




Park Hall Academy

Weekly News

26th June 2026



Number 1 – yet AGAIN on SENECA!

Park Hall Academy
Birmingham, Solihull

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Our students have continued to build on their excellent start to the half term, demonstrating fantastic commitment to their independent learning through SENECA. We are delighted to have once again maintained our position as the number one school, reflecting the consistent effort and determination shown by students across all year groups.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it has been particularly pleasing to see students continuing to engage so positively with revision activities, knowledge retrieval and independent study. This sustained commitment is helping to reinforce classroom learning, build confidence and ensure students are well prepared for assessments and future learning. Students have completed an additional 335 hours of study last week on SENECA alone!

These achievements reflect the outstanding attitudes to learning shown by our students, we would like to thank our students for their continued hard work and our parents and carers for the encouragement they provide at home. As always, we encourage all students to continue striving for excellence by achieving a minimum score of 80% on every SENECA assignment they complete.

Our Top 10 SENECA STARS for the highest usage over the last week are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Chigozirim Ikechukwu-Obi	Ralph Robinson	Isma Alom	David Wilkes
Neve Rees	Ava Ramsdall	Ella Evans	Fern Tanser
Ava Bell	Mia Cockayne	Emma-Louise Moore	Ruby Hunt
Jamie Miles	Lillie Hall	Ayesha Nazir	Charlie Piercy
Hareem Usman	Ayda Mahfooz	Frankie Davis	Aston Martin
Renayah Roberts	Isabelle Meechan	Amara Slimper-Nisar	Isla Sheasby
Tincuta Ciobanu	Poppy Jones (A1)	Billy McLeod	Nathaniel Fitter
Lainey-Jai Thorne	Jorja-Lea Marsh	Cody Baynes	Miles Harrison
Emilie Ganly	Lacey Palmer	Sophie Linford	Kyle Murray
Billy Fox	Muhammad Ali	Arisa Hussain	Sienna-Grace Cruise

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

Year 7 – Emily Skelcher, AJ Evans, Ahmad Khan, Aiden Edwards, Leo-James Cobley, Zachary Strong, Eddie Spink, Lydia Puar, Indi Bishop and T’Varni Harris-Williams

Year 8 – Amelia Sheppard, Amelia Duchnowska, Sebastian Sumner, Logan McCormack, Lacie Barratt, Emme Baird-Greenidge and Theo Perks.

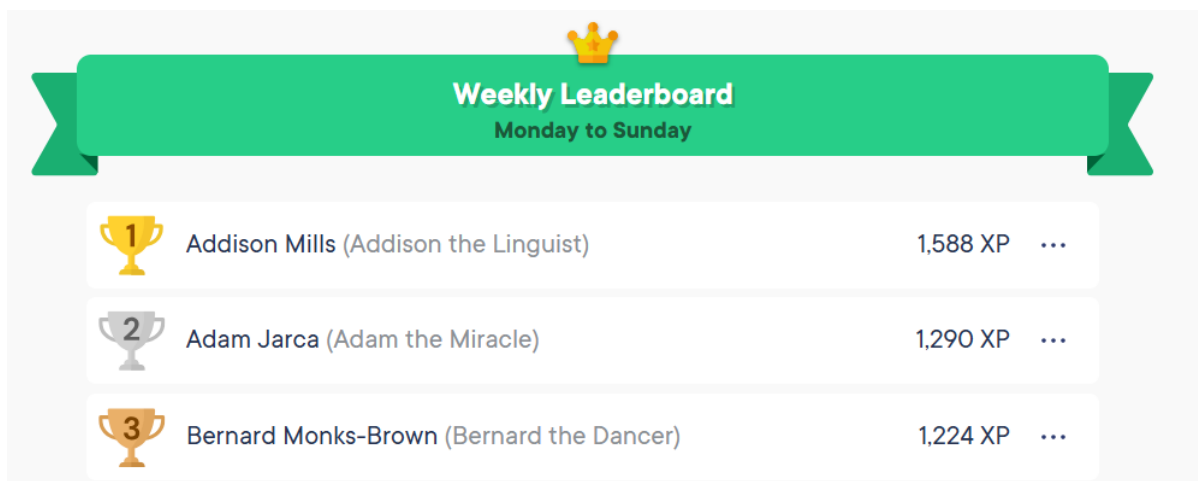
Year 9 – Charlie Felton, Isaac Hartill, Summer Gauntlett, Milena Jovanovic, Jessica Harding, Phoebe Matthews and Fin Thomasson.

Year 10 – Bobby Gill, Logan Kesterton, Toby-Jay Amphlett, Roxi Steward, Ben Smart, Humza Shahbaz, Ariella Savage and Joshua Mowatt.

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 Addison, Adam and Bernard for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school last week. Keep it up!



