



Parklands Weekly News 14/05/2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

This week has very much been focused on our Year 6 pupils, who have worked incredibly hard during their SATs and truly tried their very best. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

The rest of the school has shown great kindness and consideration, moving around the building calmly and respectfully so that Year 6 could concentrate. It has been a real pleasure to see everyone come together in support of one another.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our teachers and support staff who came in early to provide Year 6 with a lovely breakfast each morning. It has been such a positive way for the children to start the day, giving them time to relax and spend time with their friends before their tests.

For the remainder of the term, Year 6 will be continuing to work hard to complete the primary curriculum and prepare for their transition to secondary school. They have now received their leavers' hoodies, which they can wear as they enter their final half term at primary school, a lovely milestone. Well done to you all.

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon with Year 6 yesterday, with the older pupils taking on the role of sports ambassadors. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of fun sporting activities together.

Our teachers also had an engaging training session last night, focusing on athletics and exploring new games and techniques to share with the children.

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Emsworth, which complemented their geography learning on coasts beautifully.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Headteacher



[Keeping your child safe online](#)

Information regarding Apps that help you, as parents, monitor your children's phone to be sure that they are protected online.

Several apps and built-in features, such as **Bark**, **Gallery Guardian**, and Apple's **Communication Safety** feature, alert parents to inappropriate messages or images.

Here are the main options available as of 2026:

- **Bark:** A comprehensive, popular app that monitors text messages, social media, and email for signs of sexting, explicit content, and bullying, providing alerts to parents without needing full access to every message.
- **Apple "Communication Safety" (iOS/iPadOS):** This built-in feature detects and blurs explicit photos in the Messages app. It warns children, and can be configured to alert parents if a child chooses to send or view an explicit image.
- **Google Messages "Sensitive Content Warnings":** Similar to Apple, this feature is available within Google Messages, particularly on Android devices via Google Family Link.
- **Gallery Guardian:** This app specifically scans a phone's gallery and incoming images for nudity, alerting parents if inappropriate images are received.
- **Same Notification - Parental Control:** This tool allows parents to receive the exact same notifications their child sees, providing real-time oversight





David Attenborough day



















Sports Day 2026

We are pleased to announce our whole school Sports Day will be taking place on **Thursday 25th June 2026.**

Parents will be allowed on site from 9am to see the events taking place on both sides of the track.

The day will begin at 9.15am with:

SSC, Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 competing in their races.

Reception children will begin their events at 10.15am and Years 5 & 6 at 10.30am.

Please can your child come to school on Sports Day already dressed in their school PE kit (white top). They will be issued a colour sticker according to their house colour.

All children will need to ensure they have a hat and plenty of sun-cream already applied and a water bottle.

On completion of all running events, we will take the remaining children back to their classrooms to collect lunches before bringing them outside for a whole school picnic with family and friends.

If you are bringing picnic lunch and your child usually has a hot school meal you **will need to cancel the hot meal on ParentPay by 8th June**, or they can collect their hot school meal in a takeaway container to bring outside to join the picnic.

As part of this year's event, we are excited to introduce a whole school '**Get Up and Dance**' moment at the end of the picnic. Children, staff and families are warmly invited to join in for a fun, feel-good dance together before we return to class.

At 1pm all the children will return to their classes to be registered, and parents will be asked to leave. Please collect your child at the end of the school day at their normal collection time.

If we have to change these arrangements, we will inform you as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Sports Day Team!



Parent Consultation: School Logo and Uniform

We are inviting parents and carers to take part in a consultation about our school logo and the possibility of introducing an active school uniform.

We want to hear your views on how well our current logo represents Parklands, including ideas you feel are important for designers to consider (such as values, nature or inclusivity). We are also exploring whether an active uniform could better support comfort, sensory needs, play, and participation in PE and outdoor learning.

Please be reassured that we do not want families to spend any money, and we are extremely sensitive to financial circumstances. If any changes were ever agreed, these would be introduced gradually through a clear, phased approach, with no expectation to purchase new items.

Parents can share their views via a short online Microsoft Form by Friday 22nd May. We will also be gathering children's views through the School Council. Feedback will be considered by the leadership team and governors before any decisions are made.

The full consultation letter is attached to this newsletter.



Lost property

We have a new Lost Property container!

It will be located outside the school hall - just down the side.

To ensure the safety of our students and the longevity of this utility, we kindly request that children do not climb on top of the structure.

Our last container unfortunately turned into a science experiment and grew its own habitat thanks to stray coffee cups and old fruit. Let's work together to keep this one clean, fresh, and free of miniature ecosystems!

Thank you





Sun Cream

Please remember to apply sun cream to your children in the morning before school.

Make sure they have a hat and water bottle everyday.

Thank you



Class Photographs

Yellow Photography will be in in on **Monday 18th May** to take whole class photos.

We will let you know when order details and proof cards have been sent home after the event.



Year 6 Transition to Secondary school

A poster for a 'Parenting Workshop' for Year 6 parents. The title 'PARENTING WORKSHOP' is in large, bold letters. Below it, it says 'For Year 6 Parents' and 'Helping you support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.' There are four bullet points with icons: 'UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION', 'SUPPORT THEIR WELLBEING', 'BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS', and 'YOU'RE NOT ALONE'. A photo of a parent and child looking at a signpost for 'NEW SCHOOL' and 'NEW CHAPTER' is on the right. A quote says 'Together, we can help our children grow with confidence and thrive.' The date and time are 'TUESDAY 30TH JUNE AT 9AM' and the location is 'IN SCHOOL'. The bottom text says 'Supporting you. Supporting your child. Together.'

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.

NEW SCHOOL
NEW CHAPTER

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

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE
AT 9AM | **IN SCHOOL**

Supporting you. Supporting your child. Together.

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

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**

- 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.



Young Voices 2027

Thank you to everyone who completed an Expression of Interest form for Young Voices in January.

We have been delighted by the enthusiasm and interest shown for this exciting opportunity.

The form is now closed, and we will be reviewing applications over the coming weeks.

We will let families know whether their child has been successful in gaining a place after half term.

Thank you again for your support and interest!



Recycle your used 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 able to exchange the batteries for books for our school!

Recycle your broken toys

Recycle to read is back at Tesco.

If you have any broken plastic toys please drop them off in the recycling bins in a Tesco store.

Please scan the QR code on the front of the bin to register your recycling visit and help us to earn plant care points. The points help us to earn free books for school.

Thank You.

Parklands School Council



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.



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



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: 94.48%

Apple: 90.34%

Ash: 91.00%

Beech: 89.34%

Birch: 94.00%

Cedar: 96.55%

Chestnut: 95.00%

Hawthorn: 96.00%

Hazel: 98.67%

Maple: 97.93%

Mulberry: 94.86%

Pear: 97.14%

Pine: 98.33%

Poplar: 92.20%

Walnut: 94.48%

Willow: 93.23%

Forest: 92.22%

Orchard: 95.00%

Tuesday

Year 5 Victorian Day

EYFS Stay and Play at 2:30pm

Karate Club

Wednesday

Year 6 Residential meeting at 2:30pm

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

SSC and EYFS Mobile Farm Visit

Year 6 Forest School

Birch Class Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Friday -PTA Event - Non-Uniform Dare2B Different

Bruce Grove Trip

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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