

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

14th November 2025

Remembrance

All pupils and staff took part in a minutes silence at 11 o'clock on Tuesday 11th November to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Pictured here are some of our pupils with Miss Kershaw representing Five Ways. Cece N, who is in Year 6 in Miss Lane's class, wrote a poem and read her poem during the Remembrance Day Service held at St John's Church. See below a copy of Cece's poem called 'Poppies';



**As red as a blood-stained shirt,
As bright as the smiles on the soldiers faces when returning home,
As important as the fallen soldier's hearts,
As special as every kind-hearted soul lost,
As significant as the worn-out gun used in the dirty war,
As proud as a soldier finishing a long job that made history,
As symbolic as the wooden cross found in churches,
As respectful as old memories brought back.**

'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 yesterday!

Year 1: Ella H, Anaishe S, Patrick M
Year 2: Zoya H, Myles L, William C
Year 3: Rory E-A, Erin S, Georgie B
Year 4: Arden G, Annabelle B, Poppy H-G
Year 5: Darcey H, Noah D, Chase K
Year 6: Finn M, Ella-Jay D, Jayden J



Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning
17th November 2025 –
Menu week 2.**

21st November - Enrichment Day - International Day (See Page 2 of the Newsletter)

4th December Year 1 Theatre Trip (Lichfield Garrick Theatre – Cinderella)

4th December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall (A – J surnames only)

5th December – Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (K – Z surnames only)

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

11th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

12th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

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Christmas Productions

The dates and times for each year groups Christmas performance are detailed below. 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 please.</i>)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Wednesday 10th December 2.30pm Thursday 11th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall (Please be aware of 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 new location.)

International Day

On Friday 21st November, pupils will be taking part in our first Enrichment Day of this academic year. The day will be entitled 'International Day' and each year group will focus upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils will discover facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. The countries being studied are as follows:

Nursery: France
Reception: Italy
Year 1: India
Year 2: St Kitts
Year 3: France
Year 4: Greece
Year 5: Mexico
Year 6: Brazil



Children in Need

Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the charity.



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PTFA News!

The PTFA AGM took place this week at which the new committee was formed. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Amy Winters has been re-elected as our Chairperson and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with her to carry on the outstanding work of the PTFA. Other committee members include Ms Laura Finazzo as Vice Chairperson and Miss Elinor Walley as Treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTFA for their hard work and commitment to Five Ways.

Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Oscar D, who is in Miss Berry's class in Year 3, scored his first goal for his football team this week and was awarded player of the match! Oscar is very proud of his achievement and so he should be! Well done Oscar!



Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Greysen P, who is in Year 1 in Miss Owen's class, has been scouted by Wolverhampton Wanderers (Wolves) for their Under 6's team! He has been fast-tracked straight into their elite academy which is incredible! Greysen – you are very talented!



Change of Frequency of Newsletter Please note, that from today, the school newsletter will be published **fortnightly** rather than weekly. This change allows us to provide more meaningful updates and reduce unnecessary repetition, ensuring that each edition contains the most relevant and important information for you. It is therefore essential that parents read each newsletter carefully and take note of all key dates and details, as updates will no longer be issued every week.

Be Bright Be Seen!

I would like to make you aware that November is 'Be Bright Be Seen' month. In school, we will be talking to the children about the importance of 'Being Bright and Being Seen' when they are out and about near roads, particularly at this time of year. We will be asking the children to remember:

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – when it is dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it is the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It is good to fit spoke reflectors too.



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