



# Parklands Weekly News 23/04/2026

## [Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

We have welcomed lots of visitors into school this week, all of whom commented on how wonderful our children are and how welcoming they were. It has been a real pleasure to hear such lovely feedback.

With the sun shining, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic session at Forest School, and there has been so much learning taking place across the school, from exciting science experiences to cooking activities. It really has been a joy to show off our lovely school and the fantastic learning that happens here every day.

Well done to everyone who took part in Fitness Friday last week. I was very impressed with the teamwork shown as the children completed their mini marathons.

Finally, good luck to Miss Thomson, who will be running in the London marathon this weekend. We will be thinking of you and keeping an eye out on our TVs!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher

## A Kind Reminder About Parking

We would like to gently remind parents and carers to park **safely and considerately** at drop-off and collection times.

Local residents have shared concerns about parking on grass verges, blocked access to homes, engines left running, and vehicles travelling too quickly. We know everyone is busy, but small choices make a big difference.

Please help by:

- Parking legally and avoiding grass verges and driveways
- Driving within the 20mph speed limit
- Switching off engines while waiting
- Showing patience and respect to others

Children learn from what they see, and modelling kindness and responsibility matters.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and positive for everyone.



## Screen Free Childhood coffee and chat

You are invited to come along and share your views on Smartphone and Screen Free childhoods in an informal coffee and chat with other parents.

**Date: Friday 24th April**

**Time: 9am**



## New telephone number for Wraparound Care

If you need to contact Breakfast club or Afterschool Club (Hideout) **whilst your child is attending** during the hours of 7:30am to 8:30am and 4pm to 6pm.

please call their new number : **07715 580 444**



## Young Voices January/February 2027

Thank you to the pupils who have already expressed an interest in joining the Young Voices Choir starting in September.

If your child will be in year 4, 5 or 6 from September 2026 and would like to join, please complete this form:

[Young Voices expression of interest](#)



For more information regarding Young Voices please follow the link:

[YV 2027 Tour | Young Voices](#)

## Reception - Stay and Play

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

- 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.



## Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing this term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm**

- Beech Class - 7th May
- Birch Class - 21st May

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Year 4 Ukulele Showcase – Save the Date

Please save the date for our Year 4 Ukulele Showcase this June.

The children have been working incredibly hard developing their ukulele skills and are looking forward to performing for parents and carers of Maple and Mulberry .

- Maple Class: Monday 15th June
- Mulberry Class: Tuesday 16th June

both at 2:45pm in the school hall.

We hope you can join us to celebrate their progress and enjoy their performances.



## Recycle your Batteries

We have a battery recycling box in the school office reception area.

Please use this to recycle any; AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button batteries by handing them into the office.

We are also able to exchange the batteries for books for school.



## Fitness Friday

Last Fitness Friday we held a "Road to the Marathon" activity linked to the upcoming London Marathon on Sunday 26th April.

Children worked in mixed fitness ability relay groups of 6 children during a 20-minute outdoor timeslot.

Each group aimed to complete a total of 26 laps of the Daily Mile (each lap will represent one mile), deciding together how to split the laps between them so they could successfully reach 26.

The children had a great day - well done to all of them.







## PTA Annual General Meeting

The school PTA will be holding their AGM at The Harbour Hotel, Chichester on Sunday 17th May at 8:00pm

We invite you to come along to support the PTA and bring any ideas you may have.

If you can make it to the meeting and make sure we book a large enough area, please let the PTA know by emailing:

[ptaparklands@gmail.com](mailto:ptaparklands@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Parkands PTA Team.



## External After School Clubs



**KTroo is now on MONDAYS 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)



**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)



## **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

### **St Wilfrid's Car Park**

**Please remember that this is the Church property and they can close the car park at any time due to private functions.**

Can we remind all 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.

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 **Allergy Aware 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.



## Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

**Whole School: 95.28%**

Apple: 96.90%

Ash: 89.67%

Beech: 89.64%

Birch: 95.67%

Cedar: 99.31%

Chestnut: 99.29%

Hawthorn: 94.33%

Hazel: 99.33%

Maple: 98.97%

Mulberry: 93.79%

Pear: 94.29%

Pine: 94.44%

Poplar: 98.57%

Walnut: 95.52%

Willow: 93.67%

Forest: 86.67%

Orchard: 92.00%



Karate Club

### **Wednesday**

Bruce Grove Parent Meeting 2:45pm

Woodwind Lessons

### **Thursday**

Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

Year 3 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Year 2 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

### **Friday 1st May**

GrubClub

Year 4 Swimming

Violin Lesson

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 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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