and read for pleasure. With that in mind, we are very pleased to be holding our Book Fair next week, which will also be open during Parents' Evening. Every book purchased helps the

school earn rewards, allowing us to buy even more fantastic books for our library, so your support really does make a difference.

This week, Year 3 also enjoyed a wonderful trip to Butser Ancient Farm, where they deepened their understanding of the Stone Age. The children took part in hands-on activities, explored ancient structures, and were able to connect their classroom learning to real-life experiences. They returned full of enthusiasm and fascinating facts! A heartfelt thank you to the parent volunteers who attended and supported the trip—we truly appreciate your time and help in making these opportunities possible.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were also outstanding this week when they took part in the All Rise workshop. We were joined by a visiting lawyer who led the children through a mock trial of *Goldilocks*. Their confidence, questioning skills, and persuasive arguments were incredibly impressive. I'm convinced we have several future lawyers in our midst! I thoroughly enjoyed taking on the role of judge and keeping the courtroom in order.

Today, Year 2 had the pleasure of working with the Chichester Festival Theatre, who visited to share some of the stories they have been developing. The children were completely enthralled and fully immersed in the imaginative worlds being presented to them. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they offered thoughtful feedback.

Finally, if you haven't yet booked your Parents' Evening appointment, please do so, we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine, I hope it lasts.

Kind regards,

*Charlotte Angeli*

Headteacher

## Parents Evenings

Parents' evenings take place on Wednesday 11th March 3.30pm to 7pm and Thursday 12th 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Bookings open 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.



## Free Parent Workshop

### **Supporting my child to emotionally regulate.**

This workshop explores the importance of emotional regulation and what is developmentally appropriate for children at different ages. It supports parents in recognising behaviour as a form of communication and introduces healthy, constructive ways to respond and manage behaviour effectively.

This will be held in the Community Room on **Friday 6th March, 9am -10am**

To **book a space** please email [flo@parklands.school](mailto:flo@parklands.school)



## Travelling Book Fair

The book fair will be available to browse after school between the 10th March until 16th March.

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

One token per child, per book.

Payments are made online: [Parent payments - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

or by scanning the QR code at the fair.

You will need the school Post Code PO19 3AG - this will also be displayed at the fair.

We cannot accept cash payments.

[Chapter One – free readings and home learning resources from your favourite authors - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

[The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)



## Reception - Stay and Play

Please see the following dates for Apple and Ash class 'stay and play' sessions:

- Maths Focus - Thursday 26th March 2:30-3pm
- Understanding the World / Communication & Language Focus - Tuesday 19th May 2:30-3pm
- Celebration Picnic - Thursday 9th July 2:15-3pm

These sessions are a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you and to find out how you can best support them at home.



## Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We would love the opportunity to be able to share with you the way that the National Phonics Screening Check is delivered in school and how you can support your child at home.

There will be a workshop for parents/carers on **Thursday 26th March at 9am** in the studio.

During this meeting, we will share with you:

- An overview of the Phonics Screening Check
- How we administer the check at school
- How we prepare the children for the check
- Ideas on how you can help your child at home

We do hope this meeting will be beneficial to you and your child. Please complete this form to let us know if you are able to attend: [Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop – Fill in form](#)

# Learning about Phonics

## Corporate Challenge

### Annual Corporate and Inter-Schools Road Running Challenge

#### [Corporate Challenge – Chichester Runners & AC](#)

A unique series of evening road races for all ages and abilities, run around Chichester city centre. Distances range from 1400m for primary school pupils up to 4.5km for adults.

[Online entry is open](#) again for the remaining two race nights (11th & 25th Mar 2026)



## Year 2 - Continents Day

Year Two had a great start to their new topic 'Continent Detectives'. They each had a passport and visited each continent around the world, completing different activities that included; dancing, food tasting, map work, flags, wildlife, art and music.

All the children looked fabulous as they came dressed as a country of their choice. We even had our own Welsh Dragon, who brought the gift of Welsh cakes! Yum!







## Year 5 & 6 - All Rise Workshop

Parklands were privileged to have an All Rise workshop sponsored by a local business.

In this workshop, All Rise! delivered an immersive and engaging introduction to law, the role it plays in our everyday lives and how the justice system works.

They look at how laws are created, the importance of evidence and how to assess it, the criminal legal system, sentencing and how the parole system works.

This workshop culminates in a mock 'crown court' trial where all the students take part. There are barristers, jurors, court reporters, court artists and even some disgruntled members of the public gallery!

There are five group activities (as well as the trial) where the pupils will develop some key 'soft skills' (team-working, creativity, problem solving, critical reasoning and resilience) and the workshop will highlight the importance of oracy – the art of using language effectively and persuasively.

