

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

2nd May 2025

## Attendance

As it is now May, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of April. The percentage attendance for the whole school for April was 96%. Our Reception and Year 6 cohorts achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 97%. I am pleased to report that Miss Emery's class in Year 5 were the class who achieved the highest attendance figure of 99%, which is outstanding! Congratulations to Miss Emery's class!

Reception	97%
Y1	96%
Y2	96%
Y3	95%
Y4	96%
Y5	95%
Y6	97%

As a reward for high attendance, the year group and class with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Well done to Reception, Year 6 and Miss Emery's class in Year 5, who were the winners in April. Enjoy your extra playtime!

***Please remember that holidays during term time, will NOT be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.***

## Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school following the Easter break. We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots to experience and enjoy.



## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 –**

**Menu week 2.**

**5<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed - Bank Holiday**

6<sup>th</sup> May – PFTA Meeting – KS1 Staff Room 7.15pm (*All Welcome*)

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Dearne Valley Residential (2-night stay away in Doncaster.)

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 Assessments all week (***All Y6 pupils must be present.***)

15<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Induction Evening - 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Invited parents only.*)

23<sup>rd</sup> May - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

2<sup>nd</sup> June – School opens for pupils and staff

11<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery induction evening – 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Invited parents only.*)

W/B 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Test Week (***All Year 1 pupils must be present.***)

16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Sports 10.00am

16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Sports 1.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Sports 10.00am

17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Sports 1.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> June – PFTA Meeting – KS1 Staff Room 7.15pm (*All Welcome*)

18<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports 10.00am

19<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Sports 10.00am

19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Sports 1.30pm

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

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## Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade

On Thursday 10th April, Year 1 took part in their annual Easter Bonnet Parade. We had some lovely bonnets made by the children and it was very hard to choose the winners as they were all so amazing. Pictured below are the class winners and the overall winner with their prize. Thank you to the PTFA for providing all of the prizes for the Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade.

Miss  
Buchan's  
class:  
1st place –  
Charlotte A  
2nd place –  
Toby R  
3rd place –  
Ryden S.



Miss Heeley's  
class:  
1st place –  
Jaxon W  
2nd place –  
Betsy G  
3rd place –  
Romi S.



Miss Wilson's  
class:  
1st place – Zara P  
2nd place –  
Teddy D  
3rd place –  
Maggie C.



**Overall Year 1 Winner:  
Eleanor B from Miss  
Buchan's class.**

**Well done everyone!**



## Super Week for Year 6 at Laches Wood

I am thrilled to report that the Year 6 staff and other members of the staff team at Five Ways have had an excellent week away with the Year 6 pupils during their 4-night residential trip to Laches Wood. Pupils have behaved extremely well and have shown perseverance, resilience, teamwork and an excellent enthusiastic attitude whilst taking part in their outdoor activities. On behalf of the Year 6 pupils, I would like to thank all of the staff from Five Ways who gave up their own time with their families to take our Year 6 pupils away. Photographs of our adventures can be viewed on our school website in the 'Our School' section, and by clicking on 'Gallery' followed by the 'Year 6 Laches Wood' tabs (one for each day).



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### Mini London Marathon

As a school, I am pleased to inform you that we signed up to the Mini London Marathon challenge. This week the children have each been aiming to complete a total of two miles each of running or walking over a week's period.

Children have been taking part during their PE lessons, and using our daily mile track to complete the mini London Marathon.

Posters have been placed around school for more information. Children are encouraged to bring in donations. The charity we have chosen to support is Melanoma in memory of Mr McFarlane. Please send any donations to the school office on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Thank you.

See the link below for additional information:

<https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/mini-london-marathon/tcs-mini-london-marathon-schools>



### PTFA News!

**Easter Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt** – Thank you to all the families who attended the Easter Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt events. There was a wonderful atmosphere and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all of the PTFA volunteers and school staff who helped put on these events that were so enjoyable.

**Next PTFA Meeting** – This will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there!

**Summer Fayre – Sunday 6th July – 11.30am to 3.00pm –**  
Planning continues ahead of our fundraising event of the year!  
We are very excited about the upcoming, spectacular event – save the date in your calendar! If you would like to get involved by helping, please let us know via the school office.



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