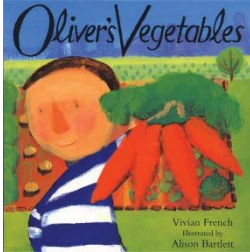


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Nursery



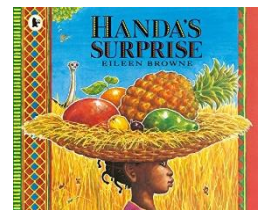
Nursery has been full of excitement as we continue exploring our "Ready Steady Grow" topic! The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to *Oliver's Vegetables* and were very enthusiastic when planting their very own beans. We have even created our own vegetable patch outside, which the children are incredibly proud of. Our beans are growing beautifully—roots are beginning to sprout, and we can clearly see them developing in our window, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

We have also been developing our drawing skills, focusing on adding lots of detail. The children loved investigating the insides of different fruits and vegetables and used what they observed to create some fantastic observational drawings. Adding to the excitement, our caterpillars have arrived! We will soon be reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and learning all about the life cycle as we watch this amazing transformation happen right before our eyes.

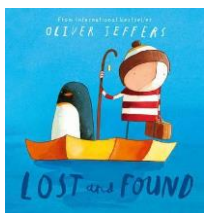
The lovely sunny weather has meant we have been able to take lots of our learning outdoors, making the most of the fresh air while continuing to explore, discover, and grow together!

Reception

In Reception so far this term, the children have been engaged in a variety of exciting learning experiences. Our exploration of the story *Handa's Surprise* has sparked lively discussions and inspired a range of enjoyable activities. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of addition and subtraction, including using number lines to support their calculations. They have also been learning about rainforests and jungles, showing great curiosity about these diverse environments. As part of our growing topic, the children have been planting and learning how to care for them, this has supported their understanding of what plants need to grow and thrive.



Year 1



In Year 1, the children arrived to discover a lost and lonely penguin in their classroom. This sparked lots of curiosity, and the children eagerly asked questions about the penguin and what they wanted to find out. This exciting start introduced our English text, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, which tells the story of a little boy who discovers a penguin and tries to help it find its way home. The story has inspired a range of writing activities, including letters of advice and fact files about Antarctic animals. The children have also been developing their vocabulary and learning to extend their

sentences using conjunctions such as "but". In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers, as well as adding three numbers by using our number facts to support us.

In Art, we have started a new unit where the children have been sketching birds and feathers in preparation for creating their own 3D bird sculptures.

We are also very much looking forward to our educational visit to Selly Manor this week, where the children will deepen their understanding of life in the past and learn about the events of the Great Fire of London.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderfully busy and engaging time, full of hands-on learning across the curriculum. In Maths, the children have been exploring measuring and capacity through a range of practical and interactive activities. In Science, they have been investigating how cress grows in different conditions, as well as planting sunflower seeds and bulbs as part of their 'Plants' topic.

Our English work has been inspired by *Dear Earth*, leading to thoughtful writing about endangered animals, as well as creative poems and heartfelt letters to our planet.



Meanwhile, in Art, the children have shown great imagination by transforming everyday materials into unique and inventive sculptures.

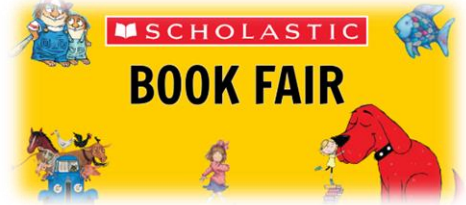
The Book Fair is visiting school – Week Commencing Monday 11th May!



It's Book Fair Time!

We will be welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair to our school Hall week commencing **Monday 11th May**. Children will have an opportunity to look at the books during the school day, then the

Hall will be open for you to browse after school from Monday and Tuesday. Look out for the letter that was sent home with your child today for further information.



Scholastic offer a wide variety of books for different ages and we earn money back with every purchase made to spend on books within school.

What a fantastic day we had celebrating British Science Week!

It was wonderful to see the children's imagination as they arrived dressed for STEM careers, thank you, for the effort put into the fantastic costumes. Throughout the day, children shared their chosen roles, explained links to science, and considered questions they might ask in those careers.

Linked to this year's theme, "Curiosity: What's your question?" children took part in a range of engaging scientific enquiries. Nursery and Reception explored plant life cycles, created flower pictures, and planted seeds to observe over time. Year One investigated rocket launches, boat design, and fingerprints, while Year Two explored bridge strength, separated ink colours, and developed teamwork skills.

