

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

6th June 2025

Sports Days

Our Sports Days for each year group are approaching shortly. Please see the dates listed below, as well as the reserved dates 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.



Mr McFarlane Celebration Festival!

On behalf of the school community and Mr McFarlane's family, I would like to thank the KS2 choir members and pupils who played musical instruments, for the spectacular performance that they delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week. The special Music Festival was organised in memory of Mr McFarlane, who was our music teacher at Five Ways. I am pleased to report that so far, £1089.80 has been raised in ticket sales and donations – this is incredible. Thank you!

Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning

9th June 2025 –

Menu week 3.



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.***)

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 6 Leavers' Photos (***Please note change of date.***)

24th June – Year 1 Sports 10.00am

1st July – 'My teacher is.....' letter sent home along with 'Welcome letter from new Year Leader (*More details to follow.*)

3rd July – The Caroline Bowers Art Prize Presentation Evening KS1 Art Gallery (*Invited parents and pupils only.*)

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

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Attendance As it is now June, I am able to provide you with the monthly attendance report related to May. The percentage attendance for the whole school for May was 95%, which falls below our high expectation of 97%. Several year groups achieved the highest monthly attendance of 95% and Miss Cattell's class in Year 2, achieved an attendance of 98%.



Reception	95%
Y1	94%
Y2	95%
Y3	95%
Y4	95%
Y5	95%
Y6	95%

As a reward for the highest attendance in May, the year groups who achieved 95% attendance will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Enjoy your extra playtime!

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

PTFA News!

Raffle Tickets – We have exciting news! Raffle tickets have been sent home today. We are pleased to announce that the Grand Raffle will be drawn at the Summer Fayre on 6th July 2025. Please complete and return completed stubs and payment in the envelope provided, to your child's class teacher by Friday 4th July. Please return any unwanted books so they can be re-sold. A range of amazing prizes can be won including: go-karting vouchers, family day trips, restaurant vouchers, family photoshoots, toys, toiletries, name label vouchers, outdoor cinema tickets and more! More prizes are being added all the time! Please visit our private Facebook page: **'The PTFA Group for Five Ways Primary School'** for more information.

If you require additional tickets, these are available for purchase by visiting our PTA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways or scanning the QR code below. Please feel free to share with family and friends and remember that all money raised goes directly to benefiting the children, so please do support us if you can.



NSPCC

Before half term, children from Year 1 to Year 6 were involved in the NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign. Volunteers came into school to run workshops and teachers delivered assemblies. The campaign has a simple message - that children have a right to 'stay safe and speak out' if they are worried about something. Children were reminded about who they can speak to, including trusted adults and Childline. If you would like to continue the conversation at home, please visit the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/>

Summer Fayre – Sunday 6th July – 11.30am to 3.00pm – We are counting down the weeks until our flagship event! Only 4 weeks to go! There are lots of jobs to do in preparation for the fayre. The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help at the fayre; if you are able to help set up, run a stall or help clear away afterwards, please pass your name to the school office. All help is gratefully received.



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Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to inform you that we currently have a Parent Governor Vacancy on our Governing Body at Five Ways. If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like to have an impact upon school development, please collect an information pack from the office. Packs will be available for collection from Monday 9th June. Applications for this position need to be received by 4.00pm on Thursday 19th June.

Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

Please be aware that the Year 6 leavers' photos are taking place on Tuesday 24th June by Tempest photographers. All children are expected to wear normal school uniform on this day due to photographs taking place. Please be aware that any PE lessons due to take place on 24th June, will be rearranged for another day, if possible.



Safety in the Sun In light of the warmer weather we have been experiencing recently, please ensure sun cream is applied to your child before arriving at school and that they have a sunhat and bottle of water in school. Nursery and Reception pupils are supplied with drinks of water throughout the day and do not need to bring a bottle of water to school.



School Closure – INSET Days

This is a reminder that school will be CLOSED for pupils on Friday 20th June and on Monday 23rd June for staff training (INSET Days). School will re-open on Tuesday 24th June.



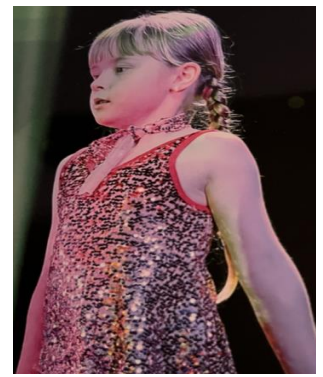
Fundraising Success!

I am pleased to report that Reene F, who is in Nursery in Miss Kershaw's class, recently completed a memory walk with her family to raise funds and awareness of Dementia in our local community. Pictured here is Reene with her medal; she can be seen celebrating with an ice cream at the finish. Well done Reene, you are a superstar!



Dance Show Success!

I am pleased to report that Jessie J, who is in Year 1 in Miss Buchan's class, and Lilly J, who is in Miss Wright's class in Year 2, recently performed at The Prince of Wales Theatre in a dance show. They both performed beautifully. Well done girls, you are both very talented!



Good Luck Year 1!

I would like to wish all of our Year 1 pupils the best of luck next week when they take part in their phonics screening assessments. I know you have all worked very hard and will do your very best.



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