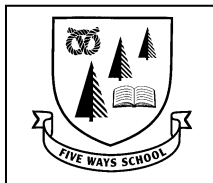


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

25th September 2026

Harvest Collection Appeal

At Five Ways, children learn about the importance of the Harvest Festival and how supporting those in need can make a real difference within our local community. As part of this learning, we are inviting families to support our annual Harvest Collection by donating food items that will be distributed to local residents by Pastor John Tyrell and his team of volunteers. Suggested donations include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta or rice pots, and pasta sauces. All contributions will be displayed in the KS2 library for pupils to view and celebrate before being collected by Mr Tyrell for distribution. Please send any donations into school with your child by **22nd October**. Class teachers will ensure that all items are safely transferred to the library. Every donation, no matter how small, will help support people in our community who may be experiencing difficult circumstances. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Above and Beyond' Recognition

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

Friday 18th September 2026:

Year 1: Margot N, Bobby M, Myra H

Year 2: Alexandra S, Jada G, Ella H

Year 3: Jaxon W, Louie H, Charlie N

Year 4: Daisy T, Georgia M, Finn E

Year 5: Alice C, Ellie B, Erin B

Year 6: Gabriel T, Noah P, Sophie G

Friday 25th September 2026:

Year 1: Sienna W, Evlyn E, Freya D, Margot N

Year 2: George H, Ollie H, Freddie W

Year 3: Mila W, Alysee M, Charlie H

Year 4: Orla G, Georgie B, Carter S

Year 5: Eva M, Orla S, Phoebe A

Year 6: Darcey H, Lyla R, Noah D



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

28th September 2026 –

Menu week 2.

8th October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day

9th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

23rd October – School Closes Half Term - Non School Uniform Day in Lieu of Hamper items for the PTFA Christmas events

2nd November – School Opens

9th November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm

12th November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm

13th November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

W/B 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

7th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

8th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

8th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

9th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

10th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

10th December - Year 3 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

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Walk to School Month October marks International Walk to School Month, a global initiative that encourages children to join thousands of other pupils in celebrating the journey to school on foot. Supported by Staffordshire County Council, the campaign aligns with our commitment at Five Ways to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage active travel wherever possible.

We would love as many families as possible to take part throughout October. Walking to school is a great way to stay active, improve wellbeing and reduce the environmental impact of the school run. If you live too far away to walk the entire journey, consider parking a short distance from school and completing the last 5 to 10 minutes on foot. Not only does this provide health benefits, but it also helps to reduce traffic congestion around the school gates, creating a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.



'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day

We are delighted to be supporting the **Young Minds** charity on **Thursday 8th October** as part of World Mental Health Day. Although World Mental Health Day takes place on **9th October**, we will be marking the occasion one day earlier due to sibling photographs taking place on the official date.

To help raise awareness and funds, we will be taking part in the charity's **Hello Yellow** campaign. Children are invited to wear a yellow item alongside their usual school uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation of **£1**. This could be something simple such as yellow socks, a hair accessory, a T-shirt or any other yellow item. If your child does not own any yellow clothing or accessories, they are welcome to create and wear a badge featuring the Hello Yellow message instead. As part of the day, pupils will also participate in age-appropriate classroom activities designed to promote understanding of mental health and wellbeing in a positive and child-friendly way. If you would like to learn more about the work of Young Minds and the Hello Yellow campaign, please visit:

[Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | 9 October | Young Minds](#)



Care Plans

You may be aware that pupils attending school, who have medical conditions, need to have a written care plan in place to ensure their medical needs are managed correctly to keep them safe. If your child has medical needs and does not have a care plan in place already, please inform the school office so that the relevant paperwork can be completed.

Sporting Success

I am pleased to report that Harper A, who is in Year 4 in Miss Emery's class, has just started boxing and was awarded 'Boxer of the Week' due to her vast improvement in confidence and boxing technique. Well done Harper; this is excellent news!



Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Walsgrove, who is one of our Year 6 teachers. Mrs Walsgrove and her husband, are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy. Lennon was born on the 9th September, weighing 9lb 4oz.



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National Fitness Day! On Wednesday 16th September, it was National Fitness Day. It is the UK's biggest celebration of health and fitness and aims to inspire children and adults to be active or to continue being active. As a school, we celebrated by every class taking part in the daily mile. Well done everyone - fitness is for life!



Benedict's Law and Allergy Awareness The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is a top priority. In line with statutory guidance associated with Benedict's Law, we are strengthening our procedures to ensure that allergies are identified, managed and responded to appropriately. We take all allergies very seriously and ask parents and carers to inform the school office of any diagnosed allergy their child has. It is also essential that a healthcare/allergy care plan is completed and kept up to date so that staff are fully aware of your child's needs and can provide the safest possible support. Thank you for working with us to help keep all children safe. Please follow the link below to view our Allergy Policy on the school website: [Five Ways School](#)

Scooters and Bikes

This is a reminder that scooters or any type of bikes are not permitted to be used on our school premises at drop off and collection times. This is due to the number of people on site during these times and the safety of everyone. Please also be aware that we do not have the facilities in school to store scooters or bikes; they must NOT be left anywhere on the school premises, including by the gas tank area which is OUT OF BOUNDS. Thank you for your cooperation.



Reporting an Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly ask that you notify us by 8.45am on the morning of the absence. Absences should be reported via email to: attendance@fiveways.staffs.sc.h.uk. Thank you for your cooperation.

OPAL Relaunch! We are pleased to inform you that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) will be reinstated from Monday 28th September. 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.



PTFA Autumn Festival A huge thank you to everyone who supported our **Autumn Festival** on Friday 18th September. Unfortunately, the weather was far from kind and the persistent rain meant that everyone got rather wet throughout the afternoon. Sadly, we were also unable to make use of the three fantastic bouncy castles that had been set up for the children to enjoy. However, despite these disappointments, the event was a great reflection of the positive spirit of our school community. Those who attended, volunteered or supported the festival through purchases and donations did so with smiles on their faces, helping to create a warm and enjoyable atmosphere throughout the event.



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