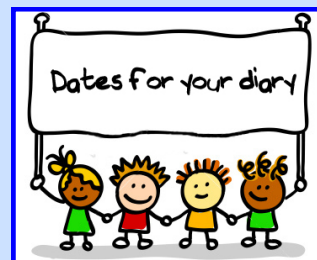




Dates for the Diary

March		
Thursday	26th	Year 3 Class 3 swimming
Friday	27th	School closes for the Easter holidays Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
April		
Monday	13th	School reopens after the Easter holidays Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School - Last Session Year 6 Chess Club After School - Last Session
Tuesday	14th	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School - Last Session
Wednesday	15th	Year 5 Music Club After School - Last Session Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School - Last Session
Thursday	16th	Class 3 Swimming Yr 3 Reading Cafe
Friday	17th	Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Monday	20th	Year 3 Rounders Club After School Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 6 Maths Club
Tuesday	21st	Year 6 Writing Cafe Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	22nd	Year 4 Rounders Club After School Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School
Thursday	23rd	Year 4 Street Teams Workshops Class 3 swimming - Last Session Year 5 Writing Cafe Year 5 Board Games Club After School
Friday	24th	Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School



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>

Unsure on a date? Check the school calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66>

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 **as soon as possible**.

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.

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**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the school barriers need to be kept clear **at all times** to allow access to the car park should the emergency services ever be required, but also to allow staff to access site and efficiently get to class.

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



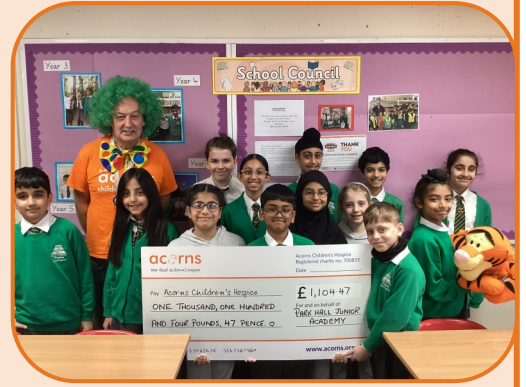
Tombola fundraiser



Through the amazing generosity of our Park Hall families, we were fortunate enough to raise a massive £1104.47 that went to our supported charity, Acorns Children's Hospice.

Gary, an Acorns representative, spent time with our School Council telling them about the wonderful things Acorns does for families when their children are ill.

He was very much looking forward to sharing the news back at the hospice in Walsall.



Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March 2026



Our students proudly wore red last Friday in honour of Red Nose Day - everywhere you looked there were red ribbons, t-shirts, jumpers and even red hair! Thank you to everyone who donated - the money raised will help support families in poverty, both in the UK and around the world.



**We raised £190!
Well done everyone!**



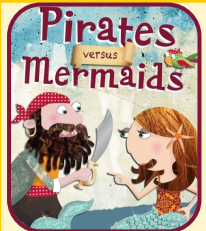
Congratulations to our Year 6 Rotary Competition Winners!

Earlier this year our students were given the opportunity to take part in the Walsall Rotary Young Writer and Young Artist Competitions. The theme this year was "Happiness in Nature" and a number of our students were shortlisted.

We are delighted to announce that two students from Year 6, Pavleen and Bisma, placed in the Young Artist competition and were invited to the Mayor's Parlour at Walsall Town Hall on Friday 20th March to celebrate their achievement and collect their prizes. Well done Pavleen and Bisma!



Year 4 Production - Pirates vs Mermaids



The Year 4 performances this week have been fabulous. Thank you for all the positive comments emailed in or shared with Mrs Amos at the gate! The children are great performers who sang superbly. The children and staff's hard work has paid off and we are very proud of everyone. Well done Year 4!



British Sign Language Club



A huge well done to the children attending British Sign Language Club. So far, we have had three sessions and the children have already learned to sign the alphabet, numbers, greetings, colours, favourite foods and favourite songs. As part of Picture News, we are also showing children in all year groups some signs to pass on a greeting such as 'Good Morning'. Thank you to Reverend Mayo for all her help with running the club!



Behaviour Winners!



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kierav B	Zayn H	Zayaan R	Safa Noor W



Healthy Eating Winners!



Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Class 1	Ahmad J	Class 4	Teerath S	Class 7	Aroop B	Class 10	
Class 2	Rachit S	Class 5		Class 8	Zidaan R	Class 11	
Class 3	Daniella L	Class 6	Layla R	Class 9	Avani P	Class 12	Arham B



Polite Reminder: Special Items

A reminder that children should not be bringing into school any special items from home such as toys, keyrings and jewellery. If non-school items are brought in by your child, they will be confiscated by staff and you will have to collect them from the school office at the end of the day.

We know it is tempting to bring in sentimental items, however they are easily lost or damaged - **keep them safe, leave them at home.**



Water Bottles in School



We have seen an increase in Stanley cups being brought into school. Sadly, they are resulting in spillages and ruined books due to them not being water-tight, as well as injuries as the cups are made from heavy materials.

Please could we remind everyone, that drinking cups with straws should not be brought into school. All drinking bottles should be no larger than 500ml and should be made of light weight materials. Children are able to refill their water bottle at school, so larger water bottles are not necessary.

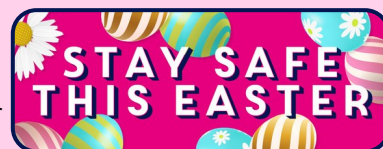
Thank you!

Keeping Safe this half-term holiday

With the weather getting warmer and the lighter nights rolling in, 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!
- ◆ Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and carry a torch when walking in dark areas.
- ◆ 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 starting to get warmer - 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.

Why not create a safety poster to display in school? Mrs Amos would love to see your designs and ideas! Make sure your teacher gets them to her!



Goodbye Miss Deakin!

It is with every best wish that we send Miss Deakin off to her new school, her new class and new colleagues!
Miss Deakin has been at our schools for a very long time!

She was a former pupil of Park Hall Infant and Park Hall Junior Schools and after her very successful time at QMH she went off to university to study – and enjoy – the great City of York.

After deciding that teaching was a real vocation for her, Miss Deakin re-joined Park Hall Infant Academy... but this time supporting learning, before carrying out her post graduate teacher training and securing a post at Park Hall Junior Academy. Recently re-joining Park Hall Infant Academy as Year 2 Year Group Leader, Miss Deakin has definitely earned a lifetime membership award!

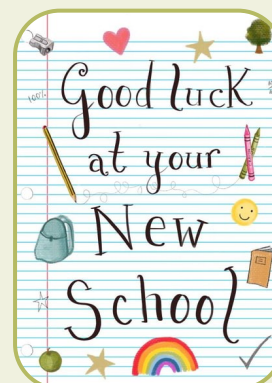
In between times, baby Jack arrived and after a long commute and battle with the M5 Miss Deakin has found a post closer to home and will continue her interest in inclusion and SEND support in her new role.

Miss Deakin will be a great asset to her new school, just as she has been at our schools – thank you Miss Deakin :)

After being a teacher to thousands of pupils, over the last 15 years, teaching 10s of thousands of hours of lessons and leading an array of core subjects Miss Deakin is looking forward to new challenges and her new job after the Easter holidays.

I know that you will join with us to wish Miss Deakin all the very best for the future and know that we will always be here as her Park Hall Family.

Good luck Miss Deakin – you will be missed!



Good bye Mrs Healy!

It is with very mixed feelings that the time has come for us all to say good bye and a huge thank you to Mrs Healy as she puts her feet up, enjoys reading many novels and relaxing into her retirement. Mrs Healy will be missed by all of us.

Mrs Healy has been travelling to and from Park Hall Junior Academy for more than 30 years. She started with us as a teacher and has taught in all year groups. Before becoming a Deputy Headteacher, she taught in Year 6. After 10 years at school as a teacher and Deputy, Mrs Healy became our Headteacher! The school became an Academy and not long after, she organised for our school building to be extended so that the children were not so cramped up in the old part of the building!

Mrs Healy has accumulated a whopping 5825 days at Park Hall Junior Academy - that definitely deserves life long membership with us! For the last three and a half years, Mrs Healy has been Executive Headteacher for the infants and the juniors.

Mrs Healy has many fond memories of her job in education. She talked passionately to a group of Year 6 children last week about how she remembers the school being very excited to have one computer to share amongst the twelve classrooms. The computer would be wheeled in on a special trolley and the children would be giggling with glee as they awaited their turn to have a go!

Mrs Healy also shared how she had to prepare all of her lessons for her class on a chalkboard which took a very long time. One memory that makes her laugh about this was as she was moving the board up to continue writing, little did she realise the back of the board had been rubbing against a cloth and was slowly rubbing some of the writing all away again! It mustn't have been amusing at the time.



