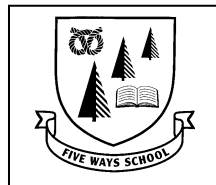


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

27th June 2025

Open Evening Please bring the whole family along to our Open Evening on Thursday 3rd July from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. This evening provides a special opportunity for pupils to share their achievements with family members, by looking at their books and their displays around school.

In addition, you are all warmly invited to visit our Art Gallery which is situated in the KS1 library, and was developed in memory of Caroline Bowers. Mrs Bowers was a dedicated and talented teacher who had a very keen interest in art and taught it exceptionally well. In Caroline's memory, we are proud of our annual art prize and exhibition space, which is dedicated to her and was developed in 2017.

The gallery displays outstanding pieces of art work from pupils across the school. The art work is judged by staff and the 2025 overall winner will be announced during a special presentation for pupils and parents of the finalists, at 5.15pm before Open Evening begins. It would be wonderful to see pupils and family members during Open Evening enjoying looking at the art work.

During our Open Evening, I am pleased to make you aware that our catering team will be providing refreshments and showcasing samples from their hot school meal menu – this will be available in the KS1 Hall. You will also have the opportunity to purchase items of our school uniform and PE kit from the KS1 Hall, as sellers from Uniforms Plus will be in attendance. In addition, JC Academy will be in the KS2 Hall for parents to enquire about Holiday Clubs.

Mr Redpath, one of our PE teachers, will be providing Healthy Lifestyle activities for families to take part in on the school field. These activities are aimed at providing families with all the tools you need to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

You will also have the exciting opportunity to purchase items on sale as a result of our 'Young Enterprise' project. These items will be available to buy from all of the Early Years, KS1 and KS2 classrooms. We hope to see you all there so that everyone can enjoy the atmosphere around school.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

30th June 2025 – Menu week 3.

1st July – 'My teacher is.....' letter sent home along with 'Welcome letter from new Year Leader

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

3rd July – Open Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm including EYFS / KS1 / KS2 Enterprise Selling Evening (*All Welcome*)

6th July – PTFA Summer Fayre 11.30am – 3.00pm (*All Welcome*)

7th July – Welcome to Year 2 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall

7th July – Welcome to Year 1 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall

8th July – Welcome to Year 5 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall

8th July – Welcome to Year 6 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall

9th July – Transition Morning 9.30am – 11.45am – please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Year Leader

10th July – Transition Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm – please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Year Leader

10th July – Welcome to Year 3 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall

10th July – Welcome to Year 4 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress towards the end of the academic year.

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New Teachers



This is a reminder that on Tuesday 1st July, your child will receive an enveloped letter detailing who their new class teacher will be in September. You will also receive a letter from your child's new Year Leader welcoming you to the year group and providing you with some other relevant information.

End of Year Reports

This is a reminder that pupils' End of Year reports will be sent home electronically on Friday 11th July. Thank you.

The Year 6 SATs results will be sent home electronically to Year 6 parents on 8th July, following their release from The Government.



Meal Costs

In line with the increased cost of ingredients from suppliers, Governors have agreed a small price increase in the cost of our school meals. From September 2025, a Nursery school meal will cost £2.00, and a KS2 school meal will cost £2.70. I am sure you will agree that this still represents excellent value for money, for such well prepared and delicious food.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

I am thrilled to announce that based on such positive feedback from children, OPAL will now run every day from Monday 30th June! It is wonderful to see children having such fun and being active during their lunchtime play.

Dance Success!

I am proud to report that Isabella F, who is in Miss Heeley's class in Year 1, was in a ballet and tap dance show with the theme - 'Around the World'. Isabella had been practising for months and gave a beautiful performance. Isabella's family are very proud of her and so are we!. Well done Isabella.



Karate Success!

I am pleased to report that Ollie L, who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 5, and Eleanor L, who is in Miss Cattell's class in Year 2, have successfully achieved their black belt grading in kickboxing after a tough 90 minute assessment. Well done to both of you – such talented children!



Charity Run Success!

I am pleased to report that Albie H, who is in Year 3, and Theo B, who is in Mr Ferguson's class in Year 3, completed the 5K Race For Life Muddy Run at the weekend. Albie and Theo completed the run and obstacle course in a really fast time. The boys loved the event and raised £300 for their chosen cancer charity, which is incredible! They are already on the lookout for their next run as they enjoyed it so much. Well done Albie and Theo, you are both amazing!



