



Dates for the Diary

September

Thursday	18th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Friday	19th	School Council Acorns Day - Non Uniform - £1 donation
Monday	22nd	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	23rd	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	24th	Venture Week Day 1
Thursday	25th	Venture Week Day 2 Swimming for Year 3 Class 1
Friday	26th	Venture Week Day 3
Monday	29th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	30th	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School

October

Wednesday	1st	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	2nd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Monday	6th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	7th	Flu vaccinations in school - parents to send consent to Vaccination UK Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School Parent's Evening
Wednesday	8th	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	9th	Photograph Day Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School Parent's Evening

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](https://tinyurl.com/2fw6drn8)

Unsure on a date?
Check the school
calendar at

[https://
tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66](https://tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66)

Acorns Charity Day



School Council are excited to continue supporting our local charity 'Acorns Children's Hospice' this year. There are a few ideas Mrs Bates and the councillors have planned for the school year and a non-uniform day this Friday is their first fundraising event.

School Council have suggested a donation of £1.00 for coming in no uniform. Please can we ask that clothing remains sensible and comfortable for the school day, including for when children are outside during playtime.

Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Year 3 Class 1 Swimming

A reminder that Class 1 start their Thursday swimming lessons tomorrow. On swimming days, all children should:

- Wear school uniform.
- 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.

Parents Evenings
Tuesday 7th October and Thursday 9th October 2025 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)

It is important that you understand how well your child is settling into their new class and year group.

Appointment bookings can be made through your child's Scopay, bookings will go live on **Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7pm**. The deadline to book an appointment for Tuesday 7th October is Monday 6th October 2025 at 12:30pm and to book for Thursday 9th October is Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 12:30pm. If you are unsure of the booking process, then please contact school office for support.

If you would like to meet with Mrs Dickson, our SENCO, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

We encourage you to give a suitable time gap between sibling appointments if booking for the same day.

We look forward to meeting you.

School Photographs

The photographers will be in school on Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th 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.

Children in Year 5 should come to school in full school uniform with their PE kit and trainers in a bag. Thank you for your assistance.

A letter will be coming home with your child today, which will need to be completed for sibling photographs.



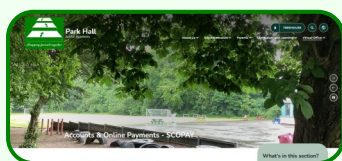
Treehouse and Play Scheme

There will be no Play Scheme this October half term.

If you are paying through childcare vouchers or Tax Free childcare, please ensure that fees are transferred two weeks in advance, so that you are able to book your own sessions. There will be a delay from when the childcare vouchers are sent from your portal, to when they are paid directly to us. Two weeks will enable us sufficient time to receive these vouchers and input them onto your child's Scopay account.

You can check your bookings on your Scopay account, by clicking on the Calendar tab.

Our new website



You may have noticed our website has a new look. It is a very exciting time and we ask that you are patient while some areas of the website transition from our old one. This means some areas of the website such as the calendar may not be fully up and running. This transition should only last for a couple of weeks.

A great addition to the website is our Virtual Office, which has a variety of tools, for example, reporting your child's absence or if they need medicine in school - these can help you save vital moments during your morning drop off run when the office tends to be very busy! Find out more at: [The Virtual Office](#)

We hope you enjoy using our new website.

School Office Open Hours

The school office can be contacted on 01922 720761, or using postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk. Please see the table for this academic year's opening hours.

Monday	8:15am - 4:45pm
Tuesday	8:15am - 4:45pm
Wednesday	8:15am - 4:45pm
Thursday	8:15am - 4:00pm
Friday	8:15am - 4:15pm

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. We know it is tempting to bring in sentimental items, however they are easily lost - keep them safe, 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 now 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).

Below are the upcoming open days at just some of our local schools. Remember to explore school websites, read school admissions policies and entry criteria. This will help you understand how schools make their admissions decisions.

Upcoming Secondary School Open Days

Please be aware some of these events must be booked via the school's website. Please check each school's website to find out further details.