Our highest XP students from last week...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Paige Dragoonis 1,190 XP	Sophia Jones 1,219 XP	Addison Mills 1,588 XP	Tayah McLeod 1,150 XP
T'Varni Harris-Williams 1,165 XP	Lacey Reeves 1,140 XP	Adam Jarca 1,290 XP	Ben Smart 1,090 XP
Poppy Kinloch-Williams 1,160 XP	Theo Perks 1,134 XP	Bernard Monks-Brown 1,224 XP	Sophie Davies 1,090 XP
Archie Tyler 1,140 XP	Oliver Willetts 1,115 XP	Logan Skinner 935 XP	Frankie Collins 1,050 XP
Ethan Hart 1,114 XP	Myles Henry 1,090 XP	Blossom Dixon 925 XP	Nariah Fitter-Lee 1,050 XP

Highest completion:
8B1/Ma (54.8%)

Reached a new XP Level:
181 students
[view](#)

Biggest completion
improvement vs previous
week:
9A2/Ma 17.2%
(+13.8%)

Highest average XP per
student:
8A2/Ma (584 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.

English

A graphic for a book swap event. At the top, the words "BOOK SWAP" are written in large, bold, blue letters. The background is light blue with decorative elements including stacks of colorful books and red and purple looping lines. In the center, a photograph shows six students in school uniforms standing in front of a bookshelf and holding up books. The bookshelf is filled with books and has a sign that says "reading and to read by" and another that says "Writing English".

Members of Reading club and some extra Year 8s did a mesmerising job of bedazzling the books on our Book Swap shelf ready for Parents' Evening. Pop along to GG4 on a Monday/Tuesday lunchtime if you need some more *bling* in your book and fancy a new read for the summer!

A Brilliant Batter-ing Victory for Our Boys!

On Thursday 18th June 2026, the Year 7 and 8 boys' rounders team took on Lyndon School in an exciting and highly competitive fixture.

The match got off to a strong start, with both teams performing well in the first innings. Thanks to solid batting and determined fielding from our boys, the score stood evenly balanced at 6-6 by half time, leaving everything still to play for in the second innings.

After the break, our team raised their performance to another level. Their fielding was sharp and organised, and the batting display was particularly impressive. There were some outstanding hits, especially from Elijah Deen and Leo Clarke, which helped build momentum and put Lyndon under pressure.

However, it was not just about individual performances, every player in the Year 7 and 8 squad contributed brilliantly. The boys demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and determination throughout the second innings.

Their hard work paid off, as they secured a convincing final score of 15.5 to 8.5. A special mention goes to Elijah, who scored an incredible 6 rounders for the team.

Well done to all the players for such a fantastic team performance! Great work, boys!

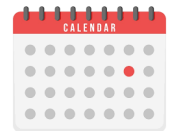




P.R.I.D.E Points

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
Oscar Broome	Orla Florey	Faraz Nessar	Casey Lockton



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26 th June	-	Yr 11 Prom Night – 6.30pm - 11pm (See previously sent letter for further details)
Monday 29 th June	-	Year 6 Induction Evening Two – 6 – 8pm
Monday 6 th July	-	Parent Carer Forum – 5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	-	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	-	Last day of term
Monday 20 th July	-	Inset Day for students



P A R K H A L L A C A D E M Y

Monday 6th July 2026 5.30-6pm

For more information please contact:

Mrs Cullum-Kenyon
Associate Assistant Headteacher

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 2026

ENJOY THE SUN STAY SAFE NEAR WATER

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

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.rfsa.org.uk
[www.rosqa.com](http://www.rospa.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.

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At Child Bereavement UK, we help families to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies.

We offer free, UK-wide, accessible online grief support to children and young people (up to 25) who are bereaved or facing the death of someone important, and the parents and carers of babies and children who are dying or have died.

Instant bereavement support

No appointment needed or long wait times, just support when it's needed. Our trained bereavement specialists are available to speak with **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm** (excluding bank holidays).

Group support & one-to-one

Our bereavement specialists explore the person's individual needs and assess if they could benefit from **one-to-one or group support**.

Our services are available to individuals of any gender or gender reassignment, marital or civil partnership status, disability, race, religion, faith, belief, or sexual orientation. We will endeavour to source interpreters / BSL interpreters where needed / possible.

Trusted information & resources

Free online tools, content, guides, and publications to help people understand their grief and feel less alone, and to help the people around them feel confident supporting them.

How we help professionals

We offer tailored advice and a range of **training and education programmes**, which aim to help professionals support children, young people, parents and carers.

Child Bereavement UK is a Registered Charity (England and Wales) 1061359, (Scotland) SC041140





Winston's Wish and Child Bereavement UK have come together so that we can be there for more grieving children, young people and parents than ever before.

Everything that made both organisations special will remain - our **compassion**, our **expertise** and our **commitment** to be here for you whenever you need us.

If you've had support from us before, whether through Winston's Wish or Child Bereavement UK, please know that we're still here for you. Some services might look a little bit different, but our commitment to you is exactly the same. **We're here to help you find ways to cope and live with grief.** Our support will always be expert, free, run by real people, and tailored to your needs.



Support is available for you to pick up and put down whenever you need it, wherever you live in the UK, whatever you're going through. Our trained bereavement specialists are available to speak with Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm (excluding bank holidays):



Call our free helpline: 0800 02 888 40

Email: ask@childbereavementuk.org

Text or WhatsApp us: 07418 341 800

Visit: childbereavementuk.org and click the 'Chat with us' button



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