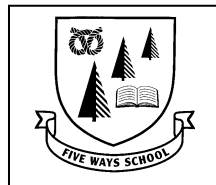


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

5th September 2025

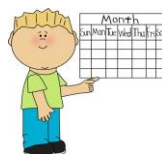
Welcome Back! As we begin a new academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all members of our school community following the summer break. A special welcome goes to the new pupils and staff who have recently joined us; it is a pleasure to have you as part of the Five Ways family. This week, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of our children, and I was delighted to see how smartly they were dressed in their uniforms and how enthusiastic they were about returning to school and engaging in their learning. It was also lovely to hear about the exciting experiences they enjoyed over the holidays.



Dates 2025 – 2026

A list of important dates for this next academic year was sent home on Wednesday this week. Please be aware that the INSET days still to take place are as follows:

Friday 19th June 2026
Monday 22nd June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026



In addition, this is advanced notice that school is likely to be CLOSED for 1 day (7th May 2026) due to it being used as a Polling Station. *(We are awaiting confirmation from Staffordshire County Council.)*

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
8th September 2025 – Menu
Week 2.

In addition, please see the list of dates, sent home on 3.9.25, for this academic year.

24th September – National Fitness Day 2024 *(More details to follow.)*
25th September – Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6
26th September – Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers
5th October – PTFA Autumn Fayre 11.30am - 3.00pm *All Welcome*
9th October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day *(More details to follow.)*
10th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers
24th October – School Closes Half Term *(Normal Times)*
3rd November – School Opens

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

We Are Here to Help! I am pleased to share that the majority of children have made a positive start and have settled in well during their first week back at school. Of course, we understand that there may be times when parents wish to discuss a concern or raise an issue. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher; this can be done via email or by calling the school office, or by writing a note in your child's Home-Link book (for pupils in Years 1 to 6). Class teachers are always happy to arrange individual meetings if needed. Alternatively, you are welcome to make an appointment to speak with your child's Year Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Fuller (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Hill (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Russell (Business Manager), and I are all available and willing to support parents whenever required.

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Admission to Secondary School for September 2026

Year 6 parents should have received an individual letter regarding the online application process for your child's Secondary School place. Please be aware that applications need to be made by **31st October 2025.**

Opening of our Sandpit

I am delighted to share that our new sandpit was officially opened during the final week of the summer term in July, just in time for the children to enjoy it during our OPAL lunchtimes and whilst we had some sunny weather! It has quickly become a favourite play area, with children having a fantastic time building sandcastles, digging tunnels, and exploring imaginative play together. OPAL lunchtimes will resume on 15th September, once our children have had time to settle into the new school year, and we know they will be excited to return to the sandpit. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the family and friends of a current Year 2 child, who generously fundraised in the local community in memory of the child's Grandad, who sadly passed away. Thanks to their kindness, along with additional funding from the school, the cost of the sandpit was fully covered. Please see the photographs below of some of our children enjoying the sandpit in July.



PTFA News!

Autumn Festival – Sunday 5th October – 11.30am to 3.00pm - We are counting down the weeks until our flagship event! Only 4 weeks to go! We will have all the well-loved stalls such as: tombola, guess the number of sweets in a jar, guess the name of the teddy, teddy tombola, splat the rat, lucky dip, coconut shy, goalie shootout, archery, hook a duck and our well-loved crazy cups for all the children to enjoy!



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