

Welcome back to school...

Today we welcome back Reception, Years 1 and 2 to school.

We have welcomed our new children and families into Nursery today and we are looking forward to our Nursery children starting school tomorrow.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead.



Communications

This newsletter has been sent to the email address we hold on file for your child. Please contact the School if you have not received this newsletter via email, as this will be the way in which we will make contact with parents. Please contact us via our postbox email - postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk - stating your child's full name, class and the email address you wish us to hold on file.

Infant Academy Class Information

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, they are available at the end of the school day on the classroom doors. Alternatively, please contact the School office via email or phone.

If your child will be collected by someone other than yourselves, please ensure you have included them on your 'authorised persons to collect' form that is held in the school office.

Nursery	Mrs Birtles		
Reception	Class 1 – Mrs Perry and Mrs Sembhi	Class 2 – Mrs Fisher	Class 3 – Mrs Timmins
Year 1	Class 4 – Miss Deeming	Class 5 – Mrs Wilson	Class 6 – Mr Tonks
Year 2	Class 7 – Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Rooker	Class 8 – Miss Brookes-Smith	Class 9 – Miss Deakin

A reminder that Year 1 and Year 2 children are now to enter via the Hall doors at the back of the school each morning.

Our School Day

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be upsetting for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- Hall doors open at 8:45am for Years 1 and 2 and classroom doors open for Nursery and Reception
- Registration is at 8:50am ensuring that learning can begin at 8:55am
- Late arrival is between 8:55am and 9:25am, so the gates will close promptly at 8:55am
- Arrival after 9:25am is recorded as unauthorised
- Close of school day 3:20pm, where all children are to be collected from their classroom door

Nursery

- Morning and 30 hour Nursery starts at 8:45am
- Morning Nursery to be collected at 11:45am
- Afternoon Nursery starts 12:30pm
- 30 hour Nursery to be collected at 2:45pm (unless parents have arranged for the additional 45 minutes until 3:30pm)
- Afternoon Nursery to be collected at 3:30pm

It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels.

We continue to report attendance figures directly to the Department for Education. If your child is unable to come to School, please telephone or email the School on the first day of absence stating the reason.

Telephone **01922 721443**
Email **postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk**

As part of the Schools' Safeguarding procedures, we have a 'first day's absence' calling system. Simply, if a child is absent, we will contact parents to ask why the child is not in School. If your child is unwell or absent for other reasons, please contact the School as soon as possible to avoid being contacted by us.

PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2	Y1	Nursery Outdoor Day	Reception

Park Hall Infant Academy PE Uniform

There is an expectation that all children will wear the correct PE kit to school for lessons and for clubs as PE is a core foundation subject in our school curriculum. It is important that all children have the correct and suitable PE kit for school.



The PE school kit expectations outlined are both achievable and affordable for all parents and carers. For example, we do not expect an embroidered logo on anything. Everything can be plain.

Children should attend school, on their designated PE day, wearing a grey or black jogging suit and suitable footwear. Our PE Kit is designed for ease of movement and for comfort - the recommended kit is high quality and durable, however, any plain grey/black joggers and hoodie are acceptable. Please ensure that your child can move freely in their kit and put trainers and pumps on independently.

(New for 2025-26 – all children will be required to have a pair of named PE pumps that will remain in school for the year)

Our Summer PE kit comprises of a yellow t-shirt and green / black shorts.

Thank you for your support in enabling your child to meet Park Hall Infant Academy's PE kit expectations. Further information can be found on our website. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/school-uniform-1/>

Nursery

As part of the Early Years curriculum, we strive to give our children lots of opportunities for outdoor learning. In school we keep a selection of 'puddle suits' for the children to wear, enabling the children to go out in all weathers. We would therefore be grateful if you could send in a pair of wellies and socks (in a carrier bag) with your child's name clearly labelled inside them. These are to remain in school until the end of the year. Children are also invited to wear leggings or jogging bottoms on Thursdays - school jumpers are still required.

Children will need to wear footwear suitable for physical activities (trainers).

