

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Happy New Year!



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have enjoyed talking to the children and hearing about their Christmas holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots to experience and enjoy and I am looking forward to keeping you updated as we progress through the term.

## Attendance

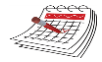
As we have now started a new year, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of December. The percentage attendance for the whole school for December was 92%. Well done to Year 5 with the highest monthly attendance of 94% and to Miss Emery's class in Year 5, with an attendance of 98%, which is outstanding!

Reception	90%
Y1	90%
Y2	93%
Y3	93%
Y4	91%
Y5	94%
Y6	92%



As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 5 who were the winning year group in December. Enjoy your extra playtime!

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Menu week 2.

16th January - Year 5 and Year 6 Theatre Trip (*The New Vic, Stoke – The Three Musketeers*)

21st January – PTFA Meeting  
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

24th January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*More details to follow.*)

W/B 27th January - Parent/Teacher Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (*After School Appointments*)

30th January – Whole School Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
W/B 3rd February Sponsored Event (*More details to follow.*)

11th February – Safer Internet Day (*More details to follow.*)

14<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*) Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter themed hamper item or monetary donation – suggested amount £1

24th February - School Opens for staff and pupils

*Further dates will be added to the newsletter, as we progress through the year.*

## Congratulations!

I have the pleasure in announcing that Miss Jones, who is our Assistant Headteacher at Five Ways, got married during the Christmas break. Please be aware that Miss Jones is now called Mrs Hill. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to send Mr and Mrs Hill our best wishes for the future.



## **Five Ways Primary School**

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## Nursery Places for 2025 – 2026

The New Year is a time when many parents consider which setting they would like their child to attend as they enter **Nursery** in **September 2025**. If you, or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age, and would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to myself as Headteacher or Miss Kershaw, who is our Nursery Year Leader. Please be aware that application forms for Nursery are available to access on our school website via the 'Early Years' tab, or alternatively by following this link: [Five Ways School](#)

**Please be aware that the closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 14th March 2025.**

## Parents' Evening



Parent consultations for all classes from Nursery to Year 6 will take place during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January with Parents' Evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Appointments will be available to be booked online. This system has been updated this year, so may look a little different when you go on to make your appointment. You will be sent a link to your mobile phone or email address, which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next, you will be taken to the booking page; this will show your children along the top of the page.
4. Please click on the suitable available date.
5. Please click 'Book' then 'Make Booking'. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time.
7. You can cancel, print, or email this booking from this page.

The online booking service will be available to access from **9.00am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** until **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 4.00pm**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office team who will book an appointment for you. If you wish to update your email address or mobile telephone number, please contact the school office.

**PTFA News!**      **Happy New Year** – The PTFA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year; they hope to see you at the events that will be running this year.



**Christmas Discos** - Thank you to all those parents who volunteered.

**Next PTFA Meeting** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

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## **Pupil Premium Entitlement**

You may be aware that The Government have made changes to the entitlement criteria for Pupil Premium applications. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (formerly free school meal funding), schools receive additional funds to assist with your child's education when you apply. Please be aware that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, and automatically receives a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme, it is still worth applying if you fit the criteria, as this may provide extra funds for the school. Please see below for further information.

### **Important Information about Pupil Premium for Parents and Carers.**

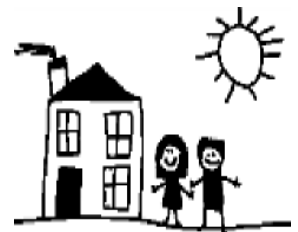
Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to school, which is used to provide additional support for children. Any child may be eligible for this extra help if their parents are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition, a child will also be eligible if they:

- Have been looked after by the local authority for at least one day
- Have been adopted from care
- Have left care through guardianship
- Are subject to a child arrangement order

Pupil Premium funds are spent to improve outcomes for children. School may use this extra money to provide additional adult support or to provide appropriate resources. Pupil Premium children are also eligible for financial help with educational visits. If you think your child may be entitled to this additional support, please contact Mrs Wendy Russell at the School Office who will be happy to help you. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.



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