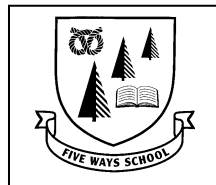


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

4th July 2025

Open Evening

It was lovely to see so many pupils and family members in school last night during our Open Evening. The Caroline Bowers annual Art Prize presentation ceremony took place in our Art Gallery, before our Open Evening commenced. It was a very special and unique occasion for staff, parents and our extremely talented pupils who were nominated to have their art work displayed in Caroline's gallery. We were very proud to welcome Mr Roy Bowers and one of his sons, Tom, who both attended the presentation; they were very impressed by the level of outstanding art work on display. I am pleased to announce that this year, there were 2 overall winners of the Caroline Bowers Art Prize 2025, due to both pieces of art work being outstanding. The winners were Stephen Gomez, who is in Year 5, and Aubrey Holloway, who is in Year 3. If you have not already done so, please make a special visit to our dual purpose gallery and library to see all of the wonderful art work produced by pupils from Nursery to Year 6.

Pupils were also very proud to be selling their Enterprise products which were of a very high standard. I would imagine plenty of profit has been raised by each class to spend on a special treat for themselves before the end of term! Thank you to everyone for supporting our Open Evening and for creating such a wonderful atmosphere around school! Thank you to everyone who accessed our Healthy Lifestyle activities on the school field and thank you to Mr Redpath for arranging them. I would also like to thank Ms Cooke and her catering team for preparing delicious food for everyone to enjoy.

Photographed here is myself, Mr Bowers and Mr Bowers' son, Tom, alongside Stephen and Aubrey, who were the 2025 Art Award winners!



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

7th July 2025 – Menu week 1.

- 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
- 14th July – Nursery End of Year Show 10.15am Miss Kershaw's Class - KS1 Hall
- 15th July - Nursery End of Year Show 10.15am – Mrs Mackley's Class - KS1 Hall
- 17th July – Nursery and Reception parties during the school day
- 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Concert – 2.00pm KS1 Hall
- 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Meal – 6.00pm – 7.15pm KS1 Hall (**Ticket holders only.**)
- 17th July PTFA End of Year Discos **Ticket Holders ONLY** - KS2 Hall

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

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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.***

I would like to reassure you 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 were sent home on Tuesday 1st July from your child's new Year Leader. The letter contained a map so that you are able to locate your child's new classroom. 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.



End of Year Reports

This is a reminder that pupils' End of Year reports will be sent home electronically on Friday 11th July. (Please be aware that Nursery reports will be sent home on paper.)

Thank you.

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



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Attendance

As it is now July, I am able to provide you with the monthly attendance report related to June. The percentage attendance for the whole school for June was 95%, which falls below our high expectation of 97%. Year 2 achieved the highest monthly attendance of 96% and Miss Emery's class in Year 5, achieved an attendance of 99%. Well done!

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| Reception | 94% |
| Y1 | 95% |
| Y2 | 96% |
| Y3 | 95% |
| Y4 | 95% |
| Y5 | 95% |
| Y6 | 95% |



As a reward for good attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 2 who were the winning year group in June. 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.

Sports Day Results

Well done to all pupils who took part in their Sports Day last week. Again, all pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated their amazing sporting talents.

Safety in the Sun

In light of the warmer weather, 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 – This Sunday 6th July, 11.30am – 3.00pm! It is finally here! Our Summer Fayre of fun, games and entertainment is just 2 days away! We are still seeking for helpers to set up, run stalls and clear away afterwards. Anyone who is able to volunteer can just turn up on Sunday morning; we will be setting up from 7.30am. Thank you. Please see the programme that was emailed out earlier today, for full details regarding what is on offer at the fayre this year. Please remember this is a CASH only event. Please bring along a picnic blanket if you wish to sit and enjoy delicious food and great music. Sorry, however NO dogs allowed. Please be aware that the animal actors will be on the top playground, opposite Hill Street.

End of Term PTFA Discos for Year 1 to Year 6 – Thursday 17th July 2025 Tickets are on sale now! Please be aware that tickets can ONLY be purchased via the PTA dashboard and are not available to purchase via the school office. The deadline for purchasing a digital ticket is strictly **10th July**. It is important to stress that **NO** tickets will be available after this date and **NO** tickets will be available to purchase on the door. ***(Please be aware that Year 6 pupils, who are attending their Leavers' meal before the disco, still require a digital ticket for the disco, which must have been purchased in advance.***

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