Barr Beacon

Open Morning will take place on Friday 10th October 2025 9.10- 10.10am.

The Streetly Academy

Open Evening 2025 will take place on Thursday 25th September – please book a place via the Streetly Academy website.

Aldridge School

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th September 2025 at 6pm.

Willenhall E-Act Academy

Wednesday 24th September between 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Joseph Leckie Academy

Thursday 25th September 2025, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Open Evening Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4.45p.m. - 7.00p.m

Shire Oak Academy

Wednesday 24th September from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. See the Shire Oak website for more details.

Other schools may be holding open events. Information and dates about these can be found on the school's website or by telephoning the school for further help. Many schools also have virtual tours available on their websites.

Safety of your child

Please park respectfully and in line with the Highway Code. We have received a large number of emails about poor parking on corners which is causing near misses for children and adults crossing the road.



Remember to consider residents and their driveways when parking so that you are not blocking people in. Also grass areas help to make our community look appealing, but cars parking on the verges are spoiling the area around the lake. We have also received reports of shouting between drivers - please remember that little ears are always listening!

Park Hall Close is private property and is now using a National Parking Control Company who will issue Parking Charge Notices to owners of cars parked without permission.

From our meetings with the police, they have shared that it is everyone's responsibility to work together during these busy times to ensure everyone is safe coming to school and making their way home.

Thank you for your co-operation.



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
Reviewed by Aisha

I absolutely loved reading The Explorer. It is one of the most exciting and adventurous books I have ever read. It's about four children who crash land in the Amazon Rainforest and have to survive on their own. They face so many challenges and dangerous moments but learn to work together and become really brave.

My favourite part was when they discovered the hidden city deep in the jungle. It was mysterious and magical. I also liked how each character was so different but they all made the group special. This book made me feel like I was really there with them in the rainforest. This book is full of twists and makes me feel like I never want to stop reading it.

I would definitely recommend it to anyone who loves adventure and exciting stories. It's brilliant and I would give it 10 out of 10!

Send in your book recommendations to Mrs Amos to help other children choose a good book to read.



Missed Attendance - Missed Opportunity

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office as soon as possible that morning. The telephone system allows parents to leave a message, which can be left at anytime. Should a parent fail to notify us with a reason for their child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Medical confirmation to support illness may be required. It is important that the office staff account for all pupils for safety reasons.

If you report your child's absence via email, you will receive details of your child's attendance, this is so that you are informed of what your child's attendance is at currently. Please be aware that:

- Each day consists of two potential marks - the morning and the afternoon registration mark;
- Authorised absences, such as illness, will still cause your child's attendance percentage to decrease;
- Regulations state that if a child is more than thirty minutes late, for any reason, he/she is marked absent for the whole morning/afternoon, equating to half a day's absence.

Please note that Attendance information is routinely collected by the Education Welfare Office (EWO) and therefore failure to attend could result in a visit from the EWO and/or the issue of a fixed penalty notice by Walsall Council.

How Healthy Are We?



When it comes to eating well, taking one small step after another can soon add up to making a positive difference to you and your family. Why not use the sugar calculator below to select the food/snacks your child has eaten during the day and watch how much sugar it equates to. The NHS website for healthier families is a great way to get people thinking about healthier choices. They are also some great recipes to try out.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/sugar-calculator/>

Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing Monday 1st September 2025 - 97.9% Highest Attendance - Class 2 and 10 - 100%

Week Commencing Monday 25th November 2024 - 97.8% Highest Attendance - Class 2 - 100%

Well done Class 2 and Class 10!

Class	% Attendance w/c 01/09/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 01/09/25
1	95.6	7	99.1
2 ★	100	8	99.1
3	96.9	9	96.0
4	99.0	10 ★	100
5	97.1	11	96.2
6	97.1	12	99.0

Class	% Attendance w/c 08/09/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 08/09/25
1	96.8	7	96.9
2 ★	100	8	97.7
3	99.7	9	98.8
4	98.5	10	96.1
5	96.5	11	96.6
6	98.9	12	96.8