



Park Hall Junior Academy



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Wednesday 7th October 2026

Newsletter No 4

Dates for Diary - October 2026

Wednesday 7 th	Year 6, Class 10 After School Sports Club Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir
Thursday 8 th	Individual and Sibling Photograph Day
Friday 9 th	Hello Yellow - Yellow accessory day! Year 5, Class 7 After School Sports Club
Monday 12 th	Year 4, Class 4 After School Sports Club
Tuesday 13 th	Year 3, Class 1 After School Sports Club
Wednesday 14 th	Year 6, Class 10 After School Sports Club Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir
Friday 16 th	Year 5, Class 7 After School Sports Club
Monday 19 th	Year 4, Class 4 After School Sports Club - last session
Tuesday 20 th	Flu Vaccinations in School Year 3, Class 1 After School Sports Club - last session
Wednesday 21 st	Year 6, Class 10 After School Sports Club - last session Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir
Friday 23 rd	School breaks up for October half term Year 5, Class 7 After School Sports Club - last session



Training Day is on Friday 13th November 2026

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographers will be in school on **Thursday 8th October** to take our yearly individual and sibling photographs of children.

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform on their photograph day; all years should now be wearing their school tie as part of their uniform.

Hello Yellow

Hello Yellow: Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness Nationally, Hello Yellow will be raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing. On Friday 9th October, we are allowing children to add a little yellow to their usual school uniform.

Children may come to school wearing yellow accessories. This could be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hair bobble or a yellow sticker on their jumper. Normal school uniform will be worn this day. Children will be provided with a yellow band featuring a positive affirmation. Activities will be shared with the children on this day to allow them time to think about mental health and wellbeing.



YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**

THE LAST BEAR BY HANNAH GOLD

This book is about a girl called April Wood and her dad. They moved to a place called Bear Island although they are told there are no bears.

When they arrive, April hears a faint roaring sound and goes to investigate. When she sees a bear all tired, hungry and alone she decides to help. She decides to keep it a secret from her dad.

As April and Bear form an inseparable bond she starts to understand him. She discovers that his family died of hunger and he is actually lost and alone.

She is determined to help him make his way back home. They prepare for this dangerous journey together.....



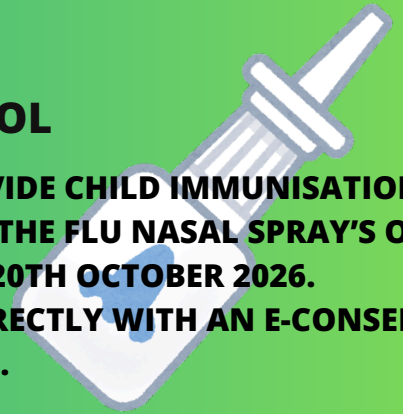
Rating 5 Stars

I enjoyed this book because it was exciting and full of adventure. My favourite character was Bear as he was kind and cute. I loved it from start to end and if you read it so would you.

BOOK REVIEW BY ANUM, CLASS 6

FLU VACCINATIONS IN SCHOOL

VACCINATION UK, WHO ARE COMMISSIONED BY THE NHS TO PROVIDE CHILD IMMUNISATIONS WITHIN SCHOOLS, WILL BE ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL TO DELIVER THE FLU NASAL SPRAY'S OR IM ALTERNATIVE (PORCINE FREE INJECTION) ON TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026. VACCINATION UK WILL BE CONTACTING PARENTS AND CARERS DIRECTLY WITH AN E-CONSENT LINK, REMINDERS AND TEXT MESSAGES.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

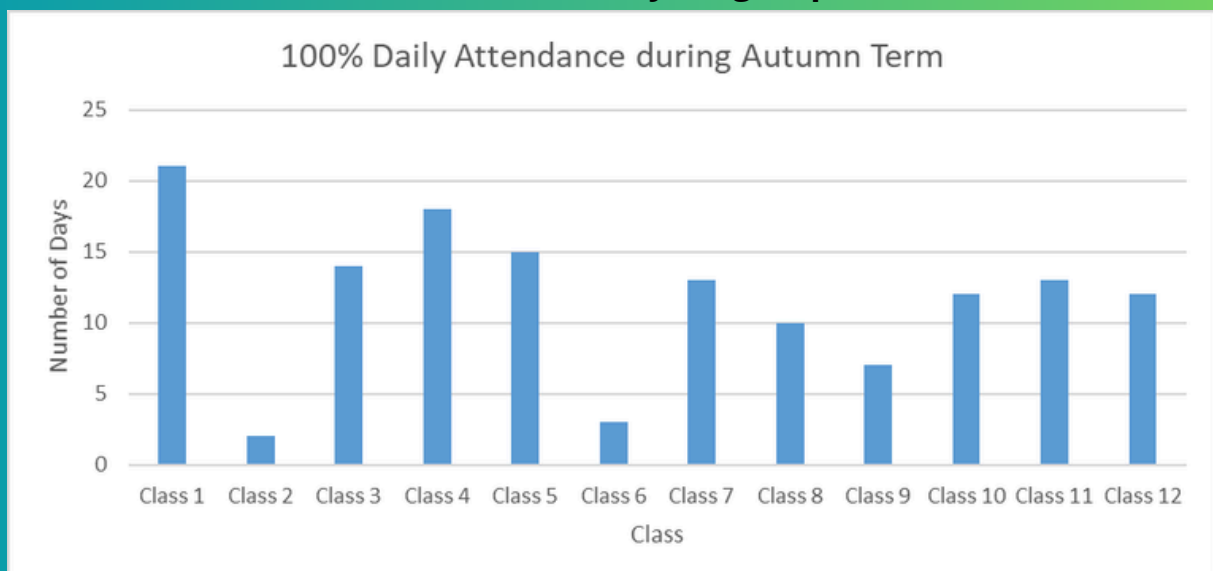
100% Daily Attendance during Autumn Term

ALWAYS HERE... ALWAYS LEARNING!

