

June 2026

NEWSLETTER

Park Hill Junior School

Learning Update

June has been a vibrant and busy month at Park Hill Junior School as we fully embrace the excitement of Summer 2. During the recent heatwave, the children have amazed us as usual with their incredible resilience, maintaining their focus, energy, and positive attitudes despite the high temperatures. Our pupils truly continue to demonstrate our core value of Limitless Learning across all of our end-of-term activities.

Here are some of our June highlights:

- **Sports Day Success:** A huge well done to all pupils for their outstanding teamwork, determination, and house spirit during Sports Day. Thank you to all the family members who came along to cheer them on!
- **Year 6 & Transitions:** Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their upcoming production, showcasing brilliant communication skills. They have also shown great maturity during their secondary school transition visits.
- **Year 4 Multiplication Check:** Our Year 4 pupils approached their official Multiplication Tables Check with fantastic focus. Their dedication to their Times Table Passports throughout the year has truly paid off.
- **Park Hill Bistro:** Our upgraded restaurant-style dining experience remains a huge success. The new tableware, tablecloths, and calm background music have created a wonderful atmosphere where children are beautifully practicing their social and table skills.
- **Daily Reading:** Please continue to support your child by reading everyday. Maintaining this routine over the final weeks of term is vital for preserving their amazing academic progress.
- **Warm Weather Safety:** With more hot weather due, please ensure that children have suncream applied at home before school, and that they come in each day with a sun hat and a bottle for water to stay hydrated.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Diary Dates

Friday 3 rd July	Children meet New teachers
Monday 6 th July 7-9pm	Let your Feet Compete
Wednesday 8 th July	Girls Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 9 th July	Football Tournament Oasis Academy Shirley Park
Monday 13 th July - 16 th July	Bikeability Training Year 3 and 4
Monday 13 th July 4.30-5.30pm	Y3,4,5 Disco
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 5 STEM Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Prom
Thursday 16 th July	House Trip to Polka Theatre

PHJS Core Values



SPOTLIGHT: YEAR 4

It's been a busy and varied few weeks in class!

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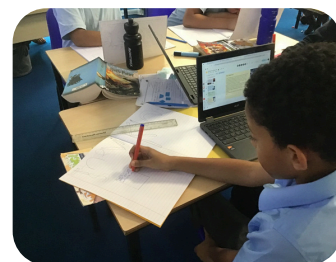
We have just come to the end of our Viking project and the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have paired it with our guided reading of Viking Boy to produce some excellent pieces of imaginative writing linked to the main character's experiences. Alongside this, we have learnt about Vikings' everyday life, their gods and their legacy in this country.

Cash is King!

The children have been getting to grips with money, learning how to count coins and work out change. This is especially challenging for children nowadays as they rarely see cash but it is still vital they understand how it works. They quickly worked out how to apply their mathematical knowledge in this context. Let me tell you, we have quite a few financial whiz kids - Watch out Canary Wharf!

With the recent heatwave, we've also been focusing on staying safe and cool, chatting about the importance of water bottles, sun hats, and finding shade at playtime. The children have taken this seriously and have been great at reminding each other to top up their water!

A big well done to all Year 4 for their hard work and enthusiasm this half term.



Baby Griffin!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Griffin has welcomed a healthy baby boy, Rory!

Both Mrs Griffin and baby Rory are doing wonderfully. They have already paid a special visit to the school, giving the children the opportunity to meet the newest addition to Mrs Griffin's family. It was a lovely occasion, and everyone was thrilled to welcome baby Rory.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Griffin and her family, and we wish them every happiness as they enjoy this very special time together.



Attendance

Well done to 4F for having the highest attendance this month!

Our Overall attendance is 96.1% which is above National.

Class	Attendance so far %
3D	93.0
3S	96.3
3U	96.7
4E	93.7
4H	97.2
4F	97.9
5K	94.5
5I	95.0
5M	93.6
6A	94.8
6H	96.0
6M	97.2



OTHER NEWS

Sports Week

Sports Week took place the week of 15 June, and the children enjoyed a fun-packed few days, including class sports day, inflatables, fruit-salad making, and ending with a lively Parent Sports Day. Thank you to all the parents for supporting on sports day and taking part in the parent races! A big thank you to Mr/s Mazowe who organised such a succesful and fun week!



