



## PARKLANDS INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER: SUMMER TERMS 2026

Welcome back to all of our Parklands families, and a very warm welcome to those who are joining us for the first time. We hope you all enjoyed the break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

The Summer Term is always a special one at Parklands, filled with wonderful learning opportunities, enrichment activities and celebrations — as well as preparing our children for their next steps. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to a member of staff.

Staff announcements: Mrs Chivers (Class 4 teacher) last day before commencing her maternity leave is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. I'm sure you'll all be with me in wishing Mrs Chivers and her family the very best. Mrs McMurray will be covering Mrs Chiver's maternity leave.

This Friday will be Mrs Calladine's last day on our Midday Supervisor team. We thank Mrs Calladine for all her hard work and wish her the best.

We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Fulcher. Mrs Fulcher has been a TA with us for many years and we wish her all the best for the future.

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### Keeping Our Children Safe

Safeguarding and child protection are our highest priorities. All staff receive regular training, and we work hard to help children understand how to keep themselves safe and who they can talk to if they are worried about anything.

#### **Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs Callaghan, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Etchells and Mrs Light

If you ever have a concern about a child — even something small — please speak to us. Policies are available from the school office or on our website.

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### Attendance Matters

Our attendance currently stands at **95%** — we have recently seen an improvement in attendance across the school and thank you for your support.

Good attendance helps children develop confidence, friendships and strong learning habits. Please remember to:

- Let the office know on the first day of any absence
- Provide a valid reason for absence
- Book medical appointments outside school hours where possible

**⚠ Reminder:** Term-time holidays cannot be authorised and may result in a fine.

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## Aspirations Day – Volunteers Needed

 **12<sup>th</sup> May (afternoon)**

Our annual Aspirations Day is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about different jobs and dream about their future. We are looking for parent and carer volunteers who would be happy to chat with the children about what they do.

Mrs Etchells will be sending a letter out about this shortly - if you can help we would love to hear from you!

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## Sun Safety

As the weather improves, please help us keep children comfortable and safe by ensuring they:

- Bring a **named water bottle** every day
- Wear a **sun hat**
- Bring **sun cream** if needed (children must apply this themselves)

Please also check PE footwear fits well, as outdoor sessions will increase this term.

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## Transition to the Next Year

To support children as they move forward, transition activities will begin later this term.

**Key dates include:**

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – New class information letters out (Key Stage 1)
- **30<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2 transition visit to Harrington Junior School
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July (2:45pm – 3:30pm)** – transition meeting for parents/carers of children moving to Year 2
- **3<sup>rd</sup> July (2:45pm – 3:30pm)** – transition meeting for parents/carers of children moving to Year 1
- **6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole-school transition sessions
- **8<sup>th</sup> July (3:45pm–5:00pm)** – Meet the New Teacher (KS1): a chance to drop in after school to meet your child's teacher/teachers for next year

Letters will be sent out in due course for meetings/transition opportunities for children starting Reception and Nursery.

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## Medical Information

If your child has an ongoing medical condition (such as asthma or allergies), please ensure their **Individual Medical Treatment Plan** is completed and kept up to date. Forms are available from the office, and we ask families to let us know promptly about any changes.

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## SEND Support

We work closely with families to support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

**SENDCo:** Miss Whittingham

Our SEND policy and Information Report are available on the website or from the school office, and Miss Whittingham is always happy to discuss any concerns.

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## Passport To... Enrichment Sessions

During the last week of Summer Term 1, children in the infant school will take part in a week of enrichment sessions across the school.

### **Theme: *Passport to Essential Childhood Experiences***

These sessions support personal, social and cultural development and celebrate our Parklands values.

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## Parklands Got Talent

We will be holding our ever-popular **Parklands Got Talent** this term! Class semi-finals will take place during the week beginning **22<sup>nd</sup> June**, with the **Grand Final on 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

All children are encouraged to take part — whether they sing, dance, perform magic or make us laugh! If your child wishes to take part as a group with other children, this can be accommodated. The winner of Parklands Got Talent will go on to be the opening act at our Summer Concert.


