



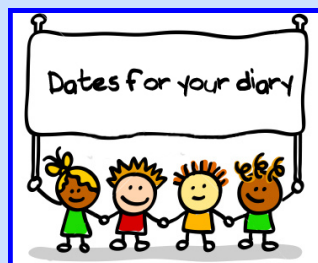
Dates for the Diary

November

Thursday	20th	Start of swimming for Year 3 Class 2 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School
Friday	21st	Year 5 and 6 Football Club After School
Monday	24th	Year 5 Puberty Talk with School Nurses Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 5 and Year 6 Choir After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	25th	Class 7 Sharing Assembly at 9:15am Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	26th	Class 8 Sharing Assembly at 9:15am Year 4 Art Club After School Year 5 and 6 Yoga Club After School Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School
Thursday	27th	Class 9 Sharing Assembly at 9:15am Swimming for Year 3 Class 2 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School

December

Monday	1st	Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 5 and Year 6 Choir After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	2nd	Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	3rd	Year 4 Art Club After School Year 5 and 6 Yoga Club After School Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School
Thursday	4th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 2 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School
Friday	5th	Acorns Charity Sparkle Day



Inset Days
19th June 2026
20th July 2026

Term dates for the
2025 - 2026 academic
year are on the school
website at
[https://
tinyurl.com/2fw6drn8](https://tinyurl.com/2fw6drn8)

Unsure on a date?
Check the school
calendar at
[https://
tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66](https://tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66)

Reminder: Year 3 Class 2 Swimming

A reminder that Class 2 start their Thursday swimming lessons tomorrow. On swimming days, all children should:

- Wear PE Kit.
- Bring an appropriate costume or trunks (no baggy shorts).
- A swimming hat, especially if your child has longer hair.
- Bring a towel.
- Jewellery must not be worn – earrings, including studs, must be removed.
- Children may wear a verruca sock if necessary, but not plasters.
- Children are allowed to wear goggles.



Year 5 Class Performances

This year, Year 5 will be putting together their own class mini performance for you to enjoy. They are currently working hard to organise how they will be sharing their learning with you and they are very excited for you to come and see them on stage.

You will have the opportunity to see your child as part of their class show off what they have been learning so far in Year 5 on the following dates:

Class 7: Tuesday 25th November at 9:15 am
Class 8: Wednesday 26th November at 9:15 am
Class 9: Thursday 27th November at 9:15 am

You will not require a ticket for entry, however a register will be taken on the door. Entry will be via the School Office from 9:05am and we anticipate that the mini performance will last no longer than 20 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Acorns Charity Sparkle Day - Friday 5th December 2025



There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 5th December to support Acorn Sparkle Day. We are asking for a donation of £2 (£1 for non-uniform and £1 for a raffle ticket to enter our School Council's tombola).

For this to happen, we are kindly asking for donations of unused children's gifts and confectionary, which will be the prizes that children can win. We would appreciate if donations could be in by Monday 1st December.

Thank you!



Christmas Disco

The Junior Academy Christmas Discos will be on **Tuesday 16th December 2025**, as follows:

Years 3 and 4 will be at 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Cost: £3.00

Years 5 and 6 will be at 6.15pm – 7.15pm. Cost: £3.00

The payment system will go live from 5:00pm on Thursday 20th November 2025.

Tickets will be distributed before the close of school on Friday 8th December 2025.



Year 5 Trip to Safeside, Birmingham

Our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Safeside in Birmingham where they took part in a range of engaging, hands-on safety workshops. Staff at the centre were full of praise for the children's excellent conduct throughout the day. On Tuesday 11th November, the visiting group was given a particularly memorable opportunity as they joined the Fire Service outside its headquarters to observe the two-minute silence for Remembrance. The Chief Fire Officer was in attendance, and a formal salute was carried out—an experience the children found both moving and impactful.

