

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

10th July 2026

Open Evening

Our Open Evening last week was a fantastic opportunity to welcome families into school, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils proudly sharing their learning and achievements. The enthusiasm shown by everyone involved helped create a vibrant and positive atmosphere throughout the school. A particular highlight of the evening was the Enterprise project, with pupils eagerly showcasing and selling their products; we hope each class has raised enough funds to enjoy a well-deserved end-of-term treat. We are grateful to all those who attended and supported the event. Finally, a sincere thank you to Miss Cooke and the catering team for providing a delicious selection of food that was enjoyed by many throughout the evening.

'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: Albie A, Georgia H, Matilda E
Year 2: Ieuan C, Jaxon W, Grace D
Year 3: Lily S, Rory E-A, Mollie C
Year 4: Leo H, Sienna C, Thomas B
Year 5: Noah P, Laila H, Scarlett L, Frankie R
Year 6: Eliza R, Liam D, Oscar S



Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning

13th July 2026 –

Menu week 1.



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

16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Meal – 6.30pm – 7.15pm KS1 Hall (**Ticket holders only.**)

16th July PTFA End of Year Discos **Ticket Holders ONLY** - KS2 Hall:

- Y1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm
- Y2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm
- Y3 & Y4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- Y5 & 6: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

17th July - School Closes for summer break – Non-uniform Day in exchange for £1 donation

September 2026

1st September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

2nd September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

3rd September - School Opens for Pupils

18th September - PTFA Autumn Festival
3.30pm – 6.00pm *All Welcome*

A list of important dates for the next academic year will be sent home as soon as they are finalised.

Non-Uniform Day

This is a reminder that Friday 17th July is a non-uniform day in school to support the PTFA. Pupils are able to come to school in non-uniform on this day and in return, we ask for a small donation of £1. Thank you for your on-going support for the PTFA. Year 6 are welcome to wear their Leavers' hoodies.

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Goodbyes! As we near the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. Mrs Percival (part-time Music Teacher) and Miss Langford (KS2 Teaching Support) are leaving to pursue new opportunities, while Mrs Walsgrove, our Year 6 teacher, will be beginning her maternity leave. We wish them all every success and happiness for the future and look forward to welcoming Mrs Walsgrove back after enjoying this special time with her growing family.

We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Wood, who is retiring after 17 years of dedicated service in our school office. Throughout her time at Five Ways, she has been a valued and much-loved member of the team, providing unwavering support to pupils, families and staff alike. On behalf of the entire Five Ways community, I would like to thank Mrs Wood for her commitment and contribution over the years and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement. She will be greatly missed.

Summer Holidays

Please note, that school closes for pupils on Friday 17th July, for the summer break. There will be two INSET days on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and Wednesday 2nd September 2026, and school will open for pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2026. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school, and wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Dates 2026 – 2027

A list of important dates for the next academic year will be sent home once they are finalised. Please be aware that the INSET days next year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 18th June 2027
Monday 21st June 2027



Meal Costs

Please be aware that in line with the increased cost of ingredients from suppliers, Governors have agreed a small price increase in the cost of our school meals. From September 2026, a Nursery school meal will cost £2.10, and a KS2 school meal will cost £2.80. I am sure you will agree that this still represents excellent value for money, for such well prepared and delicious food.



End of Year Reports

This is a reminder that pupils' End of Year reports were emailed home yesterday. I am sure that you will enjoy reading about your child's achievements during this academic year! Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions after reading the end of year report. Thank you.



Transition Activities

I would like to congratulate all pupils who were involved in the transition 'half days' this week; pupils conducted themselves in such a sensible way, and I hope they feel reassured about meeting their new teacher again in September.



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Kitchen Environmental Hygiene Check

The kitchen received an unannounced environmental health check last week, and I am pleased to inform you that we have once again been awarded 5 stars, which is the highest grade available!

Congratulations to Miss Cooke, who is our Catering Manager, and to all of her wonderful team of staff. Well done!



INFORM Magazine I have pleasure in informing you that our termly information magazine (INFORM) will be sent home next week. I hope you enjoy reading about all of the wonderful things that our pupils have been experiencing during the summer term at Five Ways!

Enterprise Project

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to support the Enterprise Project during our Open Evening last week. Pupils were extremely proud of their products and are looking forward to their end of term treats, which are being paid for with the profits made! Thank you everyone.



Year 6 Leavers

As we approach the end of the school year, our Year 6 pupils have an exciting week ahead as they celebrate their time at Five Ways. A number of special events have been planned, including a disco and a Leavers' Meal, giving pupils the opportunity to make lasting memories with their friends. The highlight of the week will undoubtedly be the Year 6 Leavers' Concert, where pupils will have the chance to showcase their talents and reflect on their journey through primary school. We are looking forward to what promises to be a memorable and entertaining performance.

Our Year 6 cohort have been wonderful ambassadors for the school throughout their time here. They have shown determination, kindness and resilience, and should be extremely proud of all they have achieved. We thank them for the positive contribution they have made to school life and wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next stage of their education. Good luck, Year 6 – you will always be part of the Five Ways family, and we will miss you greatly.



School Books

Please be aware that your child will come home with their school books from this academic year, during the final few days of next week. If your child does not bring home all of their books, please do not be alarmed. Some books will be retained for evidence purposes, and will be sent home at the October half term, 2026.



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School Uniform Donations

Please be aware that we are in need of grey socks, girls grey school tights, and both girls' and boys' underwear for ages 3-4, 4-5, 5-6 so that we can have spare items for children to change into. If you are able to donate any of the items mentioned, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Sports Day Results Well done to all pupils in Reception and Year 3 who took part in their Sports Day last week. Again, all pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated their amazing sporting talents. The results from the Sports Days are detailed below.



Well done to all of the Reception pupils for taking part in their Sports Day. The orange team were the winning team; they are photographed here on the left. Well done everyone!



Well done to all of Year 3 pupils for taking part in their Sports Day. The winning team were the green team. The teamwork and positivity between all athletes was fabulous, regardless of the team they were in. Well done everyone!

Summer Fayre - Rearranged Date

I have pleasure in informing you that our Summer Fayre has been rearranged to take place on **Friday 18th September 2026, 3.30pm – 6.00pm**. All of the original stalls, activities and entertainment events are being rescheduled for the new date, so our fayre promises to be a fun filled day for all the family to enjoy. We will be rebranding the fayre and referring to it as an Autumn Festival, to reflect the different time of year. Current Year 6 families are invited back to attend. Hope to see you all there!

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. Disco times are as follows:

Year 1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm

Year 3 & 4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Year 2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm

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