



Parklands Weekly News 30/04/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

The highlight of my week has been spending time in our Reception classes, Apple and Ash. It has been an absolute joy to watch the children grow through their learning and play. I was so impressed by their reading and writing, and by how much they enjoyed sharing their discovery time with me. We also had a visit from an advisor, who was equally impressed and is keen to use our setting as an example of such wonderful practice.

Today, Year 3 went out on a school trip to the Roman Palace. We are so lucky to have such fantastic opportunities close to our school, which really help to complement their learning.

I hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Kind Regards,
Charlotte Angeli
Headteacher

David Attenborough Day!

On **Friday 8th May**, our school will be coming off timetable to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough.

The day will honour his extraordinary life and lifelong dedication to understanding and protecting the natural world.

Sir David Attenborough has inspired generations through his documentaries, helping people to appreciate the beauty of our planet.

During the morning, pupils will enjoy an art-focused session, exploring artists inspired by nature and creating their own work. These pieces will be displayed in a gallery running through the school.

In the afternoon, children will turn their attention to action, considering how small changes can make a big difference.

Activities may include litter picking, gardening, and other practical projects to support our school and the wider Parklands community.

Pupils are invited to come to school in ***non-uniform*** to help mark the occasion.

Children may wear blue or green, or dress as a mini explorer, an animal, or habitat inspired by the natural world.

We are looking forward to a meaningful, creative, and inspiring day for everyone!





Strawberry Allergies



To accommodate significant strawberry allergies in our school community, we would appreciate it if you could avoid packing fresh strawberries and any pre-packaged items that list "strawberry" in the ingredients for your child's snack or lunch box.

for example: yoghurts, jellies, jam and snack bars.

Thank you.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary school

You are invited to a parent workshop to help support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.

Tuesday 30th June at 9am

PARENTING WORKSHOP

For Year 6 Parents

Helping you support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.

- UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION**
What to expect when moving to secondary school.
- SUPPORT THEIR WELLBEING**
Practical ways to support confidence, resilience and emotional health.
- BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS**
Tips for positive communication and staying connected as your child grows.
- YOU'RE NOT ALONE**
Share experiences, ask questions and connect with other parents.

Together, we can help our children grow with confidence and thrive.

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE
AT 9AM | IN SCHOOL

Supporting you. Supporting your child. Together. ♥

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.



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

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Parkands PTA Team.



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.



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**



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



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



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

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: 94.71%

Apple: 97.59%

Ash: 92.00%

Beech: 87.50%

Birch: 92.67%

Cedar: 97.59%

Chestnut: 94.29%

Hawthorn: 94.33%

Hazel: 98.67%

Maple: 95.17%

Mulberry: 94.90%

Pear: 95.24%

Pine: 95.56%

Poplar: 96.67%

Walnut: 96.55%

Willow: 94.41%

Forest: 90.00%

Orchard: 94.00%



Congratulations Apple, Cedar and Hazel Classes!

You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 4th May

Monday - Bank Holiday - school closed

Tuesday

Karate Club

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Beech class Family Assembly

Year 5 Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday - David Attenborough 100th Birthday

Leisure Centre closed for the election count - **NO** 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 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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