

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

7th November 2025

Election of Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body has recently been filled. Following a successful ballot, Mr William Fleet has been elected to the role. Mr Fleet, who has a child in Reception, is enthusiastic about joining the Governing Body and is keen to connect with more parents as he settles into his new position.

It is always encouraging to see parents stepping forward to support the school's long-term development and contribute to shaping its future direction. Parent Governors play a vital role in representing the views of families and helping to guide our strategic vision.

If you would like to get in touch with any of our Parent Governors, please feel free to contact them via the school office. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Governing Body for their continued dedication and commitment to Five Ways. I look forward to working together in the months ahead for the benefit of our whole school community.

Welcome Back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term with your families and are feeling ready for the exciting weeks ahead as we approach the festive season. This half term is packed with engaging opportunities for our pupils, including participating in Anti-Bullying Week, supporting Children in Need, and enjoying our first enrichment day of the year - International Day. Of course, we are also looking forward to the much-loved Christmas performances, which always bring joy to our school community.

These events are just a glimpse of the enriching experiences planned for the coming weeks at Five Ways, and we cannot wait to see our children thrive as they take part.

Reporting an Absence If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly ask that you notify us by 8:45am on the morning of their absence. Absences should be reported via email to: attendance@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 10th November 2025 – Menu week 1.

W/B 10th November - Anti-Bullying Week (*Please see page 2 of this Newsletter.*)

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

14th November - Children in Need Day (*Please see page 2 of this Newsletter.*)

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

3rd December Year 1 Theatre Trip (*Lichfield Garrick Theatre – Cinderella*)

4th December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

5th December – Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

8th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall (*A – L surnames only*)

9th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (*M – Z surnames only*)

9th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

10th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

10th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

11th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

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'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: Poppy S, Amelia W, Isla M
Year 2: Evie-Mai D, Lewis W, Marco M
Year 3: Minnie H, Jack B, Harry F
Year 4: Erin B, Gracie S, Max B
Year 5: Esme W, Millie T, Jack R
Year 6: Toby P, Huw W, Joshua C



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week marks the start of National Anti-Bullying Week, and pupils across Five Ways will be engaging in a range of activities to support this important initiative. This year's theme, *Power for Good*, encourages children to reflect on how their actions can positively influence others. Through discussions and classroom activities, pupils will explore the idea that bullying is a choice - and that by choosing kindness and respect, they can help create a supportive environment at school, at home, in the community, and online.

Parents' Evening This week, many parents attended consultation appointments to discuss their child's progress with their child's class teacher. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into school and to see the strong partnership between home and school in action. We truly value the positive and supportive comments shared by parents, which reflect our shared commitment to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance



As it is now November, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of October. The percentage attendance for the whole school for October was 95%. Congratulations to Year 5 with the highest monthly attendance of 97% and to Mrs Lindsay's class in Year 5, with a fantastic attendance of 97%. Well done everyone!

As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 5 who were the winning year groups in October. Enjoy your extra playtime!

Reception	96%
Y1	96%
Y2	96%
Y3	94%
Y4	93%
Y5	97%
Y6	95%

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.

Children in Need

Children in Need takes place next Friday, 14th November, and we are looking forward to supporting this fantastic cause once again. To help raise awareness and funds, pupils are invited to wear **one item of spotty clothing** - this could be spotty socks, a hair accessory, or any other spot-themed item—in exchange for a suggested donation of **£1 payable via Parent Pay – no cash will be taken in school**. As part of the day, pupils will also take part in a dedicated lesson to learn more about the charity's work and the difference it makes to children's lives across the UK. It promises to be a meaningful and enjoyable day for everyone involved.

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Walk to School Month

October was 'Walk to School Month' and families were asked to participate by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils had the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking.

Well done to everyone who walked to school during the month of October! Please keep up these good habits by continuing to walk to school so that you can enjoy the health benefits and ease congestion around school at drop off and collection times!

Fundraising Success! I am pleased to report that during October, Lily W, who is in Year 4, Grace P and Minnie H, who are in Year 3, Amelia W and Daisy B, who are in Year 1 and Darcie S, who is in Reception, have taken part each day in the International Walk to School Campaign and combined this with raising money for Bowel Cancer UK. The children have walked 105.3 miles during October and raised a phenomenal £180! Well done girls – you are all super!



Fundraising Success!

I am pleased to report that Ollie L, who is in Year 6 in Miss Lanes class, and Eleanor L, who is in Year 3 in Miss Berry's class, have been raising money for the National Autistic Society by walking 135 miles during October. Ollie and Eleanor have raised £200! They were trying to raise as much money as possible for this amazing cause. You are both incredible and very kind!



Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Megan C, who is in Year 4 in Miss Wrights class, took part a team gymnastics regional competition. Megan's team came 5th in the West Midlands which is fantastic! Well done Megan!



Important Reminder: Five Ways is a NUT-FREE School Please be reminded that **Five Ways Primary School is a strictly nut-free environment.** This policy is in place to protect several of our pupils who live with **severe nut allergies**, which can lead to **life-threatening reactions**, including anaphylaxis. To ensure the safety of all children, **NO nut-based products are permitted on school grounds.** This includes any food items that contain nuts or may contain traces of nuts. Allergic reactions can occur not only through eating but also through inhalation or skin contact, making vigilance essential. We kindly ask that you **check all food labels carefully** before packing your child's lunch or snacks. If a product states **"may contain nuts"** or **"produced in a facility that handles nuts,"** please **DO NOT** send it into school.

Examples of items that must be avoided include: chocolate spreads (e.g. Nutella), cereal bars, biscuits and cakes containing nuts, certain sauces and condiments. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

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Families Health and Wellbeing Service

The Families Health and Wellbeing 0-19 service is the integrated Health Visiting and School Nursing service for Staffordshire. This service seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families and improve school readiness. It offers a balance of self-support, support from professionals and from the wider community. This includes using digital technology to meet the individual needs of busy modern families. See below a link for their latest newsletter with lots of help and support:



https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/application/files/8317/5983/9477/County_0-19_Newsletter_-_Autumn_Edition_2025.pdf

Christmas Productions

We are once again approaching the Christmas season and our pupils and staff are beginning to think about their fabulous Christmas performances. Please find below a list of dates and times for each year group performance. Year Leaders will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you.



Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Thursday 4th December 2.30pm Friday 5th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm Wednesday 10th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 8th December 2.30pm (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Tuesday 9th December 10.00am (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Wednesday 10th December 2.30pm Thursday 11th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall (Please be aware of the new location.)
Year 4	Tuesday 16th December 10.30am (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Thursday 18th December 2.00pm (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>)	St John's Church
Year 5	Thursday 11th December 2.30pm Friday 12th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 6	Tuesday 16th December 2.00pm Thursday 18th December 10.30am	St John's Church (Please be aware of the new location.)

PTFA News!

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 today (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. Thank you.



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