

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

6th February 2026

## 'Above and Beyond' Recognition

I am pleased to inform you that the following children were 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026:

Year 1: Isabella A, Paisley Grace P, Jack P  
Year 2: Elsie D, Alice J, Thomas R  
Year 3: Luke E, Aria M, Finn E  
Year 4: Alex H, Arthur P, Isla F  
Year 5: Renee M, Leo W, Luca S  
Year 6: Rosie H-G, Primrose B, Jack W



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026:

Year 1: Evie B, George H, Freddie W  
Year 2: James P, Keira L, Charlie H  
Year 3: Lily S, Daisy T, Arlen H  
Year 4: Charlotte S, Alice C, Aubrey H  
Year 5: Elijah S, Charlotte B, Freddie S  
Year 6: Jack S, Elliot D, Axel B

**Chocolate Bar Competition** During the summer term 2025, Chocolate Treasures (a local retailer), ran a competition for school children to design their own chocolate bar. All of our KS2 pupils had the opportunity to create a new and exciting bar. Pupils had to draw their chocolate bar and its logo along with some information about its ingredients. All of the entries from Five Ways were fantastic and I am pleased to announce that Lucrezia H, who is in Year 5 in Mrs Lindsay's class, was chosen as the winner! This is wonderful news! Lucrezia won a £50 voucher to spend at Chocolate Treasures and will have her chocolate bar made into reality. Well done Lucrezia!



## Forthcoming Dates:

**Week beginning**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 –**  
**Menu week 3.**



W/B 9th February Sponsored Maths Event

10th February – Safer Internet Day

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 (*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.*)

27th March – School Closes (*Normal Times*)

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

## Bad Weather Procedures

In the event that school is unable to open due to bad weather conditions, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity, and a notice will be uploaded onto our school website.



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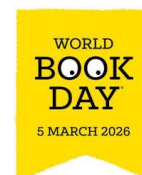
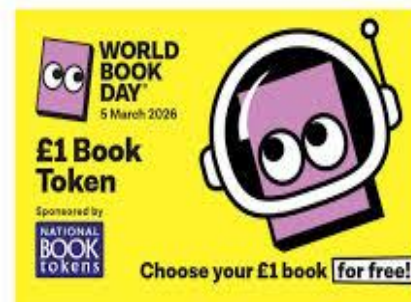
## World Book Day

This is a reminder that our next Enrichment Day is approaching quickly. We will be taking part in World Book Day activities on Thursday 5th March when all pupils and staff are asked to come to school dressed as a famous book or nursery rhyme character.

This is advanced notice of World Book Day, so that you can begin planning your child's outfit for 5th March. In addition, the PTFA have World Book Day costumes available via their PTFA Facebook page over the next couple of weeks, which have been donated and can be claimed.

***The theme this year for World Book Day is 'You Are a Reader'. It would be lovely if your child could bring into school a photograph of them reading in a place that they love or in an unusual place, for us to share in school during World Book Day.***

Please be aware that every child will be sent home with a £1 Book Token next week in recognition of World Book Day. The token can be exchanged for a £1 book at participating retailers and is valid from 12th February 2026 until 15th March 2026.



## Attendance

As it is now February, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of January. The percentage attendance for the whole school for January was 96%, which falls just below our high expectation of 97%. Year 1 achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 97% and Miss Heeley's class in Year 1, achieved an attendance of 98%, both of which are outstanding!

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

As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Well done to Year 1 who were the winning year group in January. Enjoy your extra playtime!

***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.***

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February it is 'Safer Internet' day. At Five Ways, we want to educate our pupils about staying safe on the internet and whilst using mobile devices. Time on this day will be used to discuss how pupils can keep themselves safe. Please support us at home by discussing these issues with your children and ensuring they know how to 'stay safe' and report any concerns to a trusted adult.



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**Outstanding Choir Performance** Last week, I was delighted to attend the *Young Voices* concert at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. Our KS2 choir joined schools from across the West Midlands to take part in this spectacular event. Fifty-two Five Ways pupils performed together as part of a massed choir of around 6,500 children, singing to a packed audience of family and friends. The energy inside the arena was incredible, and hearing so many young voices singing together created a truly memorable experience. The performance was brought to life by a variety of musicians and artists, making it an unforgettable evening for all involved. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Langston and Miss Maddocks for their dedication in preparing the choir, as well as to all the Five Ways staff who attended and supported the children on the night. I would also like to thank the parents and family members who came along to cheer on our pupils.

Well done to everyone involved!



## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Each year, there is a week dedicated to Children's Mental Health and this is taking place next week. The theme of the week changes each year. The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is, 'This is My Place', and the aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel that they belong.

Throughout next week, staff will be talking to children about being kind and respectful to one another and discussing the fact that we all have different interests, hopes, dreams, likes, dislikes, challenges and talents. Children will also be encouraged to enter into discussions about what makes them feel happy, sad, excited or worried and how they behave when they are feeling these emotions. Children will learn that there is no one else who is exactly the same as them because each of them are unique in their special way and that these differences should be celebrated. Throughout next week, children will be encouraged to take the time to think about the skills they have, the qualities they have and the talents they have.

## **Reading Ambassadors Newsletter**

Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy exploring a wide range of books and proudly sharing their top choices with the school. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the latest Reading Ambassadors Newsletter.

## **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.**

## **PTFA News**

Please be aware that **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** is a non-uniform day in school in exchange for an Easter themed chocolate donation or monetary donation (suggested amount £1) for the Easter Hampers.



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