

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

23rd January 2026

'Above and Beyond' Recognition

I am pleased to inform you that the following children have been recognised last week and 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!

Thursday 15th January 2026:

Year 1: Olly H, Scarlett B, Lewis B
Year 2: Elleah T, Iris T, Olivia J
Year 3: Carter S, Ethan S, Harley D
Year 4: Elliott P, Jack S, Daisy F
Year 5: Lyra O'L-Y, Thomas W, Alanna S
Year 6: Poppy B, Isabella H, Faith B



Thursday 22nd January 2026:

Year 1: Amber P, Princeneer T, Minnie Rose R
Year 2: Caleb G, Eliza L, Louisa S
Year 3: Alfie E, Grace R, Jaymie H
Year 4: Catherine N, Albie H, Grace J
Year 5: Charlie S, Thomas W, Isabelle H
Year 6: Summer Rose C, Madeline W, Tommy G

Bad Weather Procedures

This is a reminder of the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary in severe weather conditions.

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for children, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity and details will also be posted on our school website.

We kindly ask for everyone's cooperation in following these procedures and exercising caution during bad weather.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
26th January 2026 –
Menu week 1.

23rd January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*Please see page 3.*)

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

6th February – PTFA Meeting
9.00am in the Boardroom at Five Ways (*Please note earlier time than normal.*) *All welcome*)

W/B 9th February Sponsored Event
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

23rd February - School Opens for staff and pupils

5th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*More details to follow however, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)

11th March – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting and Laches Wood Meeting 6.00pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

20th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day (*More details to follow.*)

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

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Music Success!

I am pleased to report that Isaac T, who is in Year 6 in Mrs Langston's class, has been playing trombone for nearly 3 years and goes to the Entrust Cannock Music Centre's training band each month. Isaac has also started taking keyboard lessons. Recently, Isaac took part in the music centre's Christmas concert performing using his trombone but also performing for the first time on his keyboard. Well done Isaac; this is super!



Gymnastics Success!

I am pleased to report that Alexandrina T, who is in Year 5 in Mrs Lindsay's class, participated in the London Cup, an international competition in rhythmic gymnastics that included 19 clubs from 10 countries. Alexandrina was awarded 1st place with the hoop routine and 2nd place with the free routine in her category. Well done Alexandrina; you are a superstar!



Swimming Success!

I am pleased to report that Daniel C, who is in Year 6 in Mrs Walsgrove's class, recently competed in a swimming competition where he set new personal best times in the 100m freestyle, 100m breast stroke, 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly. Daniel achieved County times for all these disciplines so will now swim in County competitions. He also got silver for his 100m freestyle and bronze for his 50m butterfly. Daniel was also awarded best 10-year-old male and best junior swimmer. Well done Daniel; this is amazing!



Theatre Success!

I am pleased to report that Olivia S, who is in Year 3 in Mrs Darby's class, has recently took part in an Alice in Wonderland production through her performing arts group at Rugeley Red Rose Theatre. With endless rehearsals and 3 sold out shows, Olivia was amazing at her singing and performing on the stage. Well done Olivia; this is super!



Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition!

On Wednesday 14th January, Year 6 children were invited to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics event at Aldersley Leisure Centre. Team spirits were extremely high throughout the event with every child giving a superb performance.

Both teams won their obstacle course race heat and the under over race. Well done to all who participated. We now await to see if the team gets the chance to participate at county level.



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Nursery Places for 2025 – 2026

You are reminded that the application window for **Nursery places for September 2026** is now open. If you, or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age, and would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Mackley, our Nursery Year Leader. Application forms for Nursery are available to access on our school website via the 'Early Years' tab, or alternatively by following this link: [Five Ways School](#). **Please be aware that the closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 13th March 2026.**



Mathematics Enrichment Day and Sponsored Maths Activity

At Five Ways, we remain committed to celebrating mathematics and helping every pupil feel enthusiastic and confident during their maths learning. To continue strengthening the profile of maths across the school, each year group will be taking part in a special Mathematics Enrichment Day on **Friday 13th February**. Throughout the day, pupils will enjoy a range of engaging, hands-on activities designed to promote a love of maths.



During the week commencing **9th February**, pupils will also complete their sponsored activity, which this year links directly to our maths theme. Your child has brought home their sponsor form today, and the description of their activity can be found at the top of the form for your reference. We kindly ask that all sponsor money is returned to school by **Friday 6th March 2026**. Once collected, the funds will be used to purchase valuable resources for each year group.

As a gentle reminder, we do not encourage pupils to go door to door seeking sponsorship, as their safety remains our top priority.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent, please inform school **before 8:45am** on the day of absence via email at: attendance@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Parents' Evening

Parent consultations will take place on **Monday 2nd February and Thursday 5th February**. Appointments are available to be booked online. You will have been 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 is open and is available to access 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.



Holiday Club! This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during February half term. For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link: www.jcademy.co.uk

Polling Day Confirmed Please be aware that we have been advised by the Local Authority that Five Ways will be required for use as a Polling Station on **Thursday 7th May 2026**. This is advanced notice that school will be **CLOSED** to all pupils on **Thursday 7th May 2026**. I would like to make parents aware that the Returning Officer has the right by law to make use of any school premises for the purpose of an election. Consequently, schools cannot refuse such a request despite the inconvenience it causes. ***Please be aware that the Year 5 residential trip will go ahead as planned.***

PTFA News

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies – To place an order, please visit the PTA Dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways and select the 'Shop' tab followed by selecting the 'Uniform and Merchandise' tab. **Please be aware that all orders need to be placed by Friday 30th January at the latest.**

Five Ways Lottery - Tickets can be bought by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school Well done to last week's winner!

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