

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

16th May 2025

Mr McFarlane Today marks the first anniversary since the sad loss of Mr McFarlane, who was our music specialist teacher at Five Ways. I would like to remind you that we will be hosting a special music festival in memory of Mr McFarlane. It will be led by our school choir and will also provide an opportunity for other musically talented pupils to participate and showcase their skills. The music festival will take place at Five Ways in the KS1 Hall on **Tuesday, 3rd June at 6:30pm** and **Wednesday, 4th June at 6:30pm**. Tickets for the event are priced at **£5** each. Tickets can be purchased via your child's Parent Pay account. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between the charity 'melanoma research' and the development of a lasting musical memorial at Five Ways in honour of Mr McFarlane.

Sports Days

Please find below a list of Sports Day dates. Reserved dates have also been scheduled in case of poor weather.

Year Group	Date and Time	Reserved Date
Nursery	Wednesday 18th June 10.00am	Wednesday 25th June 10.00am
Reception	Thursday 19th June 10.00am	Thursday 26th June 10.00am
Year 1	Tuesday 24th June 10.00am	Wednesday 2nd July 10.00am
Year 2	Thursday 19th June 1.30pm	Thursday 26th June 1.30pm
Year 3	Monday 16th June 10.00am	Monday 30th June 10.00am
Year 4	Tuesday 17th June 10.00am	Tuesday 1st July 10.00am
Year 5	Tuesday 17th June 1.30pm	Tuesday 24th June 1.30pm
Year 6	Monday 16th June 1.30pm	Monday 30th June 1.30pm

I hope to see lots of family and friends at the Sports Days and look forward to cheering on all of our pupils.

Forthcoming Dates

Week beginning

19th May 2025 –

Menu week 1.



23rd May - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

2nd June – School opens for pupils and staff

W/B 2nd June – Year 4

Multiplication Tables Check (2 week period.)

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

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

13th June – Year 6 Leavers' Photos

16th June – Year 3 Sports 10.00am

16th June – Year 6 Sports 1.30pm

17th June – Year 4 Sports 10.00am

17th June – Year 5 Sports 1.30pm

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

18th June – Nursery Sports 10.00am

19th June – Reception Sports 10.00am

19th June – Year 2 Sports 1.30pm

20th June – **School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day**

23rd June – **School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day**

24th June – Year 1 Sports 10.00am

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

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School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Staffordshire County Council have a job vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol at Hill Street/Hayes Way Island, Cannock. Please see below for more information, and how to apply.

[School Crossing Patrol \(Cannock, Burntwood and South Staffordshire\) | No Expiry Date | Jobs and careers with Staffordshire County Council](#)



80th VE Day Anniversary Success



I am pleased to report that Iris T, who is in Miss Buchan's class in Year 1, was chosen to attend the 80th VE Day anniversary celebrations in Hednesford last week. Iris represented the 1st Hednesford Beavers as flag bearer. Well done Iris, we are very proud of you!

Walk to School Week

This is a reminder that next week, we are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in 'Walk to School' week, commencing 19th May 2025. Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to and from school. For those families who live too far to walk all of the way, try parking 5 -10 minutes from the school and walk the rest of the way. Walking also contributes to a less congested environment around the school gates, making it safer for everyone.



Fundraising Success

I am pleased to report that Lucrezia H, who is in Miss Lane's class in Year 4, has successfully completed a Cancer Research 'Race for Life' event last Sunday. Lucrezia has personally raised over £150 for this worthy cause. Well done Lucretzia, this is amazing news!



Well Done Year 6!

I would like to express how proud the staff and I have been this week of our Year 6 pupils. All pupils conducted themselves so maturely during their assessment tests; they remained calm and showed outstanding effort and determination, which was a privilege to see. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend with your family knowing that you have worked very hard and tried your best in your assessments. Well done everyone!



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OFSTED Inspection

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and best wishes received this week, when Five Ways was inspected. A sense of pride and confidence in the school's ability was very evident from comments and conversations that took place over the 2 days. Pupils conducted themselves in a very polite and respectful way when speaking to the inspectors and their behaviour was exemplary. I felt extremely proud of our school and the strong sense of community spirit that was evident to the inspectors. I have been informed that our Ofsted report will be available in approximately 4 weeks and you will all be sent a copy.

Healthy Lifestyle Evening

Please be aware that the original date arranged for our annual 'Healthy Lifestyle' Evening has been postponed. Once a new date has been confirmed, this will be communicated as appropriate.

Five Ways Lottery

Win a £1,000 B & Q Gift Card - or £1,000 Cash!

It is not too late to get away from it all this summer! Play Your School Lottery this May, and you will be in with a chance to win an amazing £1,000 B & Q Gift Card – or you can take the cash! Support our school before Saturday 31st May, and you could be a winner!

Help us do more! For every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes. £25,000 grand prize! Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

Well done to last week's winners. Tickets cost £1. Tickets can be bought by parents, family members and friends, by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school



PTFA News!

Summer Fayre – Sunday 6th July – 11.30am to 3.00pm - The PTFA are hard at work as planning continues ahead of our fundraising event of the year. The next PTFA meeting (Tuesday 17th June 7.15pm KS1 staffroom) will be used to continue making arrangements such as entertainers, stalls, competitions, etc. If you would like to get involved, please let the PTFA know via the school office, or come along to the meeting.



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