For children who missed the trip or for anyone who'd like to explore the topics further, we've put together some helpful links to learn more about staying safe:

Road Safety: <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/road-safety-checklist/>

Fire Safety: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-resources>

Water Safety: <https://nfcc.org.uk/our-services/campaigns/be-water-aware/>



We encourage families to explore these resources together and continue the conversation about safety at home.

Book Fair

Book Fair has been very exciting this year and we thank you for your support. Once again, we had one of our busiest years yet with lots of visitors during and after school. We are very pleased to announce that the commission raised was **£1230** which we are able to use to purchase new books for our school libraries. Keep your eyes peeled as we have some new titles which will be added in the upcoming weeks.



Thank you once again for your support.



Children in Need 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need. At the Junior Academy we raised a grand total of **£403.04**. The money will help lots of children and their families, thank you!

Home Time

We understand that sometimes things do not always go to plan during pick ups. If you need someone who is not currently on your child's authorised to collect list to collect them from school, please let the school office know **by 3pm**.

If you need to make amendments to the authorised persons to collect list for your child, please email postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk with your child's name and class and the amendments required.

If you are running late for collection, please let the school office know **as soon as possible**. Late collection of children will result in your child being booked into Treehouse and you **will** be charged for the full session.



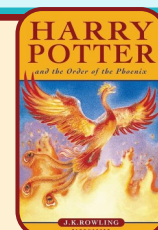
Appointments during school hours

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. 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.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J K Rowling

Reviewed by Aria

I love Harry Potter because it is scary and keeps you in suspense! The main characters in the book are Harry, Hermione and Ron. There is a bad character called Voldemort and he has got a gigantic army and giants on his team. Read the series of books for yourself to find out what happens.



The Great Crisp Robbery by Pamela Butchart
Reviewed by Aisha

Why I liked this book...

I liked this book because it was funny and it was really interesting to read.

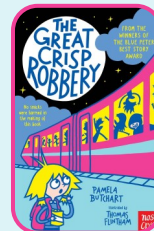
Favourite character...

My favourite character in this book was Gary as he was funny and loved his crisps! I also liked Jodi as she was also funny and adventurous.

Summary of this book...

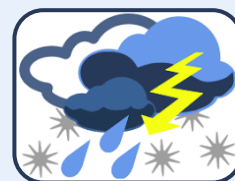
Izzy and her classmates are going on a school trip, but her teacher called and instead they have a teacher called Miss Yu. When they are on the sleeper train, they spot a hooded figure. Also their spending money and tickets are gone. Soon Izzy, Gary and Jodi find the hooded figure and it turns out to be their teacher. She is going to have a baby and that's why Miss Yu was covering for her. She just couldn't resist coming on the train and they find out Miss Yu accidentally threw away the spending money and tickets. Don't worry the tickets and money is all okay!

I rate this book 5/5 stars



Unforeseen Closures

Hopefully we will not be affected by bad weather this year however, in the event of extreme weather conditions, we will always endeavour to open the school if it is safe and sensible to do so. In turn, we expect you to make all reasonable and sensible attempts to attend, if school is open. Where school does have to close, a decision will be made as soon as possible and you will be notified principally through our website www.parkhalljuniorac.co.uk and through your email. Remote Learning processes will be in place to ensure that learning is uninterrupted so please ensure that your child's Google Classroom login information is handy for use.



Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing Monday 3rd November 2025 - 95.9% Highest Attendance - Class 3 - 98.8%

Week Commencing Monday 10th November 2025 - 97.2% Highest Attendance Class 5 and Class 10 - 99.4%

Well done Class 3 and Class 5!

Class	% Attendance w/c 03/11/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 03/11/25
1	96.5	7	90.6
2	93.8	8	98.2
3	98.8	9	95.6
4	95.6	10	96.4
5	97.0	11	98.0
6	93.1	12	97.1

Class	% Attendance w/c 10/11/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 10/11/25
1	98.2	7	95.1
2	97.9	8	95.9
3	97.4	9	95.8
4	96.8	10	99.4
5	99.4	11	96.3
6	95.7	12	98.2

Remember - always here, always learning.