

School has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks. We have been learning

Nursery



Last week in Nursery the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, which inspired a wide range of meaningful and imaginative learning opportunities. The children took great pride in writing their own thank you letters to the elves, using their growing phonics knowledge to segment words and record the sounds they could hear. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they began to understand that writing has a real purpose. In maths, the children developed their counting skills through hands on experiences, carefully practising one to one correspondence as they counted and matched shoes to numerals. Our provision areas were full of creativity and curiosity, from designing and decorating elf hats to building stories in the small world area and exploring materials to test their strength and waterproof properties, just like a real shoemaker would. Outdoors, teamwork and cooperation shone through as the children worked together in active games. As we move into this week, there has been a lovely sense of excitement building for Easter, with the children beginning to make links to new seasonal learning.

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been learning about Spring and taking part in a range of fun, Easter-themed activities and challenges throughout our continuous provision. These activities have supported the children in developing their creativity, independence, and problem-solving skills.



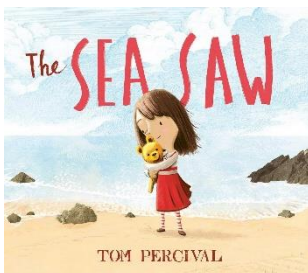
In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction, with the children writing number sentences to subtract 1 from numbers up to 10. They have been using practical resources and visual supports to help build confidence with early calculation skills.

We are also continuing our learning about different countries around the world, exploring a variety of places and discussing similarities and differences between them.

As part of our learning about the world around us, we will be going on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of spring, encouraging the children to observe changes in nature and talk about the seasons.

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Reception, full of opportunities for learning through play and exploration.

Year 1



In English, we have begun exploring the story *The See Saw* by Tom Percival. The story follows a young girl named Sophia, who loses her treasured teddy bear at the beach. The children have been developing their writing skills by learning how to use question marks, as well as prefixes and suffixes. They have applied these skills to create postcards, "lost" posters, and letters to the sea.

This week, we will be drawing our own story maps to help build vocabulary and deepen our understanding of the bear's journey, in preparation for writing our own stories next week.

In Maths, we have been practising finding one more and one less than a given number, as well as ten more and ten less. The children have used these skills to solve a range of problems. This week, we will move on to telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks.

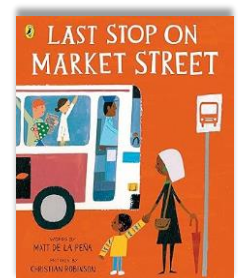
In our wider curriculum, we created artwork to celebrate Eid. This week, we will be making our own Easter crafts, continuing to develop our understanding and appreciation of different religions and celebrations.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been exploring the wonderful story *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson. Inspired by the text, they have been writing descriptive sentences using expanded noun phrases and creating their own poems to capture the sights, sounds and feelings experienced throughout the journey.

In Mathematics, the children have been building their confidence in multiplication and division. They have been using their knowledge of multiplication facts to support them in solving division problems, as well as revisiting arrays to help represent multiplication in a visual and meaningful way.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Geography topic on hot and cold climates. They were fascinated to learn about animals living in these environments and enthusiastically identified creatures from around the world. They also explored and wrote about the clever adaptations that enable these animals to survive in such contrasting climates.



Reception Mother's Day Concerts – A Wonderful Celebration Together

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our families' special women into school for our celebration. Our Reception children delighted everyone by sharing songs, beautiful portraits, and their thoughts about why these important women are so special to them.

Following the sharing assemblies, the children enjoyed decorating and making special bracelets alongside their adults, creating thoughtful gifts to take home. Portraits and cards were also proudly shared, making it a truly memorable occasion for all involved.



Red Nose Day



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated on Red Nose Day. With your kindness and support, we managed to raise an amazing £165.46! Your contributions will help make a real difference to those in need, and we are incredibly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

British Science Day in School – Friday 17th April 2026

On Friday 17th April 2026, we will be celebrating British Science Week in school. This exciting event highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and encourages children to explore and question the world around them.

This year's theme is "Curiosity: What's your question?" Curiosity is at the heart of discovery, helping scientists, engineers and inventors learn new things and solve problems. We will be encouraging the children to think of their own questions about topics that interest them – from space and animals to sport, music, food or buildings.

To make the day even more exciting, children are invited to come to school dressed as a career that uses science, technology, engineering or maths. While you might immediately think of doctors, nurses, scientists or engineers, there are many other STEM-related careers too, such as chefs, builders, farmers and zookeepers.



Some simple costume ideas include:

- Farmer: Wellies, jeans and a checked shirt
- Builder/Engineer: Jeans, a t-shirt and a high-visibility vest
- Scientist: A large white t-shirt worn as a lab coat
- Palaeontologist: Trousers, a t-shirt and a magnifying glass

We are looking forward to seeing the children's creative costumes and hearing all of their curious questions as we celebrate the wonderful world of STEM. **Please note that Reception PE day will be on Thursday 16th April for this week only.**

Easter Competition



Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Easter Competition – we were truly impressed by the creativity, effort, and imagination shown in all of the entries!

This year's themes brought plenty of excitement across the school. In Key Stage One, children embraced a *Winter Olympics* theme, designing and creating fantastic entries inspired by snowy sports, icy landscapes, and Olympic spirit. From ski jump scenes to medal-winning athletes, their ideas were both imaginative and beautifully crafted.

