



Dates for the Diary

July 2026

Thursday	16th	Year 6 Leavers Award Ceremony and Disco
Friday	17th	Year 5, Class 9 Sports Club Last day of school for children
Monday	20th	Inset Day - School closed to all children

September 2026

Tuesday	1st	Inset Day - School closed to all children
Wednesday	2nd	Inset Day - School closed to all children
Thursday	3rd	School reopens to all children at 8:45am

Inset Days

20th July 2026
1st September 2026
2nd September 2026

Term dates for the 2026 -
2027 academic year are on
the school website; <https://www.parkhalljuniorac.co.uk>
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Message from Ms Bracebridge

As I come to the end of my first term as Executive Headteacher, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Although I only joined the Park Hall family at Easter and haven't had the privilege of knowing our children for their entire journey, they have already made a lasting impression on me. Their warmth, confidence, kindness and enthusiasm have been a wonderful reflection of everything that makes our school so special.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our families for the warm welcome you have given me. From my very first day, I have felt embraced by this incredible community, and I am truly grateful for the kindness and support you have shown. I am very much looking forward to continuing our journey together in the new academic year.

To our amazing Year 6 pupils – we are so incredibly proud of you.

As you leave Park Hall Junior Academy and begin the next exciting chapter of your education, you do so with our very best wishes. I hope you continue to embrace every opportunity with the same determination, curiosity and positivity that you have shown here.

The resilience, independence and character you have demonstrated this year will serve you well in the years ahead. You are more than ready for secondary school, and I have no doubt that you will thrive. The schools you are moving on to are fortunate to be welcoming such a talented and remarkable group of young people.

While I may have only known you for a short time, your energy, laughter and personalities have made a lasting impact. You will be greatly missed, and I wish each and every one of you every success and happiness for the future.

Well done, Year 6. Go and shine!

I would like to wish all of our children and families a wonderful, restful summer break. I hope you all enjoy some well-deserved time to relax, recharge and make special memories together.

Above all, thank you for making Park Hall such a special community. The kindness, generosity and spirit shown by our children and families is truly inspiring, and it is a privilege to be part of it.

Year 6 Production - 'Shrek Jr'

A huge well done and thank you to our talented children, parents, and staff for putting on such an entertaining production of **Shrek Jr.** last week. Despite soaring temperatures and last-minute stand-ins, the children remained focused, adapted brilliantly, and took everything in their stride.

Throughout the rehearsal process and performances, they showed great determination, perseverance, and teamwork, delivering a show they should all be incredibly proud of. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen and for all the support behind the scenes.

Finally, a special congratulations and a big well done to our Year 6 pupils for ending their primary school journey with such a fantastic performance.

Mrs Roberts, a Trustee for the Loriners MAT, attended our Year Six production of Shrek. Mrs Roberts wanted to share with the children, "It was a fabulous performance by you all. The last song of the show brought the house down! Well done everyone - you are amazing!"

Housepoints Reward Trip

Last week, the children who received the most housepoints during this academic year had a special treat. The children had a brilliant time at Dinosaur World Adventure Golf in Walsall. They played in teams of fours and fives and learnt some golf lingo such as birdies and bogies. Some children got a hole in one - a natural talent for the future? The children were impeccably behaved and represented our school 'PROUDLY'. A great morning for everyone involved!



Year 6 – Awards Night & Disco

Year 6 children will be attending their Awards Night and Disco on Thursday 16th July 2026 at Walsall Town Hall 6pm – 8.30pm.

This is a ticketed event - please do not forget to bring them with you. Year 6 children who are attending do not need a ticket.

Attendance Target 97% Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing: 29th June 2026 was 96.8% Highest Attendance: Class 11 with 99.7%
Week Commencing: 6th July 2026 was 95.6% Highest Attendance: Class 8, with 97.9%

Class	% Attendance w/c 29/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 29/06/25
1	97.9	7	95.3
2	98.2	8	97.3
3	91.1	9	95.9
4	96.2	10	99.1
5	97.3	11	99.7
6	95.1	12	98.8

Class	% Attendance w/c 06/07/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 06/07/26
1	95	7	95.6
2	94.8	8	97.9
3	95.6	9	94.7
4	96.5	10	96.7
5	96.1	11	95.3
6	93.1	12	96.8

Well done Classes 11 and 8!

Summer Holiday Activities



Families who are eligible can once again enjoy a fantastic range of free summer holiday activities.

The criteria: All children on income based Free school meals, Young Carers, CP, CIN or Early Help, EHCP.

The booking portal is now open, and many of the most popular activities are expected to fill up quickly. We encourage families to book as soon as possible to secure their preferred sessions.

Please remember that you must be registered before you can make a booking. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to keep children active, engaged and having fun throughout the summer holidays!



Keeping Safe this Summer holiday

With the weather getting hotter, we want to remind all of our children how to stay safe in our community:

- ◆ **NEVER** enter a stranger's home or go anywhere with a stranger and do not eat anything given by a stranger.
- ◆ Stay on pavements and **check carefully** before crossing a road, using the green cross code rules!
- ◆ **Stay away** from bodies of water - remember what you have learnt from your water safety talks in school and at Safeside.
- ◆ **Stay safe** online using the tips from Safer Internet Day. If you feel worried by something you see online, please share your worry with an adult.
- ◆ The weather is getting hot - **remember to take precautions** like staying in the shade, wearing sun screen and staying hydrated.
- ◆ If you are playing with scooters, bikes, roller skates etc - ensure you are **wearing a helmet**.
- ◆ Playing outdoors can be lovely this time of year; however make sure you **do not** eat or pick anything that you are unsure of - there are many poisonous and potentially dangerous plants out there.

