

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Attendance

As it is now May, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of April. The percentage attendance for the whole school for April was 96%. Year 3 year group achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 97%. I am pleased to report that Mrs Darby's class in Year 3 were the class who achieved the highest attendance figure of 99%, which is outstanding! Congratulations to Mrs Darby's class!

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

As a reward for high attendance, the year group and class with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Well done to Year 3 and Mrs Darby's class in Year 3, who were the winners in April. 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.**

## 'Above and Beyond' Recognition

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

Friday 1st May 2026:

Year 1: Beau A, Ella W, Amelia W, Clayton T  
Year 2: Louie H, Frankie-Lei M, Matilda G  
Year 3: Olivia H, Theo T, Toby M  
Year 4: Lilly-Rose M, Troy S, Ajay P  
Year 5: Noah P, Harriet M, Harrison G  
Year 6: Jenson W, Joseph P, Ethan M



## Forthcoming Dates:

**Week beginning**  
**8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 –**  
**Menu week 2.**



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.*)

21<sup>st</sup> May – PTFA Silent Discos Y1 – Y6 (*Please see letter sent home last week.*)

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

18th June – Nursery Sports 10am

18th June – Year 2 Sports 1.30pm

19th June – **School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day**

22nd June – **School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day**

23rd June – Year 1 Sports 10am

**Further dates will be added to the**

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### Good Luck!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils lots of luck next week when they undertake their statutory assessments. It is very important that all Year 6 pupils are present throughout next week and that school is informed immediately if there are any problems regarding attendance.

Thank you



### Holiday Club!

This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during May half term. For further information or to book your child a place, please see the link: [www.jcacademy.co.uk](http://www.jcacademy.co.uk)



### Walk to School Week

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in 'Walk to School' week commencing 18th May 2026. Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to and from school. For those families who live too far to walk all of the way, try parking 5 -10 minutes from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Walking also contributes to a less congested environment around the school gates, making it safer for everyone.



### Football News!

A brilliant performance from the Year 5 boys at the 'Chasing The Future' Football Tournament at Kingsmead High School on 14th and 28th April. They showed excellent team work, communication and had a super attitude. The team represented Five Ways with great pride. Special mention to Chase for his hattrick against Heath Hayes 2 team. Well done everyone!



**Sporting News!** I am pleased to report that Olivia H, who is in Miss Berry's class in Year 3, is currently working towards becoming a member of a squad at her gymnastics club where she will be able to compete competitively. Olivia has been awarded the 'Gymnastic Star of the Week' trophy for performing a back walk over very well. Well done Olivia, this is amazing news!



**Sporting News!** I am pleased to report that Bella H, Maddie W, Fleur L, Isla B and Mila Rae A, have recently performed in 3 competitions and 2 shows including a special performance at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. They were placed first in all competitions including receiving special judges awards. Bella is also performing at the halftime show for the womens' netball Birmingham Panthers. Well done girls this is amazing news!



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**Sporting Success!** I am pleased to report that Arlo P, Jake O and Charlie H from Year 4, had an unforgettable experience as mascots at Hednesford Town FC's semi-final play-off alongside their football team.

The boys enjoyed a behind-the-scenes stadium tour, trained on the pitch, and then proudly walked out in front of a crowd of over 3,500 spectators. Well done boys!



### **Sporting Success!**

I am pleased to report that Elleah T, who is in Miss Cattell's class in Year Two, recently achieved her trampolining Level 1. Well done Elleah, this is amazing news!



### **Job Opportunity**

Please be aware that we have some job vacancies in school for casual part-time and full-time lunchtime supervisors. For further details, please contact the school office for an application pack. Standard interview procedures and safeguarding checks will apply.



### **Year 5 Residential at Dearne Valley**

It gives me great pleasure to report that our Year 5 pupils conducted themselves in a very sensible and mature manner whilst at Dearne Valley outdoor education centre this week, near Doncaster. I am pleased to inform you that all pupils challenged themselves, persevered and enjoyed trying new things; pupils and staff had a very enjoyable time! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who were involved in the residential visit because without their commitment to pupils at Five Ways, this trip would not have been possible. Well done everyone! Pupils can be seen below enjoying themselves during the visit.



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## Year 4 Residential

I am delighted to share that our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a highly successful one-night residential visit to Mount Cook, supported by the Year 4 team and other members of staff from Five Ways. Throughout the two days, 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 challenge. I would like to extend my sincere thanks, on behalf of our Year 4 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 residential can be found on our school website under 'Our School', then 'Gallery', and finally the 'Year 4 Mount Cook' section.



## Nature Through Our Eyes

This year marks a very special milestone — the **100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough**, one of Britain's most inspiring naturalists and storytellers. To celebrate his incredible contribution to our understanding of the natural world, we are launching a **whole-school photography competition**. The theme of the competition is “**Nature Through Our Eyes.**” We are inviting all children to take a photograph that captures something wonderful from the natural world. The aim is to encourage children to look closely at the world around them, just as Sir David Attenborough has encouraged generations to do. The deadline for entries is **Friday 15th May 2026**. For more information and how to enter please see letter sent out with this newsletter.

A winner from each year group (Nursery to Year 6) will be chosen for creativity, effort and how well the photo celebrates nature. There will be a small nature-based prize for each year group winner. There is no cost for entry.

We hope this competition inspires our pupils to explore, appreciate and celebrate the natural world - a perfect tribute to Sir David Attenborough's lifelong mission. We look forward to seeing the children's wonderful photographs.



## PTFA News!

**Summer Fayre – Friday 26th June – 3.30pm to 6.00pm –**  
Planning continues ahead of our fundraising event of the year!  
If you would like to get involved by helping, please let us know via the school office.



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