Meanwhile, in Early Years, our much-loved *Easter Bonnet Parade* was full of colour and charm. Children proudly showcased their wonderful bonnets, decorated with everything from spring flowers and fluffy chicks to Easter eggs and bunnies. The parade was a joyful celebration and a delight to watch.

Well done to everyone who took part – Mrs Timmins our Design and Technology coordinator, said that choosing winners was no easy task! Thank you again for your enthusiasm and in making this event such a success.



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 Nursery	Deedar S	Football – Player of the Week
Class 4	Ayah A	Gymnastics Medal for doing her best
Class 4	Reuben N	Swimming – 5 Metre Award/ Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer
Class 4	Avani P	Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer
Class 5	Jorah N	Swimming – 5 Metre Award/Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer
Class 6	Ayva G	Swimming – 5 Metres Award
Class 7	Jaya S	Martial Arts – Most Dedicated Team Member Award
Class 7	Kai S	Swimming – 5 Metres Award
Class 8	Bhani B	Kombat Kids – Purple Belt Award
Class 8	Amraj S	Football – Medal for Scoring lots of Goals
Class 9	Isher T	Freestyle Wrestling Competition – Silver Medal Achieved

Gold Star Assembly Award Winners



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



Class 2 – Arlo L

Class 5 – Riya B

Class 7 – Aryan P

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 9th March 2026 – 95.4% Highest Attendance Class 4 – 99.2%

Week commencing Monday 16th March 2026 – 88.2% Highest Attendance Class 8 – 92.4%

Well done Class 4 & 8!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 09/02/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 09/02/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 16/03/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 16/03/26
Nur	94.2	5	97	Nur	90.3	5	89.6
1	96.7	6	94.8	1	86.3	6	83.3
2	94.7	7	90	2	85	7	85.7
3	98.3	8	97.6	3	87.3	8	92.4
4	99.2	9	93	4	92	9	88.7

High focus on attendance. Please ensure your children are attending daily and on time.

Don't miss the phonics learning at 9.00am!

100% Attendance

Well done to all of our children that have achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term. These children have attended school every day and are always on time.



Nursery Ranveer B Arjan S M Bhagat G Milan J Deedar S Akaal H Jovan M Jasmine N Kara T Anand K	Class 1 Karam S S Himmat M Pari D	Class 2 Avneet C An Xuan K Arlo L Yadvir D Aniya S Ekam S Ajaib S R Kira B Nathaniel D	Class 3 Estellejane O-F Chisom O Arya P Baljot S Gurtaj S P	Class4 Reuben N Bani k Dhriti D Loveleen R Anaya C Yuvraj G J
Class 5 Jodh T Jovan K Taranveer S Dayaa D Jorah N Riya B Jezia D Veeran S Amore A Zara N Jora S Zayne D Harry S	Class 6 Jarnail S Grace A Aria G Jordan p Dylan S Yajurvi G Ayva G Leah D	Class 7 Druv P Ajaib B Jaya S Kai S Chimamanda O Aryan P	Class 8 Thea P Harcharan R Ava L Hukam B Tien K Shannanpreet S Yajna G Kiara P Baani S	Class 9 Holli S Jind K G Avneet S Saharj S Isher T Ziya H Lorenzo D

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Pupil Progress Evening – Thursday 26th March
Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term
April 7th, 8th & 9th – Playscheme
Monday 13th April – First Day of Term
Monday 13th April – Class 3 After School Football Club
Tuesday 14th April – Class 1 After School Athletics Club
Wednesday 15th April – **After School Cricket & Computing Club (Last Session)**
Wednesday 15th April – Year 1 After School Observational Drawing Club
Wednesday 15th April – Year 2 After School Dance Club
Tuesday 14th April – Reception Height and Weight
Wednesday 15th April – Reception Eye Screening
Friday 17th April – Science Day (**Reception PE Day Thursday 16th April**)
Wednesday 22nd April – Reception Eye Screening



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/>

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break - we do hope that you all get an opportunity to reconnect with families and see loved ones.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back to start our Summer term at 8.45am on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Goodbye Miss Deakin!

It is with every best wish that we send Miss Deakin off to her new school, her new class and new colleagues!

Miss Deakin has been at our schools for a very long time!

She was a former pupil of Park Hall Infant and Park Hall Junior Schools and after her very successful time at QMH she went off to university to study – and enjoy – the great City of York.

After deciding that teaching was a real vocation for her, Miss Deakin re-joined Park Hall Infant Academy ...but this time supporting learning, before carrying out her post graduate teacher training and securing a post at Park Hall Junior Academy. Recently re-joining Park Hall Infant Academy as Year 2 Year Group Leader, Miss Deakin has definitely earned a lifetime membership award!



In between times, baby Jack arrived and after a long commute and battle with the M5 Miss Deakin has found a post closer to home and will continue her interest in inclusion and SEND support in her new role.

Miss Deakin will be a great asset to her new school, just as she has been at our schools – thank you Miss Deakin ☺

After being a teacher to thousands of pupils, over the last 15 years, teaching 10 of thousands of hours of lessons and leading an array of core subjects Miss Deakin is looking forward to new challenges and her new job after the Easter holidays.

I know that you will join with us to wish Miss Deakin all the very best for the future and know that we will always be here as her Park Hall Family.

Good luck Miss Deakin – you will be missed!