Mrs Healy has always had a passion for football and often enjoys talking to the children at the gate about how Aston Villa got on over the weekend! At the beginning of her career in school, she managed our football team - and spoke to Year 6 this week about having to referee while being 8 months pregnant!

Productions were introduced in school by Mrs Healy and an ex-member of staff, Mr Cash. Together they worked with the children to produce the wonderful story of Oliver Twist. Her husband and son also became involved, creating the magnificent backdrop featuring hidden children's book characters - this can still be seen 22 years later in one of our school corridors. The productions and backdrops that came after have included The Wizard of Oz, My Fair Lady, Alice in Wonderland, Camp Rock, Shrek, Aladdin and Beauty and the Beast! Some of these productions and backdrops are still being used by the children today.

This week has been full of mixed emotions as we say our fond goodbyes which have included Mrs Healy catching up with ex pupils who she taught in 1995 - Mr and Mrs Dulai. She will be saying goodbye to the children in assemblies across both schools.

We wish you all the very best as you have a well-earned retirement Mrs Healy. We hope you enjoy all of the music concerts you have lined up; all of the theatre shows you are going to watch; as well as travelling around the world visiting new and old favourite places. But most of all, have a wonderful time being with your family. We will all miss you very much but know that you are only a text or a phone call away. All the very very best.



Easter Playscheme 2026

Treehouse will be opening up for Easter Playscheme 2026 in the 2nd week of the Easter holidays on **Tuesday 7th April, Wednesday 8th April and Thursday 9th April.**

Bookings **are still open.**

The charges for this year are:



9:30am - 3:30pm	£28.90
8:00am - 12:15pm	£21.00
12:45pm - 5:15pm	£24.20
8:00am - 5:15pm	£42.00



Places are booked on a first come, first served basis.

Please note, Playscheme is only open to children from Park Hall Infant Academy and Park Hall Junior Academy, Reception to Year 6 (limited numbers).

Reminder - Collection After School and from After School Activities

A polite reminder that school finishes promptly at 3:30pm. Gates close at 3:40pm, at which point children are brought to the school office. **Any children who are not collected by 3:45pm will be taken to Treehouse and there will be a charge.**

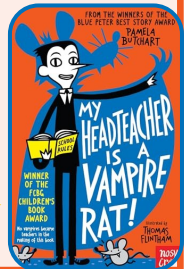
In addition, all after school activities, such as Sports Club, finish promptly at 4:30pm.

Children who are not collected on time will be booked into Treehouse and there will be a charge.

My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat! by Pamela Butchart Reviewed by Tia M

Izzy and her friends all get into trouble. They find out their old head teacher is gone and a new one has come in. Their head teacher is tall and scary with huge dark eyes. They find out the head teacher hastes garlic! They think their head teacher is a vampire rat! They get called to the head teacher's office... read the book to find out more!

I rate this book 5 stars out of 5, I like it because they go through mysteries and problems.



E-Safety for Parents

Do you know what your child is accessing online? The internet is designed for anyone in the world to access. We, at school, ensure that firewalls are in place for children to use child friendly activities online while in school. We are closely monitored by Walsall Council and we receive alerts if anything inappropriate or unkind is searched for or typed. But what does this look like for you at home? You will receive a digital copy of a Parents Control Booklet to help you to set up your firewalls at home as well as parental controls so that you know what you are allowing your child to access in your family home. We hope the information shared with you in the booklet will be useful and we will be sending home monthly newsletters about how to keep safe online so look out for them in the coming months.



Helping children to keep safe is a partnership between home and school, and you, as parents/carers, play a vital role in knowing what your children are accessing when on the internet. The following website is also a great resource to help keep you up to date with your child's internet use.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Inclusive Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 97%

Week Commencing Monday 9th March 2026 - 97.8% Highest Attendance Class 12 - 99.4%
Week Commencing Monday 16th March 2026 - 89.4 % Highest Attendance Class 11 - 93.1%

Well done Class 12 and Class 11!

Class	% Attendance w/c 09/03/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 09/03/26
1	95.9	7	93.9
2	98.5	8	98.5
3	97.9	9	97.7
4	98.8	10	98.5
5	97.9	11	98.6
6	97.7	12	99.4

Class	% Attendance w/c 16/03/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 16/03/26
1	85.9	7	90.3
2	91.8	8	88.5
3	86.8	9	85.6
4	91.8	10	88.5
5	92.4	11	93.1
6	86.6	12	91.2