Year 3 Victorian Day

Our Year 3 children stepped back in time and loved exploring Victorian life. Everyone put so much effort into their outfits, including the Year 3 team!



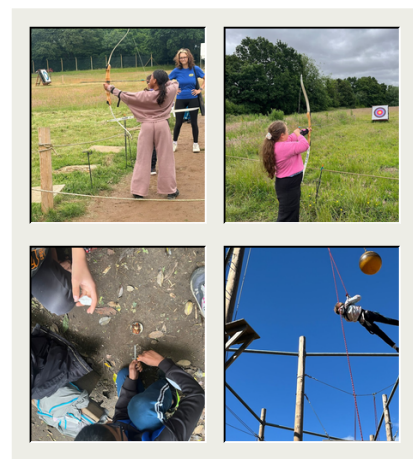
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Trip

Our children enjoyed an exciting visit to the Globe Theatre and loved every moment of the experience. They explored the history of this famous stage, learned how plays were performed in the past, and took part in fun activities that brought the world of Shakespeare to life.



Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5 children loved their time at PGL Kingswood. It was busy, energetic and full of adventure, and they embraced it all, rain or shine. Year 5 children who stayed back at school also had a great few days enjoying lots of different fun activities!



Inspiring Futures Day

A big thank you to all the parents who came in to speak with the children and share their amazing careers. Another warm thank you to Mrs Cooper for planning the day so smoothly so every class could join in and feel inspired.

Happy's Circus

We would like to thank the fabulous PHSA team who brought the circus to Park Hill Juniors!





Eco News

We've had a brilliant few weeks of eco action here at school — thank you to everyone who's got involved!

 Meat Free Mondays continue to go really well, with children (and staff!) enjoying plant-based dishes each week.

 Eco Fair Success! Thank you so much for your support with our Eco Fair — we raised some money which will go towards developing our school garden and other eco projects. We couldn't do it without you!

 Lights Out for Greenshaw's Green Hour — every Friday afternoon from 2pm, we're switching off lights across school as part of our energy-saving efforts. We're also trying to build this habit into other days wherever we can, to help reduce our energy use all week round.

 Eco Schools Award — we're currently working towards our application, recognising all the brilliant eco work happening across school.

 Buzzing Playgrounds! Our beautiful planters are recycling the rainwater and already helping to attract and support pollinators around the playground.

 Coming Soon — keep an eye out for our new raised bed area, which will give children even more hands-on growing experience.

Thank you for continuing to support our school's eco journey — every small step is making a big difference! 



The Safeguarding Spotlight

With the current hot weather, we would like to remind families of some important safety advice to help keep children safe and well.

Please talk to your child about the dangers of swimming or playing in open water, such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals, or quarries. Although these places may look inviting, they can be extremely dangerous due to cold water temperatures, strong currents, hidden hazards, and sudden changes in depth.

Extreme heat can also pose serious health risks, including dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke. During very hot weather, children should avoid strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day and, where possible, stay indoors or in shaded areas.

To help keep children safe and comfortable during the school day, please ensure they come to school with:

- A named water bottle, which can be refilled throughout the day.
- A named sun hat to wear during outdoor activities.
- Sun cream applied before school. If your child is able to apply it independently, they may also bring a clearly named bottle of sun cream to reapply during the day, in line with the school's sun safety procedures.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe during periods of hot weather.

Celebrating Success

Thank you for sharing so many wonderful celebrations from outside of school. If your child isn't included this month, please watch for upcoming newsletters. The form is now **open** please complete the form **here** if you would like to celebrate your child/rens success



Alice 3S

Alice has achieved the Circus Academy Level 2 award in Aerial Sling.

Vagmee 3D

She passed the Initial Grade Piano exam in March.



Shreya 6M

Shreya is performing at the Sutton Community Arts festival on the 4th of July 2026. She will be participating in a dance called Lezim, a traditional, highly energetic folk dance form originating from the state of Maharashtra, India.

PHJS Sports Achievements

Year 6 Cricket squad came 1st in Croydon in the Dynamo Cricket tournament! Well done boys!



