

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

24th October 2025

Harvest Donations

Thank you to all those families who have shown their support towards our Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community. You can see how generous everyone has been in the photograph!



'Above and Beyond' Recognition

In line with our new Positive Behaviour and Relationships Policy, the following children have been recognised this week for demonstrating behaviours that go 'Above and Beyond' our school rules of being kind and respectful, being safe and being ready. Congratulations to the following children. I hope you enjoyed your biscuits and juice with me in the Boardroom today!



Year 1: Sophia H, Archie R, Skyla-Rae B
Year 2: Romi S, Haydn N, Ada P
Year 3: Blake F, Millie R, George A
Year 4: Poppy C, Isla Rose T, Betsy R
Year 5: Iyla R, Emily G, Lucrezia H
Year 6: Millie S, Hettie P, Harrison M-S.

Christmas Hamper Donations I would like to say a huge thank you to all those families who were able to donate Christmas hamper items or a monetary donation in support of our non-uniform day. We have received some lovely donations which will make some lovely prizes!



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
3rd November 2025 –
Menu week 3.

24th October – School Closes for Half Term

3rd November – School Opens for staff and pupils

3rd November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm

6th November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm

7th November – Deadline for placing Christmas Card/Merchandise Orders Online (***Please see your child's Christmas card design that has been sent.***)

W/B 10th November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

11th November – PTFA AGM Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom – All Welcome!

14th November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

21st November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

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

Half Term Please note, that school closes today for half term, and will re-open on Monday 3rd November. I would like to wish you all a lovely half term break with your family and friends.

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Mrs Hill's Absent from School

I would like to inform you that Mrs Hill, our Assistant Headteacher, is currently absent from school due to a planned operation. She is recovering well at home and is expected to return to school in mid-January 2026. During Mrs Hill's absence, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's class teacher or Year Leader in the first instance. Should you feel it necessary to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, you are also welcome to contact myself as Headteacher, Mrs Fuller as Deputy Headteacher, or Mrs Russell as our Business Manager.

Football News! It's coming home!

Our Year 5/6 mixed football team has travelled to Kingsmead for the last three weeks, competing in a 'Chasing the Future Partnership' tournament. Mr Ferguson wrote, 'Five Ways topped the league table against partnership primary schools including Heath Hayes Academy, Hazel Slade Academy, Poppyfield Academy and St Peter's Primary. Our team were led by a commendable performance by Captain, Alex H. It was a pleasure to watch such determined and motivated players working together as a team. Their sportsmanship and etiquette throughout the tournament showed that they are all a credit to Five Ways!' Well done everyone!



Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Milli N, who is in Year 6 in Miss Lane's class, took part in another JiuJitsu competition over the weekend. Milli came 2nd in her category for the Junior Europeans. This is super news Milli! Congratulations!



Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Lenny E, who is in Year 3 in Mrs Darby's class, won the Walsall Youth Football League trophy along with his Football team – Hednesford AFC. Well done Lenny; this is wonderful news!



Admission into Reception

Nursery parents are asked to refer to the letter sent home on 10th October, detailing the application process for your child to be admitted into our Reception cohort in September 2026. Online applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2026 at the latest.**



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Nursery and Reception Cohort September 2026

Drop-In Sessions

This is a reminder that if you or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age and would like to come and take a look at our Nursery and Reception classrooms and meet members of the Early Years team, then please come along to our drop-in sessions in preparation for when your child starts Nursery school in September 2026. Parents and pupils are invited to book a place at one of our sessions that are taking place as follows:

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 3.45pm – 4.15pm or

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 4.30pm – 5.00pm



Please contact the school office on 01543 278071 to book a place! We look forward to seeing you there!

Supporting Children's Mental Health

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are again offering online parent workshops. To make the workshops more accessible, the MHST have pre-recorded some of these workshops. Please click the link below to access this week's parent workshop which is all about anxiety. These pre-recorded workshops offer parents/carers opportunities to build understanding, gain knowledge and learn practical skills to support your child's mental health:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02nvDNtk13U>



Healthier Lunchbox Recipes

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list. School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child, then please have a look at the below link, for a range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips.

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



PTFA News!

Christmas Cards and Merchandise

- You are still able to purchase Christmas cards and merchandise that have been designed by your child. Christmas card proofs contain all the information required to order your child's Christmas cards and merchandise. The deadline for orders to be placed is **7th November 2025**.

Christmas Jumpers – If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers that your child has outgrown, the PTFA would like to ask kindly that you donate them to school. The jumpers will be made available on the PTFA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways from 7th November (for a small donation), for children to wear over the festive period or during the Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day taking place on 11th December. Please send any Christmas jumpers that are in a **good** condition into the school office by **5th November**. Thank you.

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