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## Summer 2025

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Welcome to our summer newsletter.

Pre-School held their Sports Day at the beginning of July followed by our school leaver's celebrations (check out Facebook for the photos). We hope all our not-so-

little ones are proud of their medals, bespoke Leaver's T shirts and graduation photos to mark their years at Parklands. We wish them all the very best as they begin the adventures of primary school. It would be lovely if we could share some photos of them in their school uniform with the rest of Pre-School in September, so please remember to email us after a uniform trying on session or even on their first day.

**The government are issuing new nutrition guidance for children from September which we are now reviewing. Providing balanced and nutritious food is vital at this young age for developing healthy eating habits in the future. Ruth will be making some exciting changes to the menus soon.**

### Staff News:

- A warm Parklands welcome to Mia and Naomi who have joined our 0-2 team recently. Both have NVQ3s, nursery backgrounds and a wealth of experience with all age groups.
- We also welcome Clare who is part of the Pre-School team and works part time during term times. Clare has an NNEB in Childcare and has over 30 years of experience with children from birth to 14 years of age.
- Congratulations to Alarna (Pre-School) who is expecting her second baby in November.
- The whole team have undergone safer sleep training as we feel this is such important knowledge. It includes topics such as sleep positions, places, creating safe sleep environments, equipment and room temperature.

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- Kaylee (0-2) and Iona (Inters) are very near to completing their NVQ3s in childcare. Morgan (0-2) and Kim (Inters) are also progressing well with their NVQ3s.
- Very well done to Ruth who has completed her Level 2 diploma in food allergies, allergens and intolerances.

### Government Childcare Support

We are sure you are aware of the government's increased childcare funding support for eligible children from 9 months of age from September 2025.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-apply-help-childcare-working-parents> - if you need to check eligibility or would like more information.

During the application process you will set up an online account and get a childcare code. We then verify this code and it will need to be renewed each term as it will expire. You will receive a notification from your account asking you to confirm your details are up to date and then receive a new code which you should pass on to us to verify again.



### Dates for the diary:

- Planning ahead, parents with children due to go to primary school in September 2026 can apply for school places from September 2025.
- We are celebrating Grandparents Day again this year and will be inviting all our lovely grandparents to Parklands to enjoy an afternoon of tea and fun activities. More details nearer to the time.
- Our Open Day is now drawing closer - Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm. We will have a petting farm, face painting, tombola and lots more! Ruth and Emily are planning burgers, ice -cream and home made lemonade, all

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available to purchase on the day. Please come to join in the fun and help us to raise funds for our local Claire House Children's Hospice. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH!** We are planning a tombola and need more donations. Toys, unwanted gifts, vouchers, bottles of alcohol, chocolate etc. would all be appreciated very much if you could help.

### Reminders:

- Please make sure that you apply sun cream prior to coming to nursery and check that a sun hat is either brought with you or left at nursery.
- We recently emailed out a link to our annual nursery questionnaire. Thank you to all who have completed it. We really do value your responses and will be attaching the link again to encourage anyone who has not yet had chance to respond.
- Don't forget to use the "library" books outside each room in the lobby areas. The children always love new books to look at together, so feel free to borrow, return and borrow again!



**Please note that Parklands will be closed on the bank holiday of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.**

We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Jane, Gail, Vicky and all of the Parklands Team.