The Info Hub



"SPACES NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER! At iRock, children experience the excitement of being in a real band, learning instruments, playing songs they love and building confidence through music. Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, our fun and inclusive in-school sessions help children develop teamwork, resilience and musical skills in a supportive environment. Every term ends with a live concert performance for family and friends, giving children the chance to shine like real rockstars and celebrate everything they've achieved!"

Book Donations

If you are having a spring clean and find any books that are in good condition - we would always be happy to receive donations so we can share these with other families.



Parent Pay

As we close the academic year, kindly ensure any remaining payment items are completed.



Online Safety

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly woven into our children's daily digital lives, it brings both educational benefits and unique challenges. To help families navigate this landscape, The National College has released a helpful guide to support young people in using AI tools safely, responsibly, and critically. By staying curious, involved, and learning about new AI trends alongside our children, we can build their digital resilience and ensure they use technology safely and wisely.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly woven into young people's digital lives. It can offer some educational benefits and day-to-day assistance; however, it also raises concerns about misinformation, privacy, fairness, and safety. This guide provides parents and educators with practical strategies to support young people to navigate AI tools responsibly, and to use them safely and with discernment.

1 DEMYSTIFY WHAT AI REALLY IS

Children encounter AI in most online places, including games, streaming platforms, and school tools. Explain that AI uses patterns from past data to make decisions, but it doesn't think or feel like humans. Use age-appropriate examples, like how recommendations on YouTube or Netflix work, to build understanding and prevent false beliefs about AI being all-knowing or alive.

2 TALK ABOUT RISKS OF MISINFORMATION

AI can create convincing false information, including deepfake videos, photos, and fake 'facts'. Encourage children to think critically about what they see and read. Teach them to double-check information using reliable sources, to look at images and videos carefully, and to ask an adult if something doesn't seem right.

3 DISCUSS DATA AND PRIVACY

Explain that AI systems learn by analysing lots of data, sometimes including personal information. Help young people to be mindful of what they share online and why protecting personal data matters. Model good habits like reading app permissions together or reviewing what's collected by voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.

4 ENCOURAGE CREATIVE USE OF AI

Support children, when using AI tools, to explore ideas, make art, or build projects. This fosters confidence, imagination, and independent thinking. When children use AI creatively, rather than just passively consuming it, they are more likely to stay engaged and make thoughtful choices.

5 USE AGE-APPROPRIATE AI TOOLS

Not all AI platforms are suitable for children. Choose tools designed for education or creativity, with clear safety policies. Review terms of use and privacy settings, and help children use them in age-appropriate ways. For example, some chatbot tools mimic conversation but should only be used with guidance and boundaries in place.

6 USE AI TOGETHER

Exploring AI tools together can help adults understand how they work and spot potential issues. Try co-writing a story with an AI writing assistant or experimenting with an AI art tool. This encourages curiosity, helps you stay informed about the latest AI tools, and allows you to reinforce safe and respectful use while modelling critical thinking.

7 SET BOUNDARIES FOR AI USE

Establish when, where, and how AI tools can be used, just as you would with any digital technology. For example, you might agree not to use AI tools to complete school assignments without permission, or to avoid unsupervised use of voice assistants. Consistent boundaries help manage overuse and misuse.

8 WATCH FOR OVERRELIANCE

Some AI tools, like homework help apps, may be tempting shortcuts. Encourage children to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. Celebrate effort and process over perfect answers. Reinforce that mistakes are part of learning and that relying too heavily on AI can limit real understanding.

9 TEACH DIGITAL ETHICS AND LITERACY

Help children explore how AI works, where it might be biased, and why ethical thinking matters. Building digital literacy alongside ethical awareness ensures children engage with AI critically, not just conveniently. Help young people to understand that not all people use AI for legitimate purposes; some use it for malicious reasons. Encourage questions about fairness, representation, and who benefits from certain tools; talk about algorithms, echo chambers, and the impact of automation on daily life.

10 STAY CURIOUS AND INVOLVED

AI is developing rapidly, and staying informed helps you support the young people in your care. Follow trusted sources for updates and keep the conversation going. If a child brings up a new AI trend or tool, take the opportunity to learn about it together. Showing interest builds trust and strengthens digital resilience.

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