

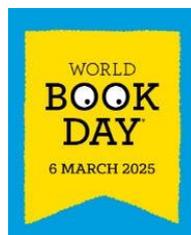
Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

27th February 2026

World Book Day



This is a reminder that World Book Day is taking place next Thursday 5th March. We will be undertaking a variety of activities relating to books and reading throughout the week leading up to 5th March. Children are asked to come dressed as a book or Nursery Rhyme character on this day. Children should come to school in their costume on Thursday 5th March and will wear it all day. I look forward to seeing your costumes on the day and I also look forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the week.

Class Photographs

Please be aware that class photos are taking place next **Friday 6th March** by Tempest photographers. All children are expected to wear normal school uniform on this day due to photographs taking place. PE lessons will be rearranged for another day if this is possible.



'Above and Beyond' Recognition

I am pleased to inform you that the following children were 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!

Year 1: Darcey G, Rory J, Max B
Year 2: Betsy G, Roman E, Gracie C
Year 3: Antonio M, Oscar H, Mollie C
Year 4: Eva M, Ellie B, Orla S
Year 5: Elijah S, Thomas H, Minnie H
Year 6: Carter K, Emilia R, Roman G



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
2nd March 2026 –
Menu week 1.

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 on page 3 of this newsletter.*)

26th March – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 2.45pm KS2 playground

26th March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt – after school from 3.30pm onwards

27th March – School Closes for Easter Break (Normal Times)

13th April – School Opens for staff and pupils

w/c 13th April – Year 6 Laches Wood Residential (4-night stay away in Coven, Wolverhampton.)

4th May – School Closed – Bank Holiday

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

Assessment Meeting

Year 6 parents are reminded of the KS2 assessment meeting that is being combined with the Laches Wood meeting taking place on 11th March in the KS1 Hall at 6.00pm.

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Athletics News!

On Wednesday 4th February, twelve Year 4 children were invited to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics event at Aldersley Leisure Centre. Both the girls' and boys' teams won their obstacle course races and the whole team came second overall in their heat. We have been informed that we are the school that will represent Cannock at County Level at Fenton Manor. Well done to all who took part. This was a superb performance!



Planned Roadworks

Please be aware that there are roadworks planned for Hill Street/Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, starting Monday 2nd March until Monday 23rd March. For this reason, please allow extra time to travel to school whilst the road works are taking place.



Dance Success!

I am pleased to report that Erin B, who is in Year 4 in Miss Wright's class, has qualified to take part in the Dance World Cup being held in Dublin during July. As a result, Erin will be a part of team England! The Dance World Cup is the biggest dance competition in the world with over 100,000 competitors from over 70 countries. From this achievement, it can be seen that Erin is very hard working and extremely determined. Well done Erin; this is super news! We look forward to hearing about how you get on in July.



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.

I am also pleased to inform you that we are holding a 'pop-along' Nursery Open evening on Thursday 5th March, between 4pm and 4:45pm. If you and your child would like to visit us to see our Nursery setting, please contact the school office to let us know. Tel: 01543 278071.

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Non-School Uniform Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated a chocolate Easter hamper item, or a monetary donation, for our Non-School Uniform day that took place just before February half term. The PTFA received 84 items and £389.70. On behalf of the PTFA, 'Thank You' for your support and generosity.

Comic Relief Day

On 20th March, Five Ways will be supporting Comic Relief Day as usual. Pupils are asked to bring their red noses to school on this day, and will be able to wear them during break times for a monetary donation. (Suggested amount of £1.) Pupils will also learn about the good causes of the charity during assembly on this day. Thank you in advance for all donations received.



Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Heeley, who is one of our Year 1 teachers. Miss Heeley and her partner, are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy. Freddie was born on the 7th February, weighing 6lb 5oz.



Return to School I am pleased to share that Mrs Hill, Our Assistant Headteacher, has now returned to school following her planned operation. We are delighted to report that she is fit, well, and already back working with staff and pupils. I know the whole school community will join me in welcoming Mrs Hill back, and we are grateful for the continued support shown during her absence.

My School Fund Initiative

I am pleased to announce that our school is part of the 'My School Fund Initiative'. This has helped to raise additional funds for our school. Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free, and start earning cashback on things they buy in participating stores, including Sainsburys and Argos. Simply visit www.myschoolfund.org to register for free and help to boost funding for our school! Please see below a photo of the children enjoying items that have been purchased using the money raised through the My School Fund. Please see the flyer that has been sent home today which provides more information.



PTFA News!

The PTFA have lots of exciting Easter events coming up this half term. All details will be emailed out to parents next week.



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