

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!



We hope you all had a safe, fun, and restful Christmas break with your families. Welcome back to the new school year, 2026! It has been wonderful to see the children returning, full of energy and enthusiasm, even after such a snowy start to the term. We are excited to see all that the next term will bring.

Keeping the children safe while ensuring they continue to learn and enjoy their time at school remains our priority. This term, the children will be exploring a range of exciting topics and activities in their classrooms. To find out more about what your child will be learning, please click on the links below.

We also have some important reminders for the term ahead, including key dates, school routines, and procedures to help everyone stay safe and happy at school.

A reminder that school starts at 8:55. Please ensure your child arrives on time so they don't miss valuable learning. If your child is absent, please email or call the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Tel: 01922 721 443. Email: postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support—we are looking forward to a fantastic term together!

Severe Weather & Home Learning

Keeping our children safe while continuing their learning is our priority. In the event of severe weather affecting the school day, we will email parents with updates and post in formation on our website: <https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/> (please refresh your browser). Any decision to close the school will be made as early as possible. Home learning activities will be available on the Year Group pages through our website and emailed to parents for those wishing to continue learning at home.



Spring 1 Curriculum Maps

Find out what your child will be learning during the next Half Term from their Year Group's Curriculum Map. These can be accessed via the school website.



Nursery https://tinyurl.com/33xvv3rf	Reception https://tinyurl.com/2sb35ssm
Year 1 https://tinyurl.com/3haszfje	Year 2 https://tinyurl.com/yetc5ydb

School Lunches Reminder

Please remember to book your child's school lunches via School Grid. Orders should be placed in advance to ensure your child receives their chosen meal.
<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/>



NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.

This week, the children have taken part in the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** Programme, learning how to recognise abuse and speak out to a trusted adult or Childline if they are worried. The programme includes fun assemblies and classroom activities with the NSPCC mascot, Buddy. Parents/carers can find helpful resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/parents and www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Design a Logo Competition – PHASE PTA

Our school PTA has a new name: PHASE (Park Hall Alliance for School Enrichment). PHASE is a team of parents, teachers and staff who help make school even better by organising fun events like fetes and discos and raising money for extra equipment and special trips.

PHASE would love the children's help to design a brand new PTA logo. The competition is open to both Infant and Junior children.

How to enter:

- Create a colourful, eye-catching logo that shows how PHASE helps the school and children
- Use clear pictures, shapes and lettering
- Draw your design on A4 paper

Please write your full name, class and age on your entry.

Deadline: Hand your design to your class teacher by Friday 23rd January 2026. The winning design, chosen by PTA members and teachers, will become the official PHASE logo.

We can't wait to see the children's amazing designs

Who are our SUPERSTARS ...



Celebrating the achievements of our children out of school. Lots of children have been busy reading and completing the Summer Reading Challenge. They have also been busy achieving in swimming, dancing, footballing and gymnastics.



Achievements		
Class 4	Jaxson M	Swimming – Stanley 5 Award
Class 5	Riya B	Swimming – 5 Metre Award
Class 5	Nura I	Rainbow Silver Award
Class 6	Leah D	Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer Award
Class 7	Kai S	Football Club Certificate
Class 7	Rahaan T	Charity - Raised £180 for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 15th December 2025 – 95.5% Highest Attendance Class 4 – 98.8%

Well done Class 4!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 15/12/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 15/12/25
Nur	90.5	5	97.1
1	98.7	6	97.8
2	91.3	7	90
3	98	8	98.6
4	98.8	9	96.8

**High focus on attendance. Please ensure your children are attending daily and on time.
Don't miss the phonics learning at 9.00am!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Year 1 After School Teambuilding Club (3:20pm – 4:20pm)

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Year 2 After School Book Club (3:20pm – 4:20pm)

Monday 12th January 2026 – A'Stars Be Bright Be Seen Week (Further information to follow)

Thursday 15th January 2026 - deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3 September 2026

Tuesday 27th January 2026 – PTA Meeting 9am (in school and online)

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 9th February 2026 PM – Reception Class 1 Road Safety Walk (Parents will be invited into school)

Tuesday 10th February 2026 PM – Reception Class 2 Road Safety Walk (Parents will be invited into school)

Wednesday 11th February 2026 PM – Reception Class 3 Road Safety (Parents to be invited into school)

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

February 2026 Mini Mash Parent Computing Workshop for Reception (Further information to follow)

Friday 13th February 2026 – Last Day of Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – First Day of Term school opens usual time 8:45am



Inset Days

Friday 19th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Term Dates

Please click on the link below for the current academic term dates.

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/term-and-holiday-dates/>