Staffing and Classes for September 2026

Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Class 1	Mr Rai	Class 4	Miss Hall	Class 7	Miss Begum	Class 10	Miss Fuller
Class 2	Mrs Heminsley	Class 5	Miss Currah	Class 8	Mr Hale and Mrs Burton	Class 11	Miss Bradburn
Class 3	Mrs Griffiths	Class 6	Miss Stanley	Class 9	Mr Ennis	Class 12	Miss McCreery

PE days for next academic year

Children will need to attend school in their PE kit on their PE day.

Please be aware that Year 5 will have their first PE day on Friday 4th September 2026

PE days are as follows for next year;

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesdays	Mondays	Fridays	Wednesdays

Year 5 and Year 6 Walking Home Alone

We are aware that our children are growing up and as such will be wanting to increase their independence and responsibility. With the lighter and longer days stretching before us, we know that parents are going to be considering letting their children walk home from school by themselves. There is a "Walking Home Alone" form that will need to be completed and returned if you want your child to start walking by themselves.

You must, as a parent or carer, be able to say that your child:

- ◆ Knows how to safely walk home alone, following a safe route that has been practised with you;
- ◆ Understand what they should do to stay safe when walking home or to your agreed meeting point;
- ◆ Know about any dangers during their walk home e.g. busy roads, the canal or the lake and know how to stay safe.

Forms can be collected from the school office, or requested electronically using the postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk email address.

Appointments during school hours

Attending a medical or dental appointment requiring emergency advice may be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent notifies the school in advance of the appointment and attendance is in line with our expectations. However, we encourage parents to make routine medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

A reminder that parents are unable to park on the car park to collect children for appointments.

Important Attendance/Absence Information

School attendance is an important part of your child's academic and social journey. The Department of Education made some important changes in the law for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time. The changes made are clear that schools will not grant any leave except in exceptional circumstances.

There is a national threshold for issuing penalty notices, which is set at 10 missed sessions. This is equal to 5 school days, within a rolling period of 10 school weeks. It is important for parent(s)/carer(s) to be aware that we meet weekly with the local authority, and they oversee all unauthorised leave.

The local authority has started to issue penalty notices for unauthorised absence. It is vitally important that any absences from school are evidenced. Please remember, an authorised absence continues to affect your child's overall attendance and their percentage will decrease.

Car Park Safety Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our school community safe, we would like to remind everyone that the school car park is, first and foremost, a **car park**. This means vehicles will be moving in and out throughout the day.

For everyone's safety — especially our students — please take extra care when walking through the area. Please remember to **use designated footpaths, hold children's hands, and remain mindful of vehicles that may be manoeuvring**.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe for all.

Year 6 – Picnic in the Park (school field)



Year 6 enjoyed their special lunch treat on the school field this week. They played traditional games such as hopscotch and swing ball, as well as playing their favourite games velcro ball catch, chess and football. Some children embraced the opportunity of putting out their picnic blanket and having a quiet reading corner or simply socialising with each other and reminiscing about their years at Park Hall Infant and Junior Academy. The children had fun listening to their favourite music and being with their friends.

One child shared: "I really enjoyed today and how we could have a bit of freedom and be with our friends. We definitely recommend it to do it again!"

Photograph Competition

Dear Children,

Do you love the great outdoors? What are your photography skills like?

We are very lucky to have some beautiful areas around our local community including Rushall Canal, Walsall Arboretum, Park Hall Lake, Merrion's Wood as well as our local parks on the Park Hall estate. We would like to showcase some of these natural areas around school and we would like to use your expertise and see how you interpret these areas.

If you like to explore with your family around these local areas and you enjoy capturing the wonders of our amazing natural landscapes or perhaps capturing the creatures that live there, then this exciting project is for you!

So, while you are out with your family on a leisurely outing or exploring the local area, we ask you to capture a moment of nature and email it into school using the email: postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Amos.

Please do not have people in your photo - keep to the nature of trees, plants and animals. Thank you.

We are really looking forward to seeing your interpretations of what amazing nature we have in the local area of our school. The very best photographs will be displayed around school for everyone to enjoy.

Good luck.

Goodbye and Good Luck to....

Miss Harrison has worked at Park Hall since 2014. While working at both school she has supported many children with their learning and she will now be starting her qualified teacher journey at a school in the borough. We wish you lots of luck Miss Harrison.

Mrs Hood has worked with us in both school offices and has helped many parents and carers during her time here. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish Mrs Hood all the very best.

Miss Jones has worked with us this year and has mainly supported the children in Year Three. We wish Miss Jones lots of luck for the future.

A new beginning for...

... **Mrs Freeman and Mrs Potts** who are very excited to be teaching in the infant school next academic year. Mrs Freeman will be teaching Year One and Mrs Potts will be teaching Year Two. We wish them all the very best.

A very warm welcome to....

Mr Rai who joins us as a class teacher in Year Three;

Miss Hall who joins us as a class teacher in Year Four;

Mrs Heminsley who is transferring from the infants to teach Year Three;

Miss Mahmood who is transferring from the infants to support Year Three.

We are looking forward to another exciting academic year ahead when we return back to school in September.