

**Autumn Term No 3**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

### Parent Workshop

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended our workshops. We truly appreciate your feedback and support. It was wonderful to see so many of you participating in the learning activities and keen to learn how best to support your child's education.

Please see below the link for the slides your child's Year group.

| Reception   | Year 1  | Year 2  |
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| <a href="https://tinyurl.com/e2ap3db4">https://tinyurl.com/e2ap3db4</a> | <a href="https://tinyurl.com/46sk7psz">https://tinyurl.com/46sk7psz</a> | <a href="https://tinyurl.com/38hvr dxv">https://tinyurl.com/38hvr dxv</a> |

### Newsflash! Applications for Nursery September 2026 are welcome

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start Nursery in September 2025. Please collect an interest form the school office to register your child's details. All new families are welcome to our Prospective Parent Open Evening on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 between 3:45pm and 5:00pm.**



### School Admissions Now Open for September 2026

Applications are now open for children currently in **Nursery** and **Year 2**, starting in **September 2026.**

#### Please ensure applications are submitted on time:

- Primary School Applications – Deadline: 15 January 2026

**All applications must be completed online please see link below.**

<https://admissions.walsall.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

To support families through the process, our School Admissions Team is hosting a series of drop-in sessions this term. These sessions are a great opportunity to get help with your application or ask any questions.

#### Primary School Drop-in Sessions

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025  | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Willenhall Library<br/>9:00am - 12:00pm</li><li>• Darlaston Library<br/>1:00pm – 4:00pm</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lichfield Street Hub<br/>9:00am – 5:00pm</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blakenall Village Centre<br/>1:00pm – 4:00pm</li></ul> |

## Walk to School Week



### Walk to School Week: 6th – 10th October 2025

We're excited to announce that our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week, running from Monday 6th to Friday 10th October 2025!

This event encourages families to walk, cycle, or scoot to school instead of using the car. It's a fantastic opportunity to promote healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic and pollution, and start the day with some fresh air and exercise.

#### How You Can Get Involved:

- Walk or scoot to school with your child each day during the week.
- Park and stride – if you live too far to walk the whole way, consider parking a short distance from school and walking the rest.

Each child will receive a Walk to School Week record card to track their journeys. Be sure to hand it in daily to receive a special stamp!

Let's work together to make this a fun and successful week for our school community. Every step counts!

## World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow

#### WEAR A YELLOW ACCESSORY – LOUD AND PROUD!

We will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.



No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our children that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We'll be taking part by wearing a yellow accessory (e.g. hairband, socks, sweatband) with our normal school uniform to show our support for mental health awareness.

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which, YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources ([www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/))
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health ([www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/))

## Acorns Charity Non Uniform Day



A big thank you for all the donations received for our Charity Non Uniform Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - as a school we raised **£322.15** for Acorns to help fund the special care to hundreds of local babies, children and young people - well done everyone!

### Black Country Foodbank

We will be collecting donations for the **Black Country Foodbank** to support individuals and families in need during the **October half-term break**.



Please click the link below to view a shopping list of suggested donation items:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yy8bddp>

All donations must be brought into school by **Wednesday 23rd October 2025**.  
Thank you for your kindness and support!

### Keyrings on School Bags – Reminder

We've noticed that keyrings on school bags are causing a few problems in school:

- They make it difficult for bags to fit into classroom drawers
- They are becoming lost during the day
- Many are expensive or valuable, and we don't want children to be upset if something goes missing
- Labubu keyrings, in particular, have been causing issues and are not allowed



To help us keep things safe and organised, we kindly ask that no keyrings are attached to school bags.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Gold Star Assembly Award Winners

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

Congratulations!

Anaya K N - Class 3

Ayva G - Class 6

Yaqoub H - Class 8

### School Council



#### **Congratulations to Our New School Councillors!**

A big well done to all the children who were elected by their classmates to be part of our new School Council.

Our school councillors play an important role by gathering ideas and feedback from their classmates, making sure every child has a voice in our school community. You can spot them proudly wearing their school council badges.

Can you find your class councillor?

| Year 1 | Krm K P    | Ayva G         | Hashim S | Loveleen R |
|--------|------------|----------------|----------|------------|
|        | Nura I     | Eva-Amal H     | Ava U    | Leah D     |
| Year 2 | Dylan M    | Shannanpreet S | Saharj S | Aurora R   |
|        | Maya R     | Jacob B        | Jamie V  | Japnoor D  |
|        | Rumaisah I | Hukam B        | Rahaan T | Jai K      |



### 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

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| Class 2 | Aniya S    | Orange belt award - Junior Kickboxing<br>Best behaved Kickboxer Trophy                         |
| Class 4 | Avani P    | Swimming – Stanley 3 award   |
| Class 5 | Zayne D    | Summer Reading Challenge Story Garden Award  |
| Class 7 | Aaryan S P | Swimming – 15 Metres award   |
| Class 7 | Aryan P    | Summer Reading Challenge Story Garden Award, Big family challenge award & Little Kickers award |
| Class 9 | Ziya H     | Gymnastics – Improved listening skills award   |

#### Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 98.5% Highest Attendance Class 3 - 99.7%  
Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – 98.2% Highest Attendance Class 6 - 99.6%  
Well done Class 3 & 6!

#### Attendance Target 96%

| Class | % Attendance w/c 15/09/25 | Class | % Attendance w/c 15/09/25 | Class | % Attendance w/c 22/09/25 | Class | % Attendance w/c 22/09/25 |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Nur   | 98.2                      | 5     | 97.1                      | Nur   | 96.3                      | 5     | 97.5                      |
| 1     | 98.3                      | 6     | 98.2                      | 1     | 98.6                      | 6     | 99.6                      |
| 2     | 98.7                      | 7     | 99.3                      | 2     | 99.3                      | 7     | 98                        |
| 3     | 99.7                      | 8     | 97.2                      | 3     | 98.7                      | 8     | 98.6                      |
| 4     | 99.2                      | 9     | 98.7                      | 4     | 98.4                      | 9     | 97.4                      |

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

#### After School Activities – Autumn Term 1

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| <b>Every Monday<br/>from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup><br/>October 2025</b>  | After school Football club for class 7<br>3:20pm-4:20pm<br>Please collect from the School Office |
| <b>Every Tuesday<br/>from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 21<sup>st</sup><br/>October 2025</b> | After school Football club for class 4<br>3:20pm-4:20pm<br>Please collect from the School Office |

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Flu Vaccinations for Infants (Reception, Year 1, Year 2) 1:00-3:00pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – Year 2 Parent Computer Workshop

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Individual Photograph Day - all children to come in full school uniform

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Sibling Photograph Day – all children to come in full school uniform

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - World Mental Health Day Celebration

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – Year 1 Computer Workshop

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Open Evening for 2025 Nursery and Reception Intake - 3:45pm-5:00pm

**W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest- Food Bank Donations

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – Year 2 Times Tables Rockstars Launch (Further information to follow)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025** – Year 1 Numbots Launch (Further information to follow)

**Save the Date – Parents Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



### Inset Days

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **And finally...**

We're here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or even the smallest worry — please don't hesitate to reach out. If we don't know about it, we can't help!



# Park Hall Infant Academy

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## Nursery & Reception

### 2026

## OPEN EVENT

Tel: 01922 721443

Email: [postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk)



Tuesday 14th October 2025

3:45pm – 5:00pm

We look forward to welcoming prospective Nursery and Reception parents for September 2025 intake. This will be a parents only event, with the opportunity to see the school and meet the staff.