

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

26th June 2026

Open Evening

Please bring the whole family along to our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd July from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. This evening provides a special opportunity for pupils to share their achievements with family members, by looking at their books and their displays around school. It also provides parents and children with a chance to meet their new teacher in preparation for September.

During our Open Evening, I am pleased to make you aware that our catering team will be providing refreshments and showcasing samples from their hot school meal menu – this will be available in the KS1 Hall.

Mr Redpath, one of our PE teachers, will be providing Healthy Lifestyle activities for families to take part in on the school field. These activities are aimed at providing families with all the tools you need to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

You will also have the exciting opportunity to purchase items on sale as a result of our 'Young Enterprise' project. These items will be available to buy from all of the Early Years, KS1 and KS2 classrooms. We hope to see you all there so that everyone can enjoy the atmosphere around school.



Annual Art Award

Unfortunately, our annual Art Award, held in loving memory of Mrs Caroline Bowers (a former teacher at Five Ways), has had to be postponed until the autumn term. Year 6 pupils who have been nominated for this award will be invited to return to Five Ways next term to attend the award ceremony. Further details, including the date, will be shared once arrangements have been finalised in the autumn term.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

29th June 2026 – Menu week 2.

30th June – Year 3 Sports 10.00am

1st July – 'My teacher is....' letter sent home along with 'Welcome' letter (More details on pg. 3 of this newsletter.)

2nd July – Open Evening 5.30pm -7.00pm. including EYFS / KS1 / KS2 Enterprise Selling Evening (*All Welcome! Please note the slightly different timings.*)

3rd July – Reception Sports 10.00am

6th July - Welcome to Year 1 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of new Year 1 pupils only.*)

8th July – Transition Morning 9.30am – 11.45am – please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Teaching Team

9th July – Transition Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm – please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Teaching Team

13th July – Nursery End of Year Show 10.15am Honeybee's Class - KS1 Hall

14th July - Nursery End of Year Show 10.15am – Sunflower's Class - KS1 Hall

16th July – Nursery and Reception parties during the school day

16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Concert – 2.00pm KS1 Hall

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress towards the end of the academic year.

Summer Fayre Postponed

We regret that our Summer Fayre had to be postponed due to the extreme heat. We are currently working to reschedule the event, and will inform parents as soon as a new date has been confirmed.

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New Teachers



This is a reminder that on Wednesday 1st July, your child will receive a letter outlining their new class teacher for September. You will also receive a letter from the new teaching team, welcoming you to the year group and providing further key information.

Organisation of Classes for September

Following careful consideration of all relevant factors, we have reviewed the organisation of classes for September 2026. The majority of classes will remain unchanged to provide continuity and support pupils in building on established relationships, routines and learning. A small number of adjustments have been made to better support individual needs; parents of those affected will be contacted by their child's current class teacher or Year Leader before the 'My teacher is' letters are sent home on 1st July.



Mrs Wood It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Wood from the school office, who has decided to retire fully at the end of this term. Mrs Wood has been a dedicated and valued member of the Five Ways community for many years, and her commitment and warmth will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike. I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Wood for her many years of service and wishing her a very happy retirement.

Dance Success!

I am proud to report that Olivia S, who is in Mrs Darby's class in Year 3, took part in 3 dance shows recently. Olivia performed in a show called 'Schoolz Out' with hit songs and routines from Matilda the musical, Grease, Annie and Wicked. Well done Olivia; this is amazing news!



OPAL Relaunch!

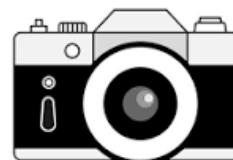
We are pleased to inform you that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) will be reinstated in a simplified format from Monday 29th June. Initially, year groups will not mix during OPAL sessions; instead, each will be allocated a timetabled slot during lunchtime across the week. The OPAL area will also be limited to one yard, the sandpit, and a designated section of the school field as we reintroduce the programme.

