



Parklands Infant and Nursery School

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Monday 1st December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are heading towards a very busy time of year, so before it gets too hectic, I thought it might be useful to send a reminder regarding dates and arrangements for activities happening in the next few weeks.

First of all however, I take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to the Friends of Parklands for the school discos on Friday. The children had an amazing time and this wouldn't have been possible without the Friends of Parklands who volunteer their own time to organise and run events like this. If you are interested in joining the friends of Parklands, please contact the school office.

School Applications Process

The school applications process is now open. If your child is due to start in Reception or Year 3 in September 2026 you must apply for a school place by 15th January 2026.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Christmas Performances:

Wednesday 10th December 9:30am & 2:15pm Year 1 Christmas production

Friday 12th December 9:30am & 2:15pm Reception Christmas production

Tuesday 16th December 9:30am Nursery Christmas production (please note there is no afternoon performance for Nursery).

Wednesday 17th December 9:30am & 2:15pm Year 2 Christmas production

All are welcome to our Christmas productions as they are not 'ticket' events. We don't expect any payment for the performances but if anyone would like to make a donation we do have a donations option on Parentpay (there will also be a collections bucket available at the performances) any contributions are, as always, gratefully received and go back into school to pay for resources such as costumes and performance music.

Visits:

Tuesday 2nd December: Mrs Hobbs, our PE Leader, is taking a group of children to take part in Derby College's PE Leaders festival (parents/carers will have been notified).

Tuesday 9th December: Reception children will be taking part in Christmas activities organised by St John's Church.

Monday 8th December: Mrs Hobbs (with her Eco Leader head on this time) is taking the Eco Team and some Pupil Council members to plant bulbs for Erewash BC.

Tuesday 9th December: as part of our involvement with Erewash Schools Sports Partnership, Class 6 are having a trip out to join in with some sports hall athletics for the morning.

Tuesday 2nd December – Maths Meeting

Our Maths Leader, Mrs Kilarski is holding a meeting for parents/carers at 2:45pm.

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Dinner

School meal on this day will be traditional Christmas dinner. (Vegetarian option available on request). Please remember to book via Parentpay.

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/winter themed jumper to school instead of their Parklands sweatshirt (school t-shirt, trousers/skirt still to be worn). Donations will all go to the Save the Children charity (any amount gratefully received).

Friends of Parklands Present Room

Children select Christmas gifts from the Present Room. FoP have already sent out information about this event, there is still a bit of time to get your slips back to the office!

Monday 15th December – Key Stage 1 Progress Reports

Children in Years One and Two will receive their end of Autumn Term progress reports.

Thursday 18th December – Best Class Attendance: Term Winner announced

The children will discover which class has won the overall best class attendance for this half term in assembly and will be able to choose their class treat!

Friday 19th December – Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will take place during the afternoon, children may wear their party clothes all day (bear in mind they will be wearing them at playtimes/lunchtime) or change into them at the start of the afternoon session.

School will finish at the usual time but please bear with the teachers if they aren't prompt at coming out – it will have been a very busy afternoon!

This year, rather than asking parents/carers for donations towards party food, the Friends of Parklands are providing all the party food for the children! Please may we ask that children who require a special diet bring their own party food to enjoy safely. Please note that the children will have a lunch as normal at school.

Another massive thank-you to FoP who have, once again, provided each class teacher with the funds to purchase a class gift to be presented by a special visitor who will happen to find time in his very busy Christmas schedule to join our Christmas party!

School closes at the end of day **Friday 19th December 2025** and reopens **Monday 5th January 2026**

A reminder of remaining INSET days:

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Thursday 23rd July 2026

