



# Parklands Weekly News 19/03/2026 A

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good week.

This week, Year 1 visited the Weald and Downland Museum. The children had an amazing time, and I received a lovely email from the museum complimenting their behaviour. Thank you to the team for organising the trip, to the members of staff who kindly swapped their working days, and to our parent volunteers for helping the visit run so smoothly.

The highlight of my week has been Production Club's performance of *Shakespeare Rocks*. The children were fantastic—I really enjoyed watching them act, sing and dance, and it was wonderful to see them having so much fun working together as a team. Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Hill for their dedication in running Production Club and for giving up so much of their time.

Congratulations to Cedar and Chestnut Class for their class assemblies. It is lovely to see how much they have learned.

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day, and I am really looking forward to the talent show. The School Council came up with this brilliant idea, and it has created so many lovely opportunities and

memories for our children. I wonder who our finalists will be! Well done to everyone who has taken part.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

## Year 1 Trip to Weald & Downland

Year 1 enjoyed their first school trip to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum on Monday. We began our adventure on a double decker bus which the children found very exciting. They enjoyed a workshop, learning how bread is made and had a go at making some themselves. They saw the water mill in action and ground some wheat to make flour. After exploring the houses and farm buildings they fed the ducks and saw some other farm animals. We had a wonderful day and have received a lovely message from the Weald and Downland saying how well behaved the children were.













## Year 3 Trip Butser Farm

Year 3 were lucky enough to not only go to Butser Farm, but to go on a sunny Monday!

Throughout the day we were able to explore stone age buildings and artefacts.

The children thoroughly enjoyed becoming archaeologists and digging up ancient artefacts before considering what this told us about stone age life.

They also made their own wattle fence and carved into chalk!







## Shakespeare Rocks!

We are so proud of our Production Club for their performance of Shakespeare Rocks. They really did an incredible job, bringing so much energy, enthusiasm and confidence to the stage - especially given how much they achieved in such a short time!

The acting was brilliant, with every single performer having their moment to shine, and the singing was full of life and excitement. Our soloists and instrumentalists were fantastic and added something really special to the whole production.

A huge thank you and well done to the children, and to Mrs Glanville, working behind the scenes with props and sound - they were so efficient, professional and absolutely vital in making everything run smoothly. We're also very grateful to Chichester Festival Theatre for kindly lending us the props.

Thank you to all the children and parents for your commitment over the Spring term - staying until 5pm every Monday and giving up a Saturday afternoon is no small thing, and it really showed in the final performance.

Finally, thank you also to parents for all the lovely feedback afterwards - it genuinely means a lot. It was definitely worth all the hard work, and we couldn't be prouder of the children!

Mrs Gray and Mrs Hill









## 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 race night - 25th Mar 2026



## SEND White Paper 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 SEND 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](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)



**FOUNDATION**

**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: 94.56%**

Apple: 92.41%

Ash: 86.33%

Beech: 87.86%

Birch: 95.33%

Cedar: 97.93%

Chestnut: 97.14%

Hawthorn: 93.67%

Hazel: 98.00%

Maple: 94.48%



## Next Week



Week Commencing 23rd March

**No Teacher - led clubs this week**

**Monday - PTA Easter Craft for Key Stage 1**

Brass Lessons

**Tuesday - PTA Easter Bingo for Key Stage 2**

Fire Brigade visit Reception classes

Karate Club

EYFS Stay and Play - Maths theme

**Wednesday**

Woodwind Lessons

Last Corporate Challenge

**Thursday**

**Year 6 Parent SATs meeting 2:45pm**

Year 1 Parents Phonics workshop

Bookfest Cinema Trip

Year 4 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

### **Friday - Last Day of Term**

Year 4 Tudor Day

Year 5 Swimming

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

#### **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 1st 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 1st 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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