



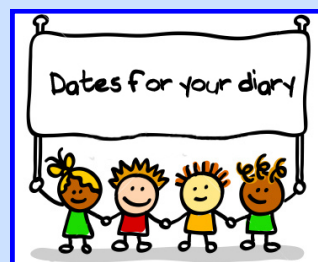
## Dates for the Diary

### October

Thursday	23rd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Friday	24th	<b>Inset Day - School Closed to all children</b> Deadline for school photograph orders for free delivery to school
Friday	31st	<b>Deadline for Secondary School Applications</b>

### November

Monday	3rd	<b>School reopens to all children at 8:45am</b> Poppy merchandise on sale in school Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (group information to follow) Catch up Flu Vaccinations - Parents to complete online form before 3rd November - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5n6efawr">https://tinyurl.com/5n6efawr</a> Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	4th	Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (group information to follow) 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
Friday	7th	Last day for Poppy merchandise
Monday	10th	Anti Bullying Week Book Fair arrives in school! Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (group information to follow) Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	11th	Year 5 'Safeside' Visit (group information to follow) Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	12th	Photograph mop up day Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School Year 4 Art Club
Thursday	13th	Last day of Book Fair Last session of swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School
Friday	14th	Children in Need Day (information to follow)
Monday	17th	Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	18th	Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	19th	Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School Year 4 Art Club
Thursday	20th	Start of swimming for Year 3 Class 2 Year 5 Class 8 Sports Club After School
Monday	24th	Year 5 Puberty Talk with School Nurses Year 4 Class 5 Sports Club After School Year 6 Arts and Crafts Club After School
Tuesday	25th	Year 3 Class 2 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	26th	Year 6 Class 11 Sports Club After School Year 4 Art Club
Thursday	27th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 2 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>

**A reminder that there is no Playscheme available during October half term.**



### Behaviour Winners!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Avneet G	Evan	Suhana	Liyana



### Congratulations to all our healthy eating winners!



Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
<b>Class 1</b>	Kimorah	<b>Class 4</b>	Yusuf M	<b>Class 7</b>	Amelia	<b>Class 10</b>	Zayd
<b>Class 2</b>	Indiyah	<b>Class 5</b>	Dylan	<b>Class 8</b>	Shaan	<b>Class 11</b>	Uvraj
<b>Class 3</b>	Tabarak	<b>Class 6</b>	Gyaan	<b>Class 9</b>	Ibrahim	<b>Class 12</b>	Gurtegh



### Arboretum Bulb Planting Event



Some of Year 6 had a fantastic morning at the Gallery Garden, in the Walsall Arboretum, planting daffodil and tulip bulbs ready for Spring. Arham, Muskeen, Liyana, Sifa, Kabir, Abdul-Hadi, Shayaan, Esha and Prabhkirat not only did an amazing job at planting the bulbs, they also learnt about how the bulbs collect their nutrients through the roots and about a process called photosynthesis. We can't wait to go back to the Gallery Garden next year to see the flowers in bloom! Well done!



### Walk to School Month



Don't forget, Walk to School Month ends on Friday 24th October - children need to submit their competition entries by **Thursday 23rd October 2025**. 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!

### 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...



### 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.**



### Poppy Appeal 2025

**Poppies and other merchandise will go on sale in school on Monday 3rd November.** If your child wishes to buy a paper poppy they should bring a donation of **50p**. **Other merchandise available: Snap bands £1.50; Festival band £1.00; Reflector keyring 50p; Poppy 10p**



If there is any poppy merchandise left over, please look out for a table near the main school gate on Friday 7th November. Also, look out for our annual poppy display which will be situated on the fence as you enter the playground; have a look on your way into school during the first week back after half-term.

### School Safety Reminder: Responsible Parking & Driving



We've recently received a **serious concern** from a parent regarding unsafe parking and driving near our school premises. A child experienced a **near miss** due to vehicles blocking pavements, forcing them to step into the road. This is yet another reminder of the importance of keeping our children safe during drop-off and pick-up times.

Be considerate and:

- **Avoid parking on pavements** - these are vital walking routes for children.
- **Do not park on double yellow lines** - this restricts visibility and creates hazards.
- **Respect blue badge spaces** - only use them if you are entitled to do so.
- **Drive slowly and carefully near the school** - children may be crossing unexpectedly.
- **Consider parking a little further away** and walking the last part of the journey.

We continue to work with the local authority to monitor the area more closely, but your co-operation is also essential. It is important to work together with this to ensure every child arrives and leaves school safely.

### Staying Safe during October Half Term

Here are some tips to help you enjoy this time of year while staying safe:

- ♦ Make sure a responsible adult or guardian goes with you - it could be an older sibling or family member if they're over 16 and very sensible!
- ♦ Taking a torch and wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen is always helpful.
- ♦ Stay close to home and, if possible, only visit the houses of people you know.
- ♦ **NEVER** enter a stranger's home.
- ♦ Stay on the pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you.
- ♦ Stand far back from both fireworks and bonfires.
- ♦ Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off straight away, it could still explode.
- ♦ Never ever put fireworks in your pocket and never ever throw them.
- ♦ Always wear gloves when using sparklers so that you do not burn your hand. Hold them at arm length and do not use them close to other people. When your sparkler goes out, put it in a bucket of cold water.
- ♦ Keep your pets indoors and maybe put on some music to calm them from the loud bangs, pops and whistle sounds.



### 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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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).