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## Parking Reminder

 For everyone's safety, the **staff car park should not be used without permission**, including for before and after-school clubs. We ask that you do not drive through the security gate or park on the service road. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

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## Summer Concerts

 **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July** (9:30am and 2:00pm performances)

The concerts will be ticketed (initially two tickets per family). Your child's class teacher will let you know in due course if any costumes are required. Costumes must be in school by **13<sup>th</sup> July** for the dress rehearsal.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2026

**It is your responsibility to note these dates in your diary/calendar as reminders may not be sent for all events.**

<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Summer Term 1 begins	4 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday (school closed)
16 <sup>th</sup> National Offer Day	5 <sup>th</sup> 3:10pm: Rec Good attendance assembly (invite only)
21 <sup>st</sup> Earth Day (dress in green/blue)	6 <sup>th</sup> 3:10pm: Y1 Good Attendance Assembly (invite only)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Fire Service in for Year 2	8 <sup>th</sup> 3:10am: Y2 Good Attendance Assembly (invite only)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sports Leaders out with Mrs Hobbs	11 <sup>th</sup> am: Y2 Mosque trip
28 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	11 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm: Rec Topic Celebration
	12 <sup>th</sup> Aspirations Day
	13 <sup>th</sup> Safeguarding Team Meeting
	13 <sup>th</sup> Pupil Council Meeting
	14 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm Year 1 Topic Celebration
	15 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm Year 2 Topic Celebration
	W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> Passport to Childhood Experiences
	22 <sup>nd</sup> 3:30pm FoP Wheelie Good Fun
	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Last day of Summer Term 1</b>

June	July
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>INSET training day – school closed</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Y2 trip
2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Term 2 begins	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:45pm: Y1 to Y2 transition meeting for parents/carers
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sports Day: 9:30am: EYFS, 2pm: KS1 (more details to follow)	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2:45pm: Rec to Y1 transition meeting for parents/carers
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week	6 <sup>th</sup> pm: whole school transition visits
9 <sup>th</sup> Reception trip	8 <sup>th</sup> am: whole school transition visits (not Y2 to Y3)
9 <sup>th</sup> Nursery Scootathon (details to follow)	8 <sup>th</sup> 3:45pm – 5pm: Y1/2 'Meet the New Teacher' drop in
10 <sup>th</sup> Class photos	8 <sup>th</sup> End of Year reports out
12 <sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day	9 <sup>th</sup> Safeguarding Team meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> World Music Day (more details to follow)	9 <sup>th</sup> Pupil Council meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> 3:30pm – 5:30pm: FoP Reception Movie Night	10 <sup>th</sup> pm: Rec Teddy Bears' Picnic
W/C 22 <sup>nd</sup> Parklands Got Talent semi-finals	10 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm: new Rec/N intake SEND meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> Rec out – local walk	13 <sup>th</sup> Dress rehearsal
24 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 trip	13 <sup>th</sup> New Rec taster lunch
25 <sup>th</sup> am Year 2 to Year 3 transition visit	14 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am + 2pm: Summer Concerts
29 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – Parklands Got Talent final	15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am + 2pm: Summer Concerts
29 <sup>th</sup> KS1 Class letters out	16 <sup>th</sup> Nursery Messy Play Day
30 <sup>th</sup> am: Y2 to Year 3 transition visit	16 <sup>th</sup> New Rec taster lunch
30 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm: New Nursery transition meeting for parents/carers	17 <sup>th</sup> New Rec taster lunch
30 <sup>th</sup> 6pm: New Rec meeting for parents/carers	17 <sup>th</sup> 3:30pm: FoP Summer Fair
	20 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm: Nursery Graduation
	21 <sup>st</sup> pm: Y2 Leavers party (in school time)
	22 <sup>nd</sup> 2:15pm: Leavers Service (all welcome)
	End of Summer Term 2
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> INSET training day – school closed to children</b>

**2026 INSET days:**

1<sup>st</sup> June

23<sup>rd</sup> July

**2026-2027 INSET days** (1 more TBC)

4<sup>th</sup> September

18<sup>th</sup> December

7<sup>th</sup> June

26<sup>th</sup> July