

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

9th January 2026

Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and to wish you all a Happy New Year. Despite the challenging weather conditions and the school closures that have affected our first week back after Christmas, it has been lovely to spend time talking with the children and hearing about their Christmas holidays. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots to experience and enjoy, and I look forward to keeping you updated as we progress through the term.

A Guide for Parents on Managing Children's Digital Lives

As you are aware, supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and the wider society. For parents and carers, we are aware that this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting their children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. The Children's Commissioner has put together a guide and it focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Please click this link for more information:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning

12th January 2026 –

Menu week 2.



15th January - Year 3 and Year 4
Theatre Trip (*The New Vic, Stoke – The Little Mermaid*)

21st January - Year 5 and Year 6
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23rd January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*More details to follow.*)

2nd & 5th February - Parent/Teacher Consultations Nursery to Year 6
(*After School Appointments*)

6th February – PTFA Meeting

9.00am (Please note earlier time than normal) Boardroom at Five Ways (*All welcome!*)

W/B 9th February Sponsored Event
(*More details to follow.*)

10th February – Safer Internet Day
(*More details to follow.*)

13th February – School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*) Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter themed hamper item or monetary donation – suggested amount £1

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

Football Success!

I am pleased to report that Theo B, Kai N, Jack S and Albie H, who are all in Year 4, competed in an Under 9 football tournament final and won 3-2!

Well done boys; this is a super achievement!



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Congratulations!

I have the pleasure in announcing that Miss Lane, who is a Year 6 teacher at Five Ways, got married during the Christmas break. Please be aware that Miss Lane is now called Mrs Walsgrove. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to send Mr and Mrs Walsgrove our best wishes for the future.



Parents' Evening

Parent consultations will take place on **Monday 2nd February and Thursday 5th February**. Appointments will be available to be booked online. You will be sent a link to your mobile phone or email address, which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you. The online booking service will be available to access from **9.00am on Thursday 22nd January until Thursday 29th January at 4.00pm**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you. If you wish to update your email address or mobile telephone number, please contact the school office.

Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. You will receive a welcome email.
2. Click login .
3. Enter your email address.
4. You will receive an email with a magic link.
5. Click on this link.
6. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
7. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
8. At any time before Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time.



PTFA News! **Happy New Year** – The PTFA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year; they hope to see you at the events that are planned for this year.

Christmas Discos - Thank you to all those parents who volunteered.

Next PTFA Meeting – Friday 6th February 9.00am – Boardroom at Five Ways (*All welcome!*)

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