The day ended with children reflecting on their favourite activities and the new questions their learning inspired.



No Smoking and Vaping



We would like to remind everyone that our school is a strictly no smoking and no vaping environment. This is in place to promote a healthy, safe, and respectful atmosphere for all. Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes or vaping devices are not permitted anywhere on school grounds or during school-related activities. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting the wellbeing of our community and helping us maintain a positive learning environment.

A Fantastic Achievement – Well Done!



Isher delivered an outstanding performance on Saturday, winning all four of his bouts without conceding a single point—a truly dominant display from start to finish. This latest success sees him add the Scottish title to his existing English title, firmly establishing him as the number one wrestler in the country at 23kg. He now looks ahead to the British Championships, followed by the Irish Open later in the year.



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 2	Ajaib S R	Kickboxing – Red Belt Award
Class 6	Jordan P	Kickboxing – Orange Belt Award
Class 6	Mika'il K	Coding Achievement Award
Class 6	Leah D	Swimming – 20 Metre Award
Class 7	Ariya K	Coding Achievement Award
Class 7	Hana M	Go Karting Medal
Class 7	Kai S	Little Kickers - Player of the Week Award
Class 9	Isher T	British Wrestling – Scottish Open Championship Award
Class 9	Milo C	Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer Award

Gold Star Assembly Award Winners



In recognition of your learning, progress, attitude, effort and upholding the school learning habits and values. Congratulations!



Class 1 – Ahmad A	Class 3 – Zackariyah A	Class 5 – Veeran S
Class 6 – Hollie W	Class 8 – Baani S	

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 13th April 2026 – 93.3% Highest Attendance Class 2 – 98%
 Week Commencing Monday 20th April 2026 – 95.3% Highest Attendance Class 4 – 99.2%

Well done Class 2 & 4!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 13/04/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 13/04/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 20/04/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 25/11/24
Nur	94.2	5	90	Nur	97	5	86.3
1	93.7	6	95.8	1	90	6	96.9
2	98	7	90	2	96.7	7	96.7
3	92.7	8	89.7	3	97	8	94.8
4	93.6	9	94.7	4	99.2	9	97.3

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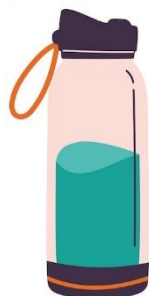
Sun Safety this Summer Season

It is important that parents, staff and children work together to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the summer months. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. Dehydration and over-exposure to sunlight can cause huge health worries which we would like to avoid. Your child's health and wellbeing are very important to us and Sun Safety is something that we take seriously at Park Hall Infant Academy.



As a school, we regularly talk to children about the importance of being safe in the sun during lessons and assemblies as appropriate.

Your support is very important. You can help by:



- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child into school with a named sunhat. Children who do not have a sunhat on very sunny days will be asked to stay in the shade.
- Applying a high factor sun cream (at least SPF 15) to your child before sending them to school. We recommend you use an 'all day' variety as staff are unable to reapply sun cream to children during the school day.
- Ensuring your child brings a large water bottle to school and encourage them to drink plenty of water – we will remind them too!



Sun Glasses - children with medical needs can wear sunglasses to school. Please report these medical needs to the school office so we can help children look after their prescription sun glasses.

Together we hope to have a happy and safe summer season to come!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th April - Year1 Trip - Selly Manor

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 5th May – Class Photographs

Tuesday 5th May – Year 2 Graduation Photographs

Thursday 7th May – Nursery Pop Up Play Village (In School)

W/C Monday 11th May – Book Fair

Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Term

Monday 1st June – Start of Term

W/C Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 18th June – Book Look

Parents / Guardians are invited into school for a drop-in session to look at their child's work and visit the classroom. (3:30pm-5:00pm)

Reception Telford Exotic Zoo Trip

Tuesday 23rd June –Class 1

Thursday 25th June – Class 2

Friday 26th June – Class 3

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Leavers Disco

Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term

Save The Date!

Reception Performance –

Tuesday 16th June – Class 2

Wednesday 17th June – Class 1

Thursday 18th June – Class 3

Wednesday 8th July – Year 2 Graduation (Parents/Guardians invited – Further information to follow)

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Graduation (Parents / Guardians invited – Further information to follow)



Inset Days

Friday 19th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 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/>