



## Dates for the Diary

### January 2026

Wednesday	7th	Year 3 Science Club After School Year 6 Class 12 Sports Club After School
Thursday	8th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 2
Friday	9th	Year 5 Class 9 Sports Club After School
Monday	12th	School Nurses Parents Workshop - Handling Big Emotions Year 4 Class 6 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	13th	Year 3 Class 3 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	14th	Year 3 Science Club After School Year 6 Class 12 Sports Club After School
Thursday	15th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 2
Friday	16th	Year 5 Class 9 Sports Club After School
Monday	19th	Year 4 Class 6 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	20th	Year 3 Class 3 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	21st	Year 3 Science Club After School Year 6 Class 12 Sports Club After School
Thursday	22nd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 2
Friday	23rd	Year 5 Class 9 Sports Club After School

Dates for your diary



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

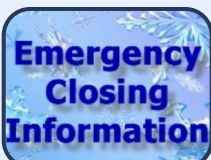
Unsure on a date?  
Check the school  
calendar at

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

## Welcome Back!

A very Happy New Year to you all for 2026 and welcome back to school for the Spring term. We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and look forward to the year ahead.

## Unforeseen Closures



Hopefully, we will not be affected by bad weather this year however, in the event of extreme weather conditions, we will always endeavour to open the school if it is safe and sensible to do so. In turn, we expect you to make all reasonable and sensible attempts to attend, if school is open. Where school does have to close, a decision will be made as soon as possible and you will be notified principally through our website [www.parkhalljuniorac.co.uk](http://www.parkhalljuniorac.co.uk) and by email. Remote Learning processes will be in place to ensure that learning is uninterrupted so please ensure that your child's Google Classroom login information is handy for use.



## 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.**

## Appointments during school hours

Attending a medical or dental appointment where a child requires emergency advice may be counted as authorised as long as we are notified in advance of the appointment. Please remember that an authorised absence will still affect your child's absence in school.

We continue to encourage parents and carers to make routine medical and dental appointments out of school hours, where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

A reminder that parents are unable to park on the car park to collect children for appointments.

### Important Attendance/Absence Information

School attendance is an important part of your child's academic and social journey. The Department of Education made some important changes in the law for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time. The changes made are clear that schools will not grant any leave except in exceptional circumstances.

There is a national threshold for issuing penalty notices, which is set at 10 missed sessions. This is equal to 5 school days, within a rolling period of 10 school weeks. It is important for parent(s)/carer(s) to be aware that we meet weekly with the local authority, and they oversee all unauthorised leave.

The local authority has started to issue penalty notices for unauthorised absence. It is vitally important that any absences from school are evidenced.

Attendance during one school year	Number of days missed	Number of weeks missed	Number of sessions missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0	0	0	0
98%	4	0.8	8	20
95%	9	2	18	45
90%	19	4	38	100

Please remember, an authorised absence continues to affect your child's overall attendance and their percentage will decrease.

### Is my child too ill to come to school?

We know that children get poorly; please let us know if your child is too unwell for school. We can give your child an 'I' for illness instead of 'O' for unauthorised. 'I' can only be given, if your child's overall attendance is over 95% and/or evidence is provided of the illness, such as a photo of your child's temperature, or medication being given to treat your child.

If your child has an emergency medical appointment, please send a copy of the appointment letter to the school. Routine medical appointments should be kept outside normal school hours, where possible.

For more information please see NHS page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the conditions listed in the table can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply).

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

### Inclusive Attendance

Week Commencing Monday 15th December 2026 - 92.98% Highest Attendance Class 6 - 97.1%

Well done Class 6! Privilege cards and stickers are coming your way!

Class	% Attendance w/c 08/12/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 08/12/25
1	94.4	7	95.1
2	90.9	8	89.4
3	94.4	9	91.5
4	94.4	10	90.9
5	93.3	11	92.3
6	97.1	12	91.7

Our whole school attendance target is 97%