Currently, well done to

Class 1 - best attenders overall - other classes are now catching up due to their excellent attendance.

**Class 1, Class 4, Class 7 and Class 11 for best attenders in their year group!
Year 3 and Year 6 for best year group attenders!**





Canal and River Trust AGM



There is a meeting at Park Hall Community Centre near the shops for the Canal and River Trust AGM at **7:00pm on Tuesday 13th October** and they cordially invite parents and carers to join them for the evening to learn about the voluntary work maintaining the Rushall Canal for the Canal and River Trust, the environmental activities, litter collection, tree planting and the air, water and soil quality measurements. You may also be interested in joining their regular walking and cycling groups.

They have invited a guest speaker to the evening to talk about building the resilience of future towns and cities to the challenges of air, water and soil pollution, rising energy costs, floods, drought, nutrition and other threats to children's futures.



Harvest Festival

For this year's Harvest Festival, School Council will be continuing their ongoing support by collecting food for our local foodbank in Walsall.

We are asking you to please help support this charitable cause and bring in what you can. Our school councillors and Mrs Bates will then deliver these items to BCFB in Walsall. **Please bring in items and hand to your class teacher by 9am on Monday 19th October 2026 at the latest.** Please check best before/use by dates.

We would be appreciative of any of the following items if possible:

- Cookings sauces
- UHT milk in cartons
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Any tinned food items
- Packets of rice/noodles
- Toiletries: shower gels, roll on deodorants, shampoo, soap and wet wipes



PARENTS EVENING - CGP BOOKS

It was lovely to see so many of our families attend parents evening, If you were unable to attend Parents Evening, and wish to order any CGP books, this can be done through your SCOPAY account, you can look at the books available on the CGP website by searching for their title.

The deadline for orders is Friday 9th October 2026.



CONSIDERATE PARKING!

We work closely with Walsall Council, through the A*Stars Programme, we also work closely with PCSO Littlehailes who is very supportive.

We have and will continue to receive occasional warden visits to the area at the start or end to the school day through which drivers are advised and/or fined.

We ask that if poor, ill advised, illegal or dangerous parking is evident that a quick photograph of the vehicle and licence plate is taken (such as the evidence you have provided to us) and is emailed directly to the police at

contactus@westmidlands.pnn.police.uk
and Walsall Council at carparks@walsall.gov.uk



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 children — 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.

We have been advised that the link below is for contacting police for illegal parking:

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Contact Walsall Council to keep them informed and allow them to monitor our school area:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking-and-travel/tell-us-about-parking-problems>

This link is used to report illegal parking, notably parking on zigzag lines, parking dangerously or parking in a way that prevents emergency vehicle access.

Secondary School Applications for September 2027 Closing Date - 31st October 2026

Applying for a secondary school place for your child is an important step in your child's educational journey. For those encountering this for the first time we know that this process may feel a little overwhelming. However, there is plenty of help and advice to support all parents applying. It is advised that parents submit their application before the end of Autumn 1 on Friday 23rd October 2026 - particularly if you think you may need assistance.

The online portal is open for applications and the deadline for applications is 31st October 2026. All details needed to make your online application may be found on the Walsall Council website.

Home– Schools and Learning– Apply for a Secondary School Place Online applications are made to the local authority where you reside and pay your Council Tax to, for example, Sandwell, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, etc. Residents in these boroughs will need to create an account, if you have not already done so, prior to completion.

If you wish to speak to us, please do so before Friday 23rd October 2026. If you apply late, you may not get a place at one of your preferred schools. If you live outside Walsall, you should complete an application from your home local authority (even if you are applying for a Walsall school).

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS



Handwriting and Presentation

Over the last few weeks, we have had a focus on handwriting and presentation in school. Children have been working hard on improving their handwriting so that they can write at pace with a legible style. To support them with this, adults have been modelling our handwriting scheme in lessons and on displays. Children have also received personalised feedback as required, such as identifying specific letters that they may need to focus on or being given encouragement to remember join their letters. Miss Ragdale and Mr Westaway have also been visiting classrooms and have given a 'Thumbs Up' stamp to children who have copied accurately and neatly presented their date and learning objective. In the upcoming weeks, Year 3 will have the opportunity to earn 'special tape' to decorate their handwriting pens when they show that they can consistently use neat handwriting across all lessons.

We have looked at books across the school and it has been fantastic to see a marked improvement in handwriting and presentation. Well done to all the children and keep up the hard work!

PARENT FEEDBACK

Using your views from recent Parent Surveys we will share with you things that are happening in school as a result of your responses in a section called 'You said, we did...'

'YOU SAID, WE DID...'

You said: In our summer 2026 parent and carer views, 30% of respondents felt the school did not have high expectations of children.

We did: In autumn 2026, we introduced our 'Be PROUD, Be AWESome' initiative which includes weekly checks by adults in school to ensure children consistently have high standards in their appearance, work and how they look after equipment.



You said: We received lots of positive feedback at the recent parent evenings regarding this initiative, including the following comments:

'The 'Be PROUD, Be AWESome' initiative has had a positive impact, and my child genuinely likes the core values it stands for. They also particularly like the "amber alert" system, finding it to be a very helpful "stop and think" reminder.'

'My child is more conscious about time keeping and how she presents herself with correct uniform.'

'She's recited what each letter of PROUD is to me & tells me about each letter as they go through them.'

'The new standards encourage good behaviour, confidence and respect for others.'