



Parklands Weekly News 12/03/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening last night. We hope to see a few more of you later on today. If you haven't managed to see your child's class teacher then please contact the office and our teachers will be happy to schedule an appointment.

Well done to all children who took part in the corporate challenge last night, we are looking forward to popping down to support you all next time. Miss Thomson told me how proud of you she was. Great job, Team Parklands!

The SSC had a lovely time at Fishbourne Roman palace. I am sure they learnt lots about the Roman times to complement their topic.

Have a lovely weekend, when the time arrives.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

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](#)

During Parents Evening it will be in the corridor, the rest of the time it will be in the community room.





PC Pack visits Reception

Reception class had a very exciting visitor last week!

PC Pack came in to discuss the role of Police Officers in keeping everyone safe and showed them all the equipment officers carry.

The children enjoyed trying on the uniform and then incorporated police rescues into their role play!





Henry Adams World Book Day Competition

World Book Day Competition 2026 Winners were chosen this morning in assembly.

We had a wonderful array of transport inspired entries from children throughout the year groups, all made from reclaimed materials and things they already had at home. Well done to Remy, Lizzie, Reuben and Daisy.





Red Nose Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that 🎤🌟 **Parklands Got Talent** 🎤🌟 will be taking place this month, organised by our School Council to raise money for Comic Relief.

This fun and inclusive event gives children the opportunity to share their talents with the school community while supporting a fantastic cause.

Auditions will be held in school on **Tuesday 17th March**. Each class will watch the performances and vote for one act to represent them in the final.

The **Grand Final** will take place on **Friday 20th March (Red Nose Day)** in the school hall. Finalists will perform in front of the whole school as we celebrate the wonderful talents across our school.

Children may choose to sing, dance, perform drama, play an instrument, tell jokes, perform magic, or showcase another special skill. Acts should be appropriate for a primary school audience and kept to a reasonable length.

To support this charity we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on Friday 20th March please. All money raised will go directly to Comic Relief to support people facing difficult circumstances in the UK and around the world.

We are looking forward to an entertaining and meaningful Red Nose Day celebration.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Parklands School Council



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](#)

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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 for the last race 25th March will open soon



Tea and Chat with Mrs Bright

Dear Parents / Carers

If your child has an Educational Health Care Plan you are invited to a 'tea and chat' with Mrs Bright our Head of Inclusion to discuss the new education white paper.

This will be on Wednesday **15th April at 2:30pm**



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 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



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



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



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: 93.93%

Apple: 97.59%

Ash: 89.67%

Beech: 82.50%

Birch: 92.33%

Cedar: 95.17%

Chestnut: 98.21%

Hawthorn: 96.00%

Hazel: 96.00%

Maple: 95.52%

Mulberry: 97.93%

Pear: 90.00%

Pine: 95.56%

Poplar: 92.86%

Walnut: 96.85%

Willow: 93.00%

Forest: 91.11%

Orchard: 93.00%



Congratulations Chestnut and Mulberry Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 16th March

Monday - Book Fair

Year 1 Trip to Weald and Downland

SSC Trip to Chichester College

Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Parklands Got Talent - Auditions

Fire Brigade Visit Reception

Shakespeare Rocks Production 6pm

Karate Club

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Year 4 Forest School

Cedar Class Assembly

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - Parklands Got Talent - FINAL

Year 4 Trip to the Mary Rose

Year 5 Swimming

GrubClub

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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