



Park Hall Academy

Weekly News

12th June 2026



What a way to start our half term, number 1
AND one of our highest scores!



Park Hall Academy
Birmingham, Solihull

1,600,072

The start of the second half of the Summer term has continued our exceptional success on **SENECA**. We are proud to have maintained our position as the number one school on the platform, whilst also achieving one of our highest SENECA scores of the academic year. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication, resilience and determination shown by our students as they prepare for examinations, mock exams and end-of-year assessments.

It has been fantastic to see so many students engaging consistently with independent learning, completing revision tasks and revisiting key knowledge outside of lessons. Their commitment to developing effective study habits and taking ownership of their learning continues to have a positive impact on their progress and achievement.

While SENECA is just one measure of student engagement, alongside the many other digital learning platforms and written tasks used across the school, these results highlight the strong work ethic and positive attitudes our students bring to their studies. We would like to congratulate all students on this fantastic achievement and thank them for their continued effort and determination. We look forward to building on this success throughout the remainder of the term.

ALL students are reminded that we want them to achieve a **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

Special mention to our SENECA STARS for the highest usage over the last week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Zakiya Nazir	Faaris Akhtar-Zaman	Cody Baynes	Ruby Hunt
Jayden Wood	Isabelle Meechan	Noah Williamson	Miles Harrison
Oscar Broome	Mara Fitter	Macie Lines	Tayah McLeod
Essa Majid	Enya Dudley	Jorgie Bright	Roman Smith
Scarlett Bevan	Toby Cook	Sophie Gilson	David Wilkes
Ellie Cusack	Kaylinn Warburton	Paige Gauntlett	Ethan Neath
Martins Okungbeni	Lacey Palmer	Shaylah Josephs Cullen	Summer Giffin
Emilie Ganly	Heidi-Louise Southam-Beebee	Isla Bradshaw	Jacob Hewlett
Angel Lilley	Amelia Harrison	Maleehah Millwala	Fern Tanser
Harry Haynes	Daisy Piercy	Ren Delaney	Sum Kiu Chan

Special mention to those **achieving 100%** on every single assignment over the week:

Year 7 – Indi Bishop, Ahmad Khan, Aaliyah Bell, Harris Mahmood and Zachary Strong.

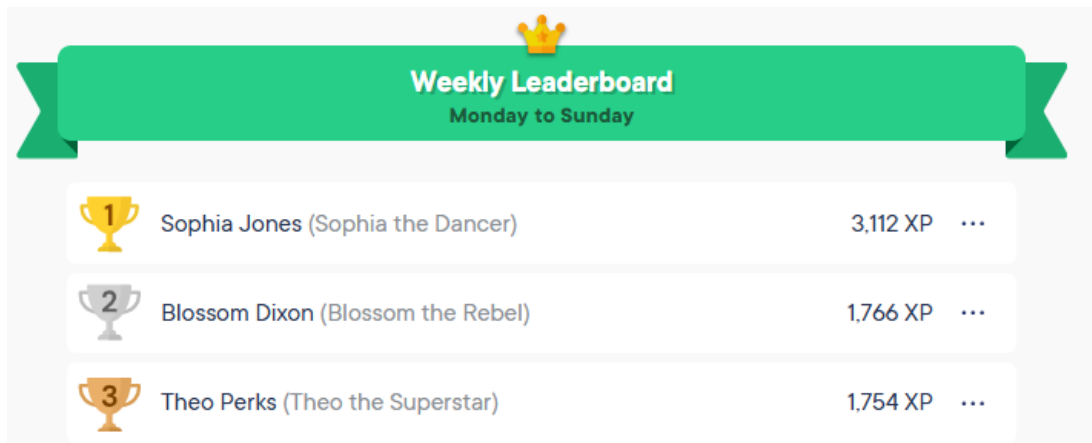
Year 8 – Danny Naven, Liam Carrick, Coryn Horne-Macdonald, Amelia Sheppard and Theo Perks.

Year 9 – Maria Avram, Summer Gauntlett, Ollie Jones, Imogen Hemmings and Jessica Harding.

Year 10 – Holly Dickinson, Ariella Savage, Roxi Steward, Toby-Jay Amphlett, Matthew Curry, Sophie Davies and Jacob Sherry.

SPARX Maths Leaderboard

Well done to all our students who are engaging with SPARX maths and making real progress in their maths lessons. A huge well done to Sophia, Blossom and Theo for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school last month. Keep it up!



