



Parklands Weekly News 21/05/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

This week, it was an absolute pleasure to meet some of our new Reception children who will be joining us in September 2026. It was lovely to see them enjoying their new environment, and equally wonderful to speak with our new families in such an informal setting. We extend a very warm Parklands welcome and look forward to seeing you at a number of events across the summer term.

We have also had a busy and exciting week across the school. Year 5 enjoyed their Victorian Day, dressing in period costume and learning what school life was like during that time. I think they certainly realised just how fortunate they are today! Some of our Year 5 children are in London today, exploring the city before experiencing an overnight stay in a Victorian school. Thank you

to all of the staff who give their time so generously to make these opportunities possible -the children truly benefit from and enjoy them.

Year 6 children and their families attended the Lodge Hill residential presentation this week as they prepare for their trip next half term. It was lovely to see their excitement building, I am sure they will be looking forward to it over the break.

Reception parents attended a “Stay and Play” session, where the children were able to share their learning. It was fantastic to see so many families joining us.

Well done to Birch Class on their first class assembly - you have clearly learnt so much.

Have a wonderful half term break, apparently summer is finally on its way!

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 1st June. Enjoy!

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

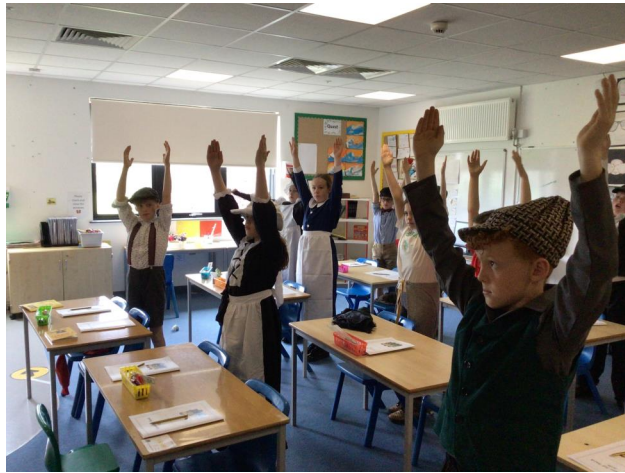
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Year 5 Victorian Day

On Tuesday 19th May, Year 5 finished their Victorian Quest by spending the day in a Victorian Classroom.

Learning drill, copperplate handwriting and the tricky skill of cross stitch, the children spent the day exploring what life might have been like for a Victorian Child.

Gruel Optional!











Year 4 Trip to Emsworth

Year 4 took a train to Emsworth last week to discover sea defences and look at coastal erosion.

We experienced every season in one day but still managed to paint the local landscape using our watercolours!









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.







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.



Year 6 Transition to Secondary school

PARENTING WORKSHOP

For Year 6 Parents
Helping you support your child through the transition to secondary school and the start of the teenage years.

NEW SCHOOL
NEW CHAPTER

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.

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:

- 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 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.



GrubClub Family Survey

Share Your Thoughts to Shape the Future of Grub Club!

UKHarvest is proud to partner with Parklands Primary School to deliver Grub Club and help reduce food waste while supporting your local school community.

As we evaluate this year's programme, we are inviting families to share their experiences by completing a survey.

UK Harvest/GrubClub are asking families about:

- How they use Grub Club
- Their experience of the food provided
- Whether it helps with food costs and healthy eating
- What they have learned (including from the learning packs)
- Their overall experience and feedback

Families Survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/1jBhztd030>

Your feedback helps us to:

- Improve Grub Club for your school
- Understand what is working well
- Measure the difference it is making Secure future support and funding

It's quick and easy!

- Takes around 10 minutes
- Completely optional
- Anonymous and confidential

Honest feedback is always welcome!

What happens to my answers?

Survey responses will be combined with others and used in an anonymous impact report. Written comments may be used by UKHarvest to promote Grub Club, with your permission.

Thank you from UK Harvest



Recycle it Right Competition

Parklands School Council, invite you to take part in the West Sussex Recycle it Right Competition.

Please follow the instructions below.

We would love to win lots of prizes for our school.

Thank you.

**WEST SUSSEX
RECYCLE IT RIGHT COMPETITION 2026**

8 Sept – 3 July

Calling all eco-heroes – it's time to play, learn and win!
Join the West Sussex Recycle it Right Competition, where children, families, and schools
team up to recycle better, protect the planet, and win brilliant prizes!
Take the quiz. Earn points. Help your school win!

HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN JOIN IN

- Step 1: Parents or guardians register each of their children in their free [West Sussex Wastebusters family account](#).
- Step 2: Kids play the [Wastebuster Star Quiz](#) where they will watch fun videos and test their recycling knowledge.
- Step 3: Every child who completes the quiz earns 1 [Planet Care Point](#) for their school.

Schools climb the [Recycle it Right Leaderboard](#) as pupils earn more points – Pupil power! The school with the most points by [midday on 3 July 2026](#) wins!

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



Silver Wastebuster Award

To everyone at Parklands Community Primary School,

A massive congratulations on achieving your Silver Award on the Planet Protector Challenge!

You are all working so hard to make the planet a better place to live.

I hope you enjoy sharing this news with all of your school community.

Congratulations again!#

Best wishes

The Wastebusters Team

[West Sussex County Council | Wastebuster](#)



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: 91.69%

Apple: 93.62%

Ash: 87.33%

Beech: 90.00%

Birch: 91.33%

Cedar: 89.66%

Chestnut: 87.50%

Hawthorn: 97.33%

Hazel: 96.23%

After Half Term



Week Commencing 1st June - **Year 6 on Residential**

Monday

No Summer Sports Club

Tuesday

Karate Club

Wednesday

Woodwind Lessons

Thursday

Reception Forest School

Brass Lessons

Guitar Lessons

Fitness Friday

Year 4 Swimming

GrubClub

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

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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