Thank you to all involved, the children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### [Workshops - All Rise!](#)





"I like learning about how the different court worked." Nathan, Year 5

"I really liked playing a role in the Goldilocks. It was really fun." Phoebe, Year 5





The children had a very engaging morning answering questions and finding out about English law. The fun was fast paced and the 'evidence gathering' activity was entertaining. In the afternoon, the children took part in the trial of Goldilocks. The information given prior was excellent and helped the children prepare for their roles. The children really got into the spirit of the drama and got a feel for how court trials work.







World Book Day at Parklands



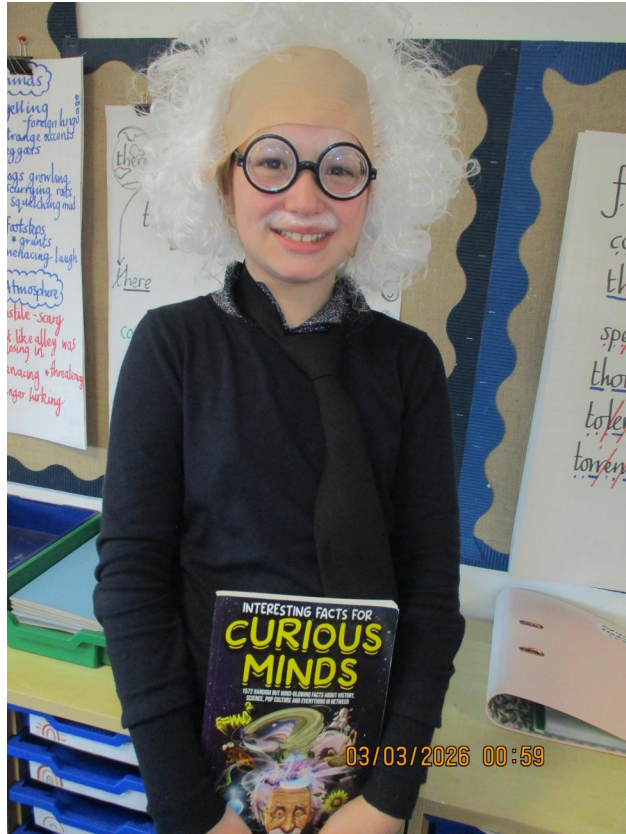




















## Henry Adams World Book Day Competition

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

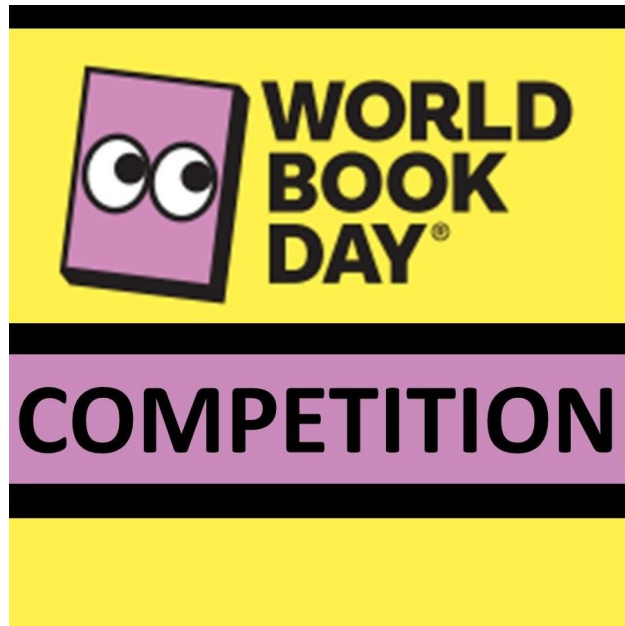
1 book for years R-2, 1 book for years 3-4 and 1 book for years 5-6.

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.



## 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.



## 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



## 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 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%2FMMM%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: 93.86%**

Apple: 94.18%

Ash: 92.00%

Beech: 85.51%

Birch: 93.67%

Cedar: 94.14%

Chestnut: 96.43%

Hawthorn: 92.67%

Hazel: 97.33%

Maple: 96.13%



## Next Week



Week Commencing 9th March

### **Monday**

Brass Lessons

### **Tuesday - Travelling Book Fair**

Karate Club

### **Wednesday - Parents Evening**

Book Fair

Woodwind Lessons

### **Thursday - Parents Evening**

Book Fair

SSC Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Henry Adams Book competition prize assembly

Year 3 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

### **Friday**

Book Fair

Year 5 Swimming

College PE

Violin Lessons

Piano Lessons

**Saturday - Production Club rehearsals**

**1:15pm–4:15pm.**

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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