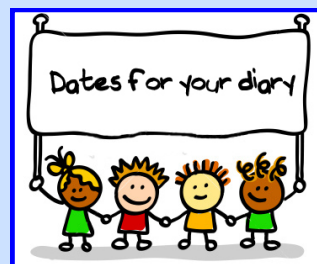




Autumn Term No 4

Dates for the Diary

October		
Thursday	16th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Monday	20th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	21st	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	22nd	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	23rd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Friday	24th	Inset Day - School Closed to all children
November		
Monday	3rd	School reopens to all children at 8:45am Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (information to follow regarding groupings) Catch up Flu Vaccinations - Parents to complete online form before 3rd November - https://tinyurl.com/5n6efawr Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	4th	Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (information to follow regarding groupings) Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	5th	Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School Year 4 Art Club
Thursday	6th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School



Inset Days

24th October 2025
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>

Walk to School Month

Walk to School Month is in full swing and ends on Friday 24th October. Children who walk, cycle, or scooter to school are receiving leaf templates. They are:

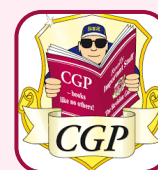
- Colouring it in using pencil crayons;
- Writing (in pen) how many trees they counted on their journey.

Don't forget - children can take part in a fun 'Guess the Tree' competition, where they are trying to identify tree names based on leaf samples. Entries for this competition should be placed in the A*Star box in the hall. Two winners will be selected after half term, good luck!



Reminder - CGP Books Order Deadline

A reminder that if you wish to order any CGP books, this can be done through your SCOPAY account. If you were unable to attend Parents Evening, you can look at the books available on the CGP website by searching for either the title or the code provided on the document that was emailed home.



The deadline for orders is Thursday 16th October 2025.

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 **Friday 17th October 2025** at the latest. Please check best before/use by dates.

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

- Cooking 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





School Photographs

A reminder that the school photographs are now on sale through Tempest Photography. The deadline for orders to be delivered to school for free is **Friday 24th October 2025**.

For any order queries, please speak to Tempest Photography directly.

Book Fair - Save the date!

The book fair is coming back to Park Hall Junior Academy! More information will follow, for now save the date - week commencing Monday 10th November 2025...



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Please see below a lovely activity to do with your family regarding waterway wildlife along our canals.

<https://tinyurl.com/38mv7dey>

Canal & River Trust

Celebrating a Festival? We'd Love to See!

If you or your family are celebrating any religious festivals, we'd love for you to share the joy with us! Please send in any photos you'd be happy for us to display in the hall as part of a showcase of the different traditions and cultures in our school. Email your pictures to:

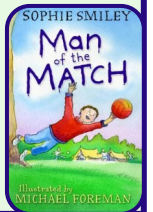
postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk

We look forward to sharing everyone's festivities!



Books by Sophie Smiley Recommended by Mansehaj

I would like to share with you a great author that we have in our class library. Sophie Smiley writes really good books for children such as Team Trouble, Pirates Ahoy and Man of the Match. The illustrator, Michael Foreman, has drawn all the pictures in the books. Man of the Match is my favourite one and is about Bobby and Charlie who go to a summer camp. They make new friends and learn to play lots of new activities. It is a fun book to read and I think you will like to read it too. Why don't you give it a go?



The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl Reviewed by Akshay



Next to the house, where Mrs Gregg and Mr Gregg lived with 2 boys, lived a girl. In the early morning, The Greggs go shoot birds, even Phillip and William have a gun and they do it for fun. One Saturday, the girl saw Williams and Phillip coming out of the wood and holding a young deer. Suddenly the girl put the MAGIC FINGER on the whole Gregg family but it reminder her of when the teacher said to spell cat and she said K-A-T. Then suddenly at the end of the class and the teacher calls her a idiot and said stupid as well and then she puts up the MAGIC FINGER! Then the whole class laugh while the teacher was turning into a bird. Then she wondered what she could do with the magic finger in her life and waits for it to happen.

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.

Thank you.



Polite Reminder: Special Items



A reminder that children should keep their special items such as toys, keyrings and jewellery at home. We know it is tempting to bring in sentimental items, however they are easily lost which makes your child sad. **Please keep them safe and leave them at home.**



Secondary School Applications for September 2026
Closing Date - 31st October 2025



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 **Thursday 23rd October 2025 - particularly if you think you may need assistance.**

The online portal is open for applications and the deadline for applications is **31st October 2025.**

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 in school please do so before **Thursday 23rd October 2025.**

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).

Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing Monday 29th September 2025 - 98.5% Highest Attendance - Class 1, Class 4 and Class 9 - 100%

Week Commencing Monday 6th October 2025 - 97.3% Highest Attendance Class 4 - 100%

Well done Class 1, Class 4 and Class 9!

Class	% Attendance w/c 29/09/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 29/09/25
1 ★	100	7	94.9
2	99.4	8 ★	97.7
3	97.9	9 ★	100
4 ★	100	10	99.4
5	99.1	11	98.3
6	97.1	12	98.5

Class	% Attendance w/c 06/10/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 06/10/25
1	98.2	7	98.6
2	92.1	8	97.9
3	97.7	9	92.9
4 ★	100	10	98.2
5	98.8	11	98.6
6	96.0	12	99.1

Having two classes with a whole week 100% attendance and one class with two whole weeks of 100% attendance is a great achievement. Very well done to all the children!

Remember - always here, always learning.