'Nature Through Our Eyes' Photograph Competition

Thank you to all the young photographers who entered the 'Nature Through Our Eyes' competition, held in celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We received over 130 entries, and it was a pleasure to view such a wonderful collection of photographs. Selecting a winner for each year group proved to be extremely difficult. All entries will be displayed in school for everyone to enjoy. The winners were:

Nursery: Madelyn N
Reception: Alba F
Year 1: Albie W
Year 2: Haydn N

Year 3: Poppy S
Year 4: Logan H
Year 5: Sophia W
Year 6: Elliot D.



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Transition Arrangements

This is a reminder that our transition arrangements this year are as follows:

- **Wednesday 8th July 9.30am – 11.45am.** Your child will spend this morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. This will allow your child to interact with their new classmates.
- **Thursday 9th July 1.30pm – 3.30pm.** Children will spend the afternoon with their new class, in their new classroom and with their teacher. **Parents are asked to collect children from their new classrooms at the end of the afternoon and you are invited to go back into school to meet your child's class teacher.**

As I am sure you are aware, all members of the teaching team will be doing their utmost to ensure this transition is a smooth one. 'Welcome' letters and information regarding your child's new class teacher for September will be sent home on Wednesday 1st July from your child's new teaching team. The letter will contain a map so that you are able to locate your child's new classroom. Being informed about your child's new class teacher and the location of their new classroom, ahead of our Open Evening, will provide you and your child with the valuable opportunity of visiting your child's new classroom and teacher during our Open Evening on 2nd July. We hope that you will agree that this provides another important transition occasion for you and your child to take advantage of. In addition to the information already stated, the 'Welcome' letter will also state the door that your child will be dismissed from at the end of each day and after their afternoon transition visit on Thursday 9th July.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's current class teacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements.

Parents of pupils due to commence Nursery or due to move to Reception, have already received separate transition information.



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school



End of Year Reports

This is a reminder that pupils' End of Year reports will be sent home electronically on Thursday 9th July. Thank you.

The Year 6 SATs results will be sent home electronically to Year 6 parents on 7th July, following their release from The Government.



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Sports Day Results

Well done to all pupils who took part in their Sports Day last week before the heatwave started. All pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated their amazing sporting talents. The results from the Nursery, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 Sport Days are detailed below. The results of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 Sports Day will be shared in the next newsletter.



Photographed on the left is the Blue Team, who were the winning team in the Nursery Sports Day. All pupils enjoyed taking part and liked hearing family members cheering them on.

Here on the right, is the Black Team, who were the winning team in the Year 2 Sports Day. Every child gave an excellent effort and performed with confidence - very well done to all!



Here on the left, are representatives from the Yellow Team, who were the winning team in the Year 4 Sports Day. You were all fantastic Year 4! Well done everyone!

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Pictured here on the right are representatives from the Year 5 Sports Day winning team - Yellow Team! Well done every single child for trying your best and performing so well on the day.



A huge congratulations to the Green Team, our fantastic Year 6 Sports Day winning team. All pupils showed excellent determination and sportsmanship throughout Sports Day, performing to a very high standard - well done to everyone involved.

Please remember that any photographs taken by family members during our Sports Days, are for personal use only, and should not be uploaded onto social media sites if they contain children other than your own if you have not gained permission. Thank you.

PTFA Summer Fayre – Re-scheduled Date to be Confirmed!

Donations – Thank you to everyone who has already brought in donations for the Summer Fayre. We still require additional donations for our tombola stalls (pamper items, alcohol, etc.). We are also still collecting soft toys and books (both adult and children’s books) for the fayre. Please send any donations into the school office.

End of Term PTFA Discos for Year 1 to Year 6 – Thursday 16th July 2026 - Tickets are now on sale! Please be aware that tickets can **ONLY** be purchased in advance via the PTA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways and **NOT** via the school office or on the night of the disco on the door. The deadline for purchasing a digital ticket is **13th July**. **NO** tickets will be available after this date and **NO** tickets will be available to purchase on the door.

Year 1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm
Year 2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm
Year 3 & 4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Year 5 & 6: 7.30pm – 8.30pm



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