

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

24th April 2026

Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school following the Easter break. We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots to experience and enjoy.



'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 today in the Boardroom!

Year 1: Jacob G, Albie W, Albert C
Year 2: Charlie N, Jaxon W, Frankie H
Year 3: Fleur L, Jack B, Jaxon P
Year 4: Hunter K, Lorcan F, Finley T
Year 5: Lila S, Phoebe S, Charlie G
Year 6: Isla A, Marnie W, Noah D

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Hyland, who is one of our KS2 teachers. Mrs Hyland and her husband, are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl. Charlotte Mary was born on the 12th February, weighing 7lb 14oz. Congratulations!



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
27th April 2026 –
Menu week 2.

4th May – School Closed – Bank Holiday

7th May – School CLOSED for all pupils due to it being used as a Polling Station.

6th, 7th, 8th May – Year 5 Dearne Valley Residential (2-night stay away in Doncaster.)

W/B 11th May - KS2 Assessments all week (**All Y6 pupils must be present.**)

13th May – Reception Induction Evening – 6.00pm KS1 Hall (*Invited parents only.*)

21st May – PTFA Silent Discos Y1 – Y6 (*Please see letter sent home today.*)

22nd May - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

1st June – School opens for pupils and staff

W/B 8th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Test Week (**All Year 1 pupils must be present.**)

10th June – Nursery induction evening – 6.00pm KS1 Hall (*Invited parents only.*)

12th June – Year 6 Leavers' Photos

15th June – Year 3 Sports 10.00am

15th June – Year 6 Sports 1.30pm

16th June – Year 5 Sports 10.00am

16th June – Year 4 Sports 1.30pm

17th June – Reception Sports 10.00am

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

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Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade

On Thursday 26th March, Year 1 took part in their annual Easter Bonnet Parade. We had some lovely bonnets and it was very hard to choose the winners as they were all so amazing. Pictured below are the class winners and the overall winner with their prize. Thank you to the PTFA for providing all of the prizes for the Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade.

Miss Ball's Class:

- 1st Place - Albie A
- 2nd Place - Finley S
- 3rd Place - Minnie R



Mrs Young's Class:

- 1st Place - Olly H
- 2nd Place - Amber P
- 3rd Place - Louie L



Miss Owen's Class:

- 1st Place - Rueben C
- 2nd Place - Rory J
- 3rd Place - Georgia H



Overall Year 1 Winner:
Finley S in Miss Ball's class.

Well done everyone!



Super Week for Year 6 at Laches Wood!

I am delighted to share that our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a highly successful four-night residential visit to Laches Wood, supported by the Year 6 team and other members of staff from Five Ways. Throughout the week, the children were a real credit to the school, showing determination, resilience and a strong sense of teamwork, alongside a positive and enthusiastic approach to every outdoor challenge. I would like to extend my sincere thanks, on behalf of our Year 6 pupils, to all the Five Ways staff who generously gave up time with their own families to make this memorable experience possible. A selection of photographs from the week can be found on our school website under 'Our School', then 'Gallery', and finally the 'Year 6 Laches Wood' sections for each day.



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Sports Success!

I am pleased to report that Megan C, who is in Miss Wright's class in Year 4, took part in the West Midlands Gymnastics Grading competition. Megan received 4 judges' execution awards and was placed 6th in beam; receiving an artistry award for her routine.



Well done Megan!

Sports Success!

I am pleased to report that Lucrezia H, who is Mrs Lindsay's class in Year 5, was successful in completing her Level 1 grading in pole, aerial hoop and silks. Lucrezia performed beautifully and showed her incredible strength. Well done Lucrezia!



Mini London Marathon We are pleased to let you know that, as in previous years, our school will be taking part in the Mini London Marathon Challenge. Over the course of this week and the next few weeks, each child will be working towards completing two miles, either running or walking. Pupils will be completing the challenge during their PE lessons and by using our Daily Mile track.

We are inviting children to bring in optional monetary donations to support Melanoma, in memory of Mr McFarlane, our much-loved music teacher at Five Ways, who sadly passed away in May 2024. If you would like to contribute, please send any donations to the **school office by 6th May 2026**.



Thank you for your continued support. Further information about the event can be found here: <https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/mini-london-marathon/tcs-mini-london-marathon-schools>

PTFA News!

Easter Egg Hunt – Thank you to all the families who attended the Easter Egg Hunt event. There was a wonderful atmosphere and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all of the PTFA volunteers and school staff who helped put on the event that was so enjoyable.

Summer Fayre – Friday 26th June – 3.30pm to 6.00pm
(Please note the new day and time!)

We are very excited about this upcoming, spectacular event – save the date in your calendar! If you would like to get involved by helping, please let us know via the school office.



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

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