

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

18th July 2025

Year 6 Leavers

This week, our Year 6 leavers have enjoyed an inflatable day, pizza and an ice cream van. Our Year 6 leavers have also enjoyed a Leavers' Meal and disco however, the highlight of the week for our Year 6 pupils, was their Year 6 Leavers' Concert. All of the pupils performed to an incredible standard and put on an outstanding show!



This cohort of Year 6 pupils has been truly exceptional, showcasing a wide range of talents and qualities that we can all take pride in. I am sure you will want to join me in sending heartfelt wishes for success to each and every one of them as they move forward. Good luck, Year 6 — Five Ways won't be the same without you!

Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning

1st September 2025 –

Menu week 1



18th July - School Closes for summer break - Normal Times

September 2025

1st September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

2nd September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

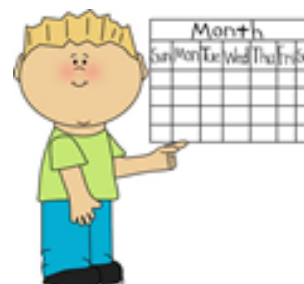
3rd September - School Opens for Pupils

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September – Menu Week 1 – (Please see the updated menus for September, sent home today).

Dates 2025 – 2026

A list of important dates for the next academic year will be sent home with the newsletter during the first week of the autumn term 2025. Please be aware that the INSET days for next year have been confirmed as:

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 19th June 2026
Monday 22nd June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026



Summer Holidays

Please note, that school closes for pupils today (Friday 18th July), for the summer break. There will be an INSET day on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 and school will open for pupils on Wednesday 3rd September. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school, and wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.



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School Books

Please be aware that your child may have come home with their school books from this academic year, during the final few days of this week. If your child does not bring home all of their books, please do not be alarmed. Some books have been retained for evidence purposes, and will be sent home at the October half term, 2025.



Gymnastics Success I am pleased to report that recently, some children from Year 1 took part in a gymnastics competition. The event featured four different disciplines: vault, bars, beam and floor. Each child was awarded either a bronze, silver or gold for the routines they performed, and they all received a medal and certificate at the end. All children were incredible and should be very proud of themselves! Well done everyone!



From left to right: Max W, Charlie H, Jessica A, Alice J, Isabella F, Poppy H, Zara P and Olivia F.

Goodbyes! As we approach the end of the academic year, it is with heartfelt sadness that we prepare to say goodbye to several valued members of our staff. Each of them has made a meaningful contribution to life at Five Ways, and they will be greatly missed.

- **Miss Wilson** (Year 1 registration teacher),
- **Miss Matthews** (music teacher for Year 6), and
- **Mrs Jukes** (KS2 teaching assistant)

will be leaving us to pursue new opportunities and adventures beyond Five Ways. We also say goodbye to **Miss Round**, a dedicated teaching assistant in Butterflies, who has accepted a well-deserved promotion at another school.

In addition, and with particular fondness, we bid farewell to **Mrs Robinson**, a long-serving KS1 teacher and current Year 2 registration teacher. After 25 years of inspiring young minds, Mrs Robinson has chosen to take early retirement from her teaching role. She will be continuing her journey in education as a teaching assistant closer to home, and we know she will be a wonderful asset to her new school.

On behalf of the entire Five Ways community, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of these staff members for their dedication, passion, and service. We wish them every success and happiness in the future. You will be missed more than words can say!

FREE Pre-Loved School Uniform

The next 'drop in' market is open 11th – 15th August at The Salvation Army, 7 Anglesey Street, Hednesford, WS12 1AB as follows:

11th August 10am – 3pm
12th August 3pm – 7pm
13th August 10am – 3pm
14th August 10am -3pm
15th August 10am – 12noon.

The Pre-Loved Uniform Market is delivered by the Salvation Army Church and Staffordshire Libraries. Donations of school uniform are gratefully received at drop off points: Cannock Library and Hednesford Community Library – during normal opening times and at The Salvation Army, Anglesey Street, Hednesford – Monday – Thursday 2pm-5pm.

For more information, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter or contact:

hednesford@salvationarmy.org.uk
Phone: 01543 426128.

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Get ready for Summer Reading Challenges 2025, 'Story Garden'!



Your Local Library is calling all 4-11 year olds, parents, carers, and teachers!

Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays. In addition, libraries are offering a Mini Challenge for pre-school children. Children collect stickers on a special collector card for the books they borrow and read, and receive a medal and a certificate when they complete the summer reading challenge. Find out more information at:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Karate Success

I am pleased to report that Scarlett M, who is in Miss Cattell's class in Year 2, recently completed her first grading in karate and received her first karate belt. Well done Scarlett; you are super!



Jiu Jitsu Success

I am pleased to report that Millie N, who is in Mrs Lindsay's class in Year 5, competed in a Jiu-jitsu competition, competing with children from all over the world. Millie placed 3rd at the Junior Worlds. Well done Millie; you are amazing!



Musical Theatre Success

I am pleased to report that Jessie J, who is in Miss Buchan's class in Year 1, and Lily J, who is in Miss Wright's class in Year 2, each took a musical exam and received a Bronze award with Honours! This is fantastic news!



Name Labels

If ordering name labels for school uniform and shoes ready for September, please remember to use the following school fundraiser numbers, as the PTFA will earn commission from every order:

Stikins: 7350

www.stikins.co.uk

Mynametags: 30221

www.mynametags.com

Summer Fayre - Rearranged Date

I have pleasure in informing you that our Summer Fayre has been rearranged to take place on **Sunday 5th October 2025, 11.30am – 3.00pm**. All of the original stalls, activities and entertainment events are being rescheduled for the new date, so our fayre promises to be a fun filled day for all the family to enjoy. We will be rebranding the fayre and referring to it as an Autumn Festival, to reflect the different time of year. Current Year 6 families are invited back to attend. Hope to see you all there!

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