Our highest XP students from last week...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Kherys Bench 1,190 XP	Sophia Jones 3,112 XP	Blossom Dixon 1,766 XP	Ethan Hughes 1,333 XP
Ethan Hart 1,085 XP	Theo Perks 1,754 XP	Thomas Wall 1,117 XP	Emma Hill 1,190 XP
Oscar Miles 1,065 XP	Jacob James 1,468 XP	Hassan Ali 1,100 XP	Nariah Fitter-Lee 1,050 XP
Lily Crew 1,040 XP	Olivia Shield 1,465 XP	Ella Evans 815 XP	Chloe Dixon 894 XP
Poppy Tanser 895 XP	Beau Leather 1,440 XP	Ryker Baker 810 XP	Jackson Canning 875 XP

If you are in the top 5 for your year group, please remember to collect your chocolate bar from your maths teacher on Friday.

Year 10 Photography Trip - Leamington Spa & Stratford-upon-Avon

Year 10 Photography students recently visited Leamington Spa and Stratford-upon-Avon to take photographs of buildings in preparation for their upcoming mock exam.

Accompanied by Miss Kennedy and Mr Edwards, students focused on architectural photography, using a range of viewpoints and compositions to capture structure, detail, and form. They developed their understanding of framing, perspective, and how lighting affects the appearance of buildings, applying key technical skills throughout the day.

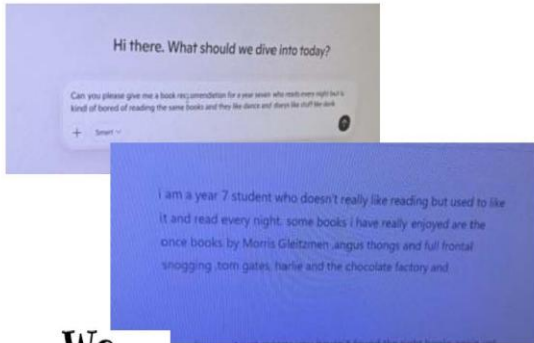
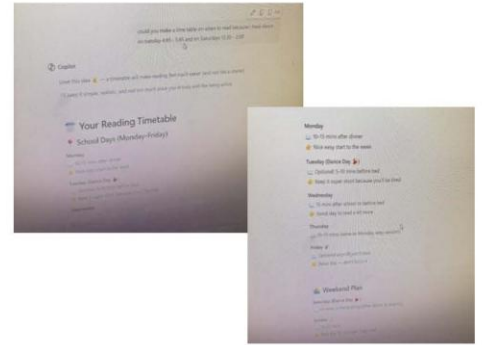
Students worked independently and in small groups, producing a strong set of images while exploring both locations. The trip was highly successful, with students showing enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to their coursework.



English

Year 7 Reading Recommendations

This week, students in Year 7 have been using AI to help them generate personalised reading recommendations. Even the most reluctant readers have found books which suit them. It has been wonderful to see students engaging in reading - particularly those choosing new genres and those who are diving back in to reading again!



Some students even generated timetables to help them fit those crucial 20 minutes into their busy schedules!



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS



Vocal Fiesta 2026

On Wednesday 3rd June, we held our annual Vocal Fiesta, welcoming performers from Castle Bromwich Junior School and Fordbridge Community Primary School, who joined us to showcase their musical talents alongside our Park Harmony Choir.

Our choir delighted the audience with two performances, including Thank You for the Music by ABBA and Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. The evening was a fantastic celebration of music, providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase talent, support one another, and strengthen links with our local primary schools.

The highlight of the evening came at the end of the concert, when all of the singers joined together for a final performance. It was a truly spectacular moment and a fitting finale to an unforgettable event.

Huge congratulations to all of our performers and the confidence they all brought to their performance! Well done everyone involved!

The Performing Arts Team

Performing Arts Showcase 2026 - A Celebration of Talent and Creativity

On Monday 8th June, the Academy Theatre came alive with energy, creativity and outstanding talent as students from across Park Hall Academy took to the stage for the annual Performing Arts Showcase 2026. The evening proved to be a tremendous success, celebrating the dedication, passion and hard work of students from Years 7 through to Sixth Form, including a returning Alfie Taylor (Year 13), captivating the audience as they entered.

The showcase featured a vibrant and varied programme of live music, dance and drama, reflecting the breadth of talent within the school. From the confident performances of the Year 7 Musical Theatre group, to the polished and dynamic sounds of the Year 8, 9 and 10 bands, each act demonstrated impressive skill and commitment.

Dance performances were a highlight of the evening, with the Fusion Dance Company delivering an energetic and captivating piece, alongside a beautifully coordinated Dance Duet, which drew strong applause from the audience. The innovative Boom Whackers group also brought a sense of fun and rhythm to the stage.

Drama performances showcased both creativity and confidence, with members of the Drama Club P.H. Act presenting extracts including Action Replay, Teachers Extract, and Little Shop of Horrors. These performances highlighted the students' ability to bring characters and stories to life with enthusiasm and flair.