Jewellery in School

Following advice and recommended best health and safety practice children should not wear earrings or jewellery in P.E. lessons, this does include 'Fitbit or step trackers'. Children should remove their own earrings and store them safely or parents should remove them at the start of the school day. Staff cannot remove earrings for children.

Alternatively, surgical tape/plasters must be used to cover any earrings during PE, this must be applied by parent/carer on the day of your child's PE lesson.

If your child is wearing religious jewellery that cannot be removed, staff will try to ensure safe participation in PE lessons can occur, for example ensuring a sweatband can be used to cover a bangle on the wrist. However, best practise and health and safety advice from 'Association of Physical Education: Safe Practise in P.E: School Sport and Physical Activity' does state children should not wear jewellery in P.E. (except studs when taped).

Nut Allergies



Park Hall Infant Academy is committed to offering a safe educational environment for all pupils, including those with food allergies which can be life threatening. Children with these allergies can have a reaction through contact, airborne particles and/or ingestion and are at risk of anaphylaxis.

We ask all parents/carers, staff and pupils to support us as we strive to maintain a safe environment for all children by ensuring that no nuts, nut-based or nut-containing products are brought into school. This includes products such as cereal bars with nuts, peanut butter or chocolate spreads such as Nutella.

School Lunches

School lunches are free for students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and need to be booked in advanced. Orders are open for up until Christmas using Dolce's School Grid website found at: <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> if you are having trouble accessing your account, please email postbox@parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk with your child's name and date of birth and we will send you a password reset email.



Cool Milk



If you want your child to receive milk at snack time, please ensure you are registered and have pre-ordered the milk ready. The website can be found using: <https://coolmilk.com/>

School Medication Procedures

This is a reminder of the current procedures for administering medication in school, following updated **statutory guidance** already shared with families.

Prescription Medication

If your child needs prescribed medication during the school day:

- It must be **brought to the school office by a parent or carer.**
- A **consent form** must be completed with clear dosage and timing instructions.
- Medication must be in its **original packaging**, clearly labelled with your child's name and prescription details.

Children are **not permitted to carry medication**, except for pre-approved cases (e.g. inhalers or EpiPens), which must still be logged with the office.

Over-the-Counter Medication

We are **unable to administer non-prescription medications** (e.g. Calpol, antihistamines) unless they have been **prescribed by a doctor with a clear label**. If your child requires such medication, please consult your GP and follow the prescription procedure.

These rules are in place to ensure pupil safety and comply with national safeguarding guidance.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



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 5	Riya B	Summer Reading Challenge Story Garden Award
Class 5	Jovan K	Summer Reading Challenge Story Garden Award
Class 5	Jovan K	Swimming 5 Metres Award

Safe Parking



Thank you to all who park responsibly and sensibly around the school community. We kindly ask that when parking, you do so ensuring that people's driveways are not blocked and that parking is respectful of others and the nature around the lake.

The safety of our children is absolutely paramount and we would urge all drivers to pay close attention at these very busy times of the day, to observe the highway code and to take the greatest of care when negotiating traffic at the start and the end of the day. In particular, observing the yellow lines on both sides of Park Hall Road, and not parking or waiting on the zebra crossing, and importantly keeping the school entrance clear of stationary vehicles.

It is also vital to keep a watchful eye for the many children we have choosing to cycle and scoot to school. They are road users too. A number of our families travel to school using pavements and footpaths and many use pushchairs. Unfortunately, due to hazardous parking our families are having to step off the pavements into busy roads, thereby risking their safety. Please can all of our families ensure the highway code is abided by and that all of the school community can stay safe.



We are working with children in school to ensure they take care when crossing the road and driveway, and are careful and responsible pedestrians. Many thanks for your co-operation in the safeguarding of our school community.

Staying Safe

Every school must have a Designated Lead for Safeguarding (DSL) who takes lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection, provides support to staff members to carry out their safeguarding duties and liaises closely with other services, such as Children's Social Care.

If you are worried about a child's safety, or want to report any abuse, including child on child abuse, please speak to Mrs Hand, Mrs Dickson or Mrs Healy, who are both trained DSL's.

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 are happy to help with any questions, concerns or worries you may have – however small! If you have a concern please share it with us – if we don't know we cannot help!!