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Sports Day Results

Well done to all pupils who took part in their Sports Day last week and this week. Again, all pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated their amazing sporting talents. The results from the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Sports Days are detailed below. The results of the Year 2 Sports Day will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Here on the right, is the Green Team, who were the winning team in the Nursery Sports Day. All pupils enjoyed competing in a variety of sporting events; they tried their very best and performed extremely well. Well done everyone!



Here on the left, is the Orange Team, who were the winning team in the Reception Sports Day. All pupils enjoyed taking part and liked hearing family members cheering them on.

Here on the right, is the Red Team, who were the winning team in the Year 1 Sports Day. All of the children tried their very best and performed extremely well. Well done everyone!



Please remember that any photographs taken by family members during our Sports Days, are for personal use only, and should not be uploaded onto social media sites if they contain children other than your own if you have not gained permission. Thank you.

Trees

At Five Ways, we are privileged to have lots of beautiful trees to complement our school environment. Please help us to keep children safe before and after school, by not allowing them to climb on the trees or to swing on branches. Thank you.



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Transition Arrangements

This is a reminder that our transition arrangements this year are as follows:

- Welcome meetings will be held before the end of term to ensure all parents have the opportunity to learn about the organisation, timetable, etc. of your child's new year group. The dates and times of 'Welcome' meetings are as follows.

Year Group	Date	Time	Location
Welcome to Year 1	Monday 7th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 2	Monday 7th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 3	Thursday 10th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 4	Thursday 10th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 5	Tuesday 8th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 6	Tuesday 8th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall

- **Wednesday 9th July 9.30am – 11.45am.** Your child will spend this morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. This will allow your child to interact with their new classmates.
- **Thursday 10th July 1.30pm – 3.30pm.** Children will spend the afternoon with their new class, in their new classroom and with their teacher. ***Parents are asked to collect children from their new classrooms at the end of the afternoon and you are invited to go back into school to meet your child's class teacher.***

As I am sure you are aware, all members of the teaching team will be doing their utmost to ensure this transition is a smooth one. 'Welcome' letters and information regarding your child's new class teacher for September will be sent home on Tuesday 1st July from your child's new Year Leader. The letter will contain a map so that you are able to locate your child's new classroom. Being informed about your child's new class teacher and the location of their new classroom, ahead of our Open Evening, will provide you and your child with the valuable opportunity of visiting your child's new classroom and teacher during our Open Evening on 3rd July. We hope that you will agree that this provides another important transition occasion for you and your child to take advantage of. In addition to the information already stated, the 'Welcome' letter will also state the door that your child will be dismissed from at the end of each day and after their afternoon transition visit on Thursday 10th July.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's current classteacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements.

Parents of pupils due to commence Nursery or due to move to Reception, have already received separate transition information.



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Job Opportunity

Please be aware that we have some job vacancies available in school for casual part-time and full-time lunchtime supervisors. For further details, please contact the school office for an application pack. Standard interview procedures and safeguarding checks will apply.



Safety in the Sun

This is a reminder that with the warmer weather that we have been experiencing, 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.



PTFA Summer Fayre – 1 WEEK TO GO! Sunday 6th July, 11.30am – 3.00pm!

The fun filled afternoon for all the family is only 1 week away; the final planning is nearly complete and now we are just waiting for the big day to arrive! Bouncy castles, food, games, stalls, face painting and much more will keep family and friends busy and entertained for hours!

If you require further raffle tickets, please do not panic, as more tickets are available for purchase at the Summer Fayre!



Donations – Thank you to everyone who has already brought in donations for the Summer Fayre. We still require additional donations for our tombola stalls (pamper items, alcohol, etc.). We are also still collecting soft toys and books (both adult and children's books) for the fayre. Please send any donations into the school office.

End of Term PTFA Discos for Year 1 to Year 6 – Thursday 17th July 2024 -

Tickets are now on sale! Please be aware that tickets can **ONLY** be purchased in advance via the PTA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways and **NOT** via the school office or on the night of the disco on the door. The deadline for purchasing a digital ticket is **10th July**. **NO** tickets will be available after this date and **NO** tickets will be available to purchase on the door.

Year 1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm

Year 2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm

Year 3 & 4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Year 5 & 6: 7.30pm – 8.30pm



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