Musical highlights included performances from Park Harmony, as well as ensemble work from groups such as Emora and Glee Club, demonstrating excellent vocal ability and teamwork. BTEC Performing Arts students from Year 10 and Year 12 also impressed the audience with their high-quality, coursework-inspired performances.

The evening truly captured the spirit of the Performing Arts at Park Hall Academy, bringing students together across year groups to share their talents and create lasting memories. The confidence, teamwork and passion displayed on stage were a credit to all involved.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all students who performed, the staff in the Performing Arts department for their dedication and support, and to families and friends who attended and made the evening so special.

We look forward to building on this success and celebrating even more outstanding performances in the future.

The Performing Arts Team



WHAT'S ON *in the* LIBRARY

June 12 2026

MORE NEW BOOKS have arrived. All together we have over 170 new books. most of which are very popular on Tik Tok so we have a brand new Tik Tok Shelf!

Dig through your bags, your rooms, your car and **RETURN YOUR BOOKS** for a chance to win a prize!



1100
Books Checked Out

BOOK RETURN WEEK 15-19TH JUNE

FINE FORGIVENESS WEEK!

Return your overdue library books during this week and **ALL FINES WILL BE FORGIVEN!**

EARN RAFFLE TICKETS!



Earn 1 raffle ticket for every overdue book you return! More books = more chances to win!

DAILY PRIZE DRAWINGS!



Winners will be drawn **EACH DAY** of the week! Amazing prizes!

If any parents want to get into reading themselves but don't know where to start, below are some reading recommendations just for YOU, enjoy!



PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS TO MRS BAKEWELL or PLACE IN THE RETURNS BOX OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY DOORS.

Book Recommendations for Parents

National Year of Reading 2026



7	8	9	10	12
This is me!	What's my vibe!	My brand, my path!	LGBT+ Rights	Study Skills

Wb 15th June assemblies: NUMERACY .

British Value: Individual Liberty



This week, our assemblies are linked to our focus on **numeracy**, where we develop confidence in using numbers and applying mathematical thinking in everyday life.

One key British Value that supports this is **Individual Liberty**.

- We understand that developing our numeracy skills gives us the freedom to make informed choices in life
- We recognise that confidence with numbers helps us solve problems independently
- We take responsibility for practising and improving our maths skills every day
- We use our knowledge of maths to make decisions, such as managing money and understanding time
- We contribute to a positive learning environment where everyone feels confident to have a go

When we understand individual liberty, we recognise that developing our skill, especially in numeracy, helps us to become independent, confident and prepared for the future.

Key Message

A strong and successful school community builds confidence in numeracy, takes responsibility for learning, and understands that developing maths skills gives us the freedom to make informed choices and succeed in life.



P.R.I.D.E Points

Our students have the opportunity to earn PRIDE points in a variety of ways here at Park Hall. Well done to these students for receiving the most PRIDE points in their year group this week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Billy Morris- Steele	Olivia Farrell	Nancy McKinley	Teddie Teale



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26 th June	–	Yr 11 Prom Night – 6.30pm - 11pm (See previously sent letter for further details)
Monday 22 nd June	–	Year 6 Induction Evening One – 6 – 8pm
Monday 29 th June	–	Year 6 Induction Evening Two – 6 – 8pm
Thursday 16 th July	–	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	–	Last day of term
Monday 20 th July	–	Inset Day for students

Attendance

How absence from school affects children long term

Attendance	Average earnings (aged 28)
99-100%	£32,200
90-98.9%	£29,800
50-89.9%	£19,500
Below 50%	£10,100

A recent study by the **Department for Education study**, investigated the long-term impact of absence on future earnings. It highlights how students who attend school more regularly tend to earn higher salaries by the age of 28.

- **Students with nearly perfect attendance (99-100%)** earn an average of **£32,200** per year.
- **Those with attendance at 90-98.9%** earn slightly less, at **£29,800** per year.
- **Students with lower attendance (50-89.9%)** see a significant drop in earnings, averaging **£19,500** per year.
- **Students who attend less than 50% of the time** earn the least, at only **£10,100** per year.

This **Department for Education study** emphasizes the importance of regular school attendance in shaping a child's future success. Encouraging consistent attendance can have a **long-term impact** on job opportunities and financial stability later in life.

Attendance Matters

As we all know, attendance plays a huge part in our children achieving their full potential. Research has shown that pupils who performed better at the end of secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. **Reporting a Student Absence:** On the occasions when children are too unwell to attend school, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to contact school as soon as possible, by **8.30am** at the latest, on **each morning of absence**.

DID YOU KNOW...?

There are **190** teaching days in a school year. **10** days of absence = **95%** attendance; **15** days of absence = **92%** attendance. Children with **OVER 90%** attendance are more likely to achieve 5 or more Grade 4+ qualifications Children with **LESS than 85%** attendance are **unlikely** to gain 5 or more 9-5 GCSE's or equivalent qualifications.

Student Medication

This is a gentle reminder that if your child requires an inhaler, especially now that the colder weather is here, please ensure it is in their bag or blazer so they can use it as and when required. If your child needs medication that must be kept in school, please complete a consent form – please contact school if you need one

Contact Details



Have you changed your contact details? If you have changed your home address, telephone number, email address or name, please ensure that you contact the main office to update your details so that you do not miss out on information from school. You can update your details via email: post@parkhall.org or by calling 0121 748 0400.

For Parents - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help. You can see all the details [HERE](#).



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HOT WEATHER CAN BE DEADLY

4 CHILDREN DIED IN THE UK DURING MAY HALF TERM 2025

DROWNING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Recent hot weather has tragically led to a rise in deaths in water. Young people are at risk. **Don't** let a fun day out turn into a tragedy.

STAY SAFE

ENJOY THE SUN STAY SAFE NEAR WATER

THE FACTS

- Last week saw record breaking temperatures in this country, it was so hot!
- Young children jumped in the water to cool off but unfortunately not all children survived.
- The majority of deaths happened in rivers, lakes and quarries – not just at the seaside.
- The hot weather is a major factor. When it's hot, more people go near water – and take more risks.

WHY IS IT SO DANGEROUS?

- COLD WATER SHOCK**
Cold water can steal your breath and cause panic.
- HIDDEN DANGERS**
You can't see what's under the water – it could be deep, have strong currents, or hidden debris.
- RISKY CHOICES**
Jumping in, swimming after dark or going in alone can be deadly.
- HOT WEATHER = MORE RISK**
When it's hot, people underestimate the dangers and take more risks.

STAY SAFE – FOLLOW THESE RULES

- DON'T GO IN ALONE**
Always go with an adult or a friend.
- DON'T JUMP IN OR TAKE RISKS**
It only takes a second for things to go wrong.
- STICK TO SAFE PLACES**
Swim at beaches with lifeguards where possible.
- CHECK THE WATER**
It might look calm, but it could be dangerous.
- IN AN EMERGENCY**
Shout for help, ring 999 and throw something that floats.

WATER IS FUN – BUT RESPECT IT STAY ALERT STAY ALIVE

IT'S COOL TO BE SAFE

WATER CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE. ONE MOMENT OF RISK CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING. LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FRIENDS. MAKE GOOD CHOICES. STAY SAFE.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD

For more water safety tips visit:
www.rtsa.org.uk
www.rtspa.com
www.bbc.co.uk/news

Work Experience For 14 – 18 year olds!

Are you interested in building your CV before summer and want to have a say on issues that genuinely impact you?

Solihull Council have partnered with Warwick University to be able to offer two cohorts of five day placements, for any young person who lives or goes to school in Solihull Borough.

Dates: 29th June to 3rd July (Youth Unemployment Project)
20th July to 24th July (North Solihull Youth Offer)

Times: 10am to 2:30pm each day

Work experience details:

- Develop peer research and consultation plan
- Work in the community asking people's views and opinions
- Bring findings together and present them to the team.
- Q&A with Directors, Head of Service and Council Officers to find out about their role.
- Session from a Professor of Warwick University on Peer Research
- Meet new people, have fun and then have the chance to join the Youth Voice Network.

Please email youthoffer@solihull.gov.uk to find out more and book a space.
Limited spaces available so sign up ASAP.

Scan to find out more

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Solihull METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MOBILE COMMUNITY
**FOOD
PANTRY**

WE CARE about
AFFORDABLE
FOOD
in the  of our
COMMUNITIES

We believe everyone should have access to affordable and nutritious food by bridging the gaps between community food provisions.

A small donation of £2 will allow each member to access up to £25 worth of cupboard food, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables per visit (10 items)

SCAN HERE



BECOME A MEMBER

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Pantry Locations:

**9TH
JUNE**

11:00AM

**Riverside
Family Hub**

289 Bosworth Drive,
Solihull, B37 5DP
0121 779 1750

**11TH
JUNE**

Contact Family
Hub to become
member.

**ELMWOOD
FAMILY HUB**

37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham, B36 0UG
0121 779 1700

**19TH
JUNE**

11:00AM

**Evergreen
Family Hub**

42 Kingshurst Way,
Birmingham, B37 6DX
0121 779 1724

**26TH
JUNE**

10.30AM

**Hatchford
Brook
Family Hub**

Hatchford Brook, Old Lode
Lane, Solihull, B92 8JE
0121 704 6943

For more info contact 01455 